

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 2

4:30 †James DeLuca

Requested by Family

Sunday, December 3

8:00am †Gloria Carney

Requested by Jeff & Kathleen Carney

10:00am

12:00nn †Dagmar Pucella Pignataro

Requested by Family

Monday, December 4

7:00am Special Intention

Tuesday, December 5

7:00am †Kathryn Beaudreau

Requested by Michael & Barbette Cullen

Wednesday, December 6

7:00am Mass for the People

Thursday, December 7

7:00am †Florence Paquette

Requested by Rick & Laura Skokowski

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## FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**Friday, December 8**

**(Holy Day of Obligation)**

## MASSSES AT ST. FRANCIS CHURCH

7:00am †Clara Latowski

*Requested by Family*

12nn †The Calvitto Family

*Requested by Theresa Ramieri*

## MASS AT ST. ROMUALD CHAPEL

6:30pm Mass for the People

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Saturday, December 9

4:30 †Robert C. Wilson

Requested by wife Concetta

Sunday, December 10

8:00am †James & Sarah Folcarelli

Requested by Family

10:00am †Tina Marie Luciano

(25th anniversary remembrance)

Requested by Family

12:00nn Mass for the People



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 3

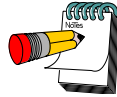
10:00am †Owen & Maureen Rielly

Requested by Family

Sunday, December 10

10:00am †Kathleen Brannon

Requested by Jean & Roger Fenaughty



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Gloria Carney.

THE SOUNDS OF THE SEASON

On Sunday, **December 10th at 3PM**, the Gregorian Concert Choir and Festival Orchestra will present a concert entitled, **'The Sounds of the Season'** in the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul in Providence. The concert will feature the music of Advent and Christmas to benefit Bishop Tobin's **"Keep the Heat On' Campaign**. Proceeds raised from the concert provide heating assistance for struggling individuals and families who have exhausted all other public and private aid. Tickets for the concert are \$10 per person and may be purchased by calling the Cathedral office at (401) 331-2434. (Tickets will also be available at the door on the day of the concert).

THE GIVING TREE

Our Giving Trees are now set up in St. Francis and St. Romualds. If you feel that you can share the gift of giving this Advent/Christmas season, please take a tag and return the gift, unwrapped and with the tag attached, ***no later than Sunday December 17th***. Place gifts ***under the tree at either church or chapel, BUT please put gift cards or gift certificates either in the offertory basket or drop off at the rectory.*** Gifts will be distributed on Mon. December 18th and Tues. December 19th. Thank you for your generosity.



PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (230)	-	November 19	\$6,460.50
Loose Donations	-		\$1,190.00
Online Giving (# of donors-64)	-		\$2,031.00
Total Budget			\$9,681.50

Second Collection (Campaign for Human Development)

Budget envelopes used (131)	-	\$1,382.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 441.00
Total	-	\$1,823.00

Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (230)	-	November 26	\$6,651.00
Loose Donations	-		\$1,392.00
Online Giving (# of donors-60)	-		\$1,661.00
Total Budget	-		\$9,704.00

The second collection this weekend is the monthly collection. The second collection next weekend is the Retired Religious Fund.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

From the Pastor,

Happy new year, everyone! Let's begin this new liturgical year with some items of good news.

The situation with the propane in the Greenan Center has been taken care of and our insurance will cover the costs, including the loss of the 700 gallons that leaked into the air. Thanks be to the dear Lord that things weren't much worse.

In response to the announcement that we would need defibrillators for our buildings, four people have come forward to donate them. So we shall be able to have one in the church, one on each floor of the Greenan Center, and one at the chapel. God bless the donors for their generosity. A couple of the devices have been donated in memory of deceased family members and I'll be able to say more about that in the future.

Our search for a new parish organist and Director of Music Ministry has resulted in the hiring of Mr. Tony B. Romeo. Tony comes to us highly recommended. He has been working in Springfield, Massachusetts, and is relocating to the South County area. Because of obligations to his present parish, he will not begin playing here until the fourth Sunday of Advent, and so will be with us for Christmas. In preparation for that feast, he has been coming to Wakefield every Tuesday evening to work with the choir. I have heard nothing but good reports from the choir members and others involved with the music ministry. Perhaps you should think about joining the choir?

Our parish church made it onto the Web site "only in your state." Check it out at:

<http://www.onlyinyourstate.com/rhode-island/beautiful-church-ri/>

Fr. Bodah

MASS INTENTIONS

It is very much part a part of our Catholic tradition to have Masses offered for deceased relatives and friends. Parishioners are encouraged to practice and to continue this tradition. When was the last time you had a Mass offered for a deceased parent, grandparent, uncle aunt, brother or sister? To make arrangements, please call the parish office at (401)783-4411 or stop by during office hours 9am to 4pm.



The December edition of *Word Among Us* and the pocket size Advent edition of *Word Among Us* is available at the entrances of the church. All are welcome to take one!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Sunday, December 3rd

8:55-9:50am GRADES K,1 & 2 (FGC)
GRADE 7 (FGC)

10:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word during Mass

10:55-11:50am GRADES 3-6 (FGC)
GRADE 8 (FGC)

Monday, December 4th

First Reconciliation for our First Eucharist students and their families
at 6pm in the church.

