

# OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



## Mass Intentions

**Saturday, November 19**

4:30pm Annette (Calvito) Kemery

*Requested by family*

**Sunday, November 20**

8:00am Robert Richard

*Requested by the McGill family*

10:00am Mary & Nelson Burke

*Requested by family*

12:00nn Mr. & Mrs. Edgar Cormier

*Requested by Parish Family*

**Monday, November 21**

7:00am Giuseppe Piccolino

*Requested by Jim & Susan Meehan*

**Tuesday, November 22**

7:00am Debra Calamita

*Requested by the Guarriello Family*

**Wednesday, November 23**

7:00am Jonathan Craig

*Requested by Jim & Susan Meehan*

## THANKSGIVING DAY-NOVEMBER 24

**Thursday, November 24**

**9:00am** Mass For the People

**Friday, November 25**

7:00am Rev. Francis C. Cooney

*11<sup>th</sup> Pastor—23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary*

**Saturday, November 26**

4:30pm James DeLuca, Sr.

*Requested by family*

**Sunday, November 27**

8:00am Mass for the People

10:00am Palmiotto & Martiniano Families

*Requested by family*

12:00nn



## St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

**Sunday, November 20**

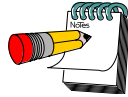
10:00am Owen & Maureen Rielly

*Requested by family*

**Sunday, November 27**

10:00am Robert Alarie

*Requested by a friend*



## For Your Information

### SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Marion & Emery Bragdon.

### SAVE THE DATE: NOVEMBER 27

#### ANNUAL ADVENT WREATH WORKSHOP

Will be held on **Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm** in Fr. Greenan Parish Center. Join us for this great family event to prepare ourselves for the season of Advent. Bring garden gloves, hand clippers, and a dessert to share. We will provide the kit and greens to build your wreath. Beverages will be provided. Cost is \$12 per wreath.



### Our Lady of Sorrows

**Bereavement Support Program: Tuesday, November 22 @ 6:30pm**

*"Coping with the Holidays"*

The Our Lady of Sorrows Bereavement Support Program provides a peaceful group environment for adults who have experienced the death of a loved one. This Bereavement Support Group is a place for Catholics to learn about grief, share their experiences and feelings with other, and a place to seek the spiritual support and comfort offered through our Catholic faith. The meetings are most appropriate for adults who are at least three months beyond their loss.

Join us on **Tuesday, November 22 @ 6:30pm in the rectory**. The group will meet again on December 6 at 6:30 pm in the rectory to focus on coping with holidays. With support and God's grace, you can begin to have healing in your journey of grief. Any questions contact Christina Moynihan at 783-4411.

**Just a reminder** that the remembrance book is in front of the statue of St. Francis. All are welcome to enter the names of their loved ones. They will be remembered during the month of November.

## PARISH SUPPORT

### Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (269)	-	<b>November 13</b>	\$6,016.00
Loose Donations	-		\$1,310.00
Online Giving (# of donors-55)	-		\$1,564.50
<b>Total Budget</b>	-		<b>\$8,890.50</b>

### Ongoing Maintenance

Budget envelopes used (177)	-	\$2,189.50
Other Donations	-	\$ 399.00
<b>Total Monthly Collection</b>	-	<b>\$2,588.50</b>

**Did you know that our average yearly expense for National Grid Electric is \$22,458.00?**

This week's second collection is for the Campaign for Human Development. There is no second collection next week.

**As always, thank you for your continued generosity.**

NOVEMBER 20, 2016

## From Christina Moynihan

### *A Bit about THE HAITIAN PROJECT*

The Haitian Project through Louverture Cleary School, its Catholic, co-educational boarding school in Haiti, educates and nurtures academically talented and motivated students from Haitian families who cannot afford the cost of their children's education in order to maximize their potential and enable them to work toward building a Haiti where justice and peace thrive.

Like the early Christian communities, our community has flourished since we accepted our specific charism of working for others [Christian Service] and began living intentionally in accordance with the following three principles:

*What we receive for free, we must give for free.* [Matthew 10:8]

This is the basic motto of our community—it is the fundamental call to service.

*If anyone is unwilling to work, neither should that one eat.* [Second Thessalonians 3:10]

This principle is not merely about survival, it is about fulfilling our responsibilities as social beings and to one another. In a community, everyone is to be personally industrious. We are all called to work and produce. We are not to live solely off the labors of others if we are capable of making a contribution ourselves. We are also reminded that as Christian brothers and sisters we belong to one another. When we fulfill our personal responsibility to a community, we become a catalyst for justice and charity.

*If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.* (Mark 9:35) This gives direction to our zeal for service. It sends us to serve the weakest and most marginalized. We capture this concept in the Kreyol phrase “tet amba”. Usually this means “upside down” or “chaos”, but to us it is the reminder to pass below and support from the bottom up.

Lord, we thank you  
for the goodness of our people  
and for the spirit of justice  
that fills this nation.

We thank you for the beauty and fullness of the  
land and the challenge of the cities.

We thank you for our work and our rest,  
for one another, and for our homes.

We thank you, Lord:  
accept our thanksgiving on this day.

We pray and give thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

***Happy Thanksgiving to everyone from Father Bodah,  
Deacon Moynihan and the entire Parish Staff at St.  
Francis of Assisi! May God bless you and your families.***



### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

#### **Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

10:50-11:50am GRADE 7 (Upper Room FGC)

Catechist Meeting for Advent after  
classes: 10:00 Grades K-2 and 12:00 for  
Grades 3-6 in FGC

#### **Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**

6:00pm Post Confirmation Dinner for  
newly confirmed—Guest Speaker: Fr.  
Chris Murphy

6:30pm Rec. Retreat presenters to meet in  
Religious Ed Office

#### **Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>**

No Classes today-Happy Thanksgiving



#### **Calling all High School Teens**

We will be preparing Christmas cookies at our next high school youth night on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in Fr. Greenan Center. The cookies will be distributed to families in our parish and local community.

#### **HOMELESSNESS THROUGH THE EYES OF FAITH**

Ask any of the Confirmation students what they did on the night of November 7<sup>th</sup> and prepare to be surprised by their answer. Fifty-eight teens participated in a homeless awareness evening with 26 of our parish teens sleeping outside Fr. Greenan in their cardboard homes from 11:00pm to 7:00am the next morning. In addition to becoming more compassionate towards a homeless person and gaining a greater appreciation for what God has blessed them with in their own lives, they also raised \$385 for the 'Keep the Heat On' fund and donated toiletries, food and paper products to the Welcome House.

***PLEASE CALL BARBETTE CULLEN OR  
DIANE CASTRO AT 792-8684 FOR MORE  
INFORMATION.***

### THIS WEEK

**Monday, November 21**

7:30am Adoration (SF)

**Tuesday, November 22**

6:30pm "Coping with the Holidays" (Rectory)

7:00pm Bible Study (JFGC)

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (loft)

**Thursday, November 24**

**THANKSGIVING: PARISH OFFICES CLOSED**

**Friday, November 25**

**PARISH OFFICES CLOSED**

8:30am-12:30pm Buy Nothing Coat Exchange (HBH)



### LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR (LETTER RECEIVED)

Thank you for permitting the Little Sisters of the Poor visit to St. Francis of Assisi Church last weekend to accept donations for our mission of caring for the elderly poor.

We received a warm welcome and the people of St. Francis of Assisi Parish were very generous in their support of our mission. The total amount of the donations received at the door of the church amounted to \$2032.00 and will be used for the care of our Residents.

The Little Sister and our Residents remember you and the parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in our prayers. May God bless you and keep you in His loving care.

Sincerely, *Sr. Jane*

### THE CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT-THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION

The Campaign for Human Development brings Catholic social teaching to life by funding community and economic development programs across the United States that help poor and marginalized people join together to make decisions, seek solutions to local problems, and find ways to improve their lives and neighborhoods. Economic development initiatives help create new businesses and jobs. CCHD also provides educational opportunities for Catholics to learn about poverty, stand in solidarity with those affected by it, and reflect on their own responsibility before the great need of others. We would like to thank you for your generosity.

### PARKING!

*Recently we have received a number of complaints that people are parking in the forward spaces and blocking the spaces behind, preventing others from parking in the church lot. Please park so that you are not taking two spaces. Thank you for your help with this matter.*

### CALLING ALL YOUNG ADULT CATHOLICS (Ages 25-35)

**Thurs., December 8: Upper room Father Green Center**

**Following the 6:30pm Mass for the Feast of The Immaculate Conception**

No matter what your vocation: single, married, with children, religious...You are invited to a casual forum filled with food, fellowship, and friends all focusing on Faith. Your presence will contribute to a safe and optimistic space where people your age can share spirituality. Your voice will be represented in our Pastoral Council meetings. For more information email [reaper\\_alucard@yahoo.com](mailto:reaper_alucard@yahoo.com).



### THE GIVING TREE

**Next Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>**

is the first Sunday of Advent and our Giving trees will be placed in St. Francis and St. Romuald that weekend. If you feel that you can share the gift of giving this Advent/Christmas season, take a tag from the tree and bring back your gift unwrapped and place it under the tree, **no later than Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**. Gifts will be distributed the week of **December 12<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you.



### 20TH ANNUAL BUY NOTHING DAY

#### WINTER COAT EXCHANGE

**Friday, November 25 — 10am to 12nn**

**Helen Bouchard Hall**

**(lower church)**

*If you have a coat to give, please drop it off.  
If you need a coat, please come and pick one up.*

In Rhode Island as part of International Buy Nothing Day, we hold a winter coat exchange in various locations across the state, where people can donate coats, and people who need coats can get them.

### EARLY DROP-OFF TIMES FOR COATS

**SUNDAY thru WEDNESDAY**

**NOVEMBER 20-NOVEMBER 23**

**9am to 12nn**

**Downstairs in the church hall outside  
of the Religious Education Office**

**If you have any questions contact**

**Dana Hawkins**

**at 789-8479 or email at**

**[Danahawk10@gmail.com](mailto:Danahawk10@gmail.com)**