Wednesday, December 6th

4:15-5:15pm Grades 3-6 (FGC)

7:00-8:15pm Grades 7 and 8 (FGC)

December High School Youth Night

On Sunday, December 10th from 7-8:30 pm we will be preparing

Christmas cookies in Fr. Greenan Center that will be distributed to families in our parish and local community. Call or email the religious Education Office to see what you can bring.



ADULT COFFEE HOUR

Just a reminder that there is an Adult Coffee Hour for all parents of religious education students during class times on Sunday mornings. This is a social event intended to give parents an opportunity to chat with other parents. If you're dropping your child off at the Father Greenan Center for religious education, please stay and have a cup of coffee!



This Week

Monday, December 4

7:30am Adoration (SF)

Tuesday, December 5

6:00pm Social Outreach Committee (FGC)

7:00pm Bible Study (↓FGC)

7:00 Choir Rehearsal (SF)

Thursday, December 7

6:30pm Prayer Shawl Committee (Rectory)

7:00pm RCIA (MCCR-at rectory)

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (↓FGC-Foyer)



NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION: RETIRED RELIGIOUS FUND

Our senior religious are a treasure. Their dedication and hard work laid the foundation for Catholic schools, hospitals, and numerous social service organizations. Many continue to volunteer in various ministries today. Their ongoing prayer and witness enrich our faith in countless ways.

Most elder religious worked for years for small stipends, leaving a substantial gap in retirement savings. Rising health-care costs and decreased income compound the challenge to meet such day-to-day needs as medications and nursing assistance. The Retirement Fund for Religious offers financial support that helps religious communities provide loving care for older members while ensuring younger ones can continue the good works of their elders.

Please give to next week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection.

Monsignor Clarke School will host its annual Christmas Festival this Sunday, December 3rd From 9-3PM, local vendors and artisans will be selling amazing items at the school just in time for Christmas! Gift Basket Sale, Book Fair, Hourly Raffles and Themed Baskets. In addition, lunch, snacks and drinks are available as well as delicious baked goods at the Bake Sale Fundraiser. Kids play area with crafts and games and a chance to visit with Santa! All are welcome!

NEW HELP FOR CAREGIVERS

The Diocesan run St. Clare Newport has opened an Adult Day Center at 309 Spring Street, Newport RI. The center is licensed by the State of RI and provides a full day of care and supervision for up to 25 individuals, Monday through Friday. Open House, Saturday December 9, 2019 from 10:00AM to 2:00 PM. Affordable, quality day care for elders and adults with disabilities—This might be just what you have been praying for!

To RSVP or for further information contact:

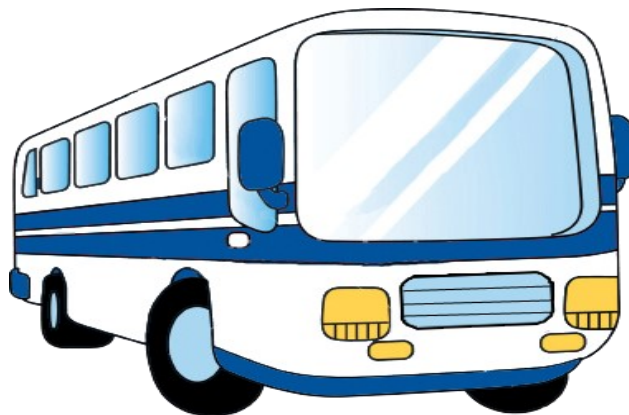
adulthoodhealth@stclarenewport.org

Rev. Joseph D. Creedon, Parish Priest Emeritus of Christ the King Parish, Kingston, RI, has written: Advent 2017 – Will It Be A Carousel That Goes Round and Round Or A Faith Experience That Goes Deeper And Deeper? These daily reflections are available by going to: <https://adventreflection.wordpress.com/>

Get **FORMED** Now! It's EASY and **FREE** to Register!

- Visit formed.org with a web browser
- Click on Register (lower right of page)
- Enter Parish Access Code: 876N29

Enter your email and create a password (you need this to login later)



FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Christmas is quickly approaching so how about joining us as we visit The LaSalette Shrine in Attleboro Mass in order to enjoy the quietness and holiness of the season. On Thursday, December 14, 2017, we will be boarding a bus to take us to see this beautiful Shrine and light show. The bus will leave promptly from the church parking lot at 4:30 pm and return at 8:30 pm. The cost will be \$10 per person and it is based on a first come first serve basis as the bus holds only 49 people. If interested in attending, please clip and fill out the form below completely. You may return the form by mail, bring it to the rectory or simply drop it the collection basket including your payment.

Thank you and if you have any questions please contact Kerry Villanis at (401) 743-9616 or kav3@cox.net.



CLIP & FILL OUT FORM & RETURN WITH PAYMENT

Name: _____

Number of People Attending: _____

Payment Amount (\$10 per person): _____

Contact Phone Number: _____