

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 10

4:30pm James DeLuca, Sr.
Requested by family

Sunday, December 11

8:00am John Vieira
Requested by family

10am Thomas S. Hogan &
Dr. Charles L. Farrell—*by family*

12:00NN Mass for the People

Monday, December 12

7:00am Tom McGair
Requested by family

Tuesday, December 13

7:00am Rita and Tom O'Rourke and
Warren Behie—*by Behie family*

Wednesday, December 14

7:00am Maria D'Annunci
Requested by daughter

Thursday, December 15

7:00am Mrs. Corsetti
Requested by Walter Grant

Friday, December 16

7:00am Tina Marie Luciano
Requested by family

Saturday, December 17

4:30pm John T. McNulty &
Margaret M. Tefft
Requested by family

Sunday, December 18

8:00am Mass for the People
10:00am Gar Whaley & Phoebe
McNulty
Requested by family
12:00NN Dr. Vincent & Nat Turco
Requested by family



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 11

10:00am Michael and Susan Murray
Requested by family

Sunday, December 18

10:00am Mary Marchand
Requested by Al & Gerri Marsocci



For Your Information

PARISH SUPPORT for December 4 was Budget-\$7,944; Monthly-\$3,009. This weekend's second offering is the Retirement Fund for Religious Offering. Next weekend's second offering—Ongoing Maintenance. Thank you for your continued generosity.

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of James & Margaret Flynn and Rosemary Walsh.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

By 2019, it is projected that retired religious will outnumber wage-earning religious by nearly four to one. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps ensure that elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests receive the care they so richly deserve, now and in the future. Please give generously to today's second collection.

PLEASE NOTE: The pew cards with the newly translated prayers from the Roman Missal should be left in the pews after Mass. Please give us a hand by placing them either in the hymnal racks or at the ends of each pew. Thank you!

ST. FRANCIS CEMETERY

Please help us keep the cemetery looking beautiful. All summer and fall ornaments should be removed by now. If you have something on a loved one's grave and want to keep it, kindly remove it this week. A general clean-up will take place soon and all arrangements, pots etc. will be disposed of at that time. If interested in purchasing a lot or for more information, please call Laurie in the Cemetery Office at 782-2711.

BAPTIZED INTO GOD'S FAMILY

Congratulations to the proud parents and godparents of Declan Ryan McGlynn baptized last Sunday at St. Romuald Chapel and of Joseph Daniel Taylor baptized at St. Francis Church last Sunday. Your parish family rejoices with you. Please keep Declan and Joseph in prayer.

FOOD & COMMODITY NEEDS

Stuffing, pumpkin pie and fruit pie fillings, pie crust, potatoes, cranberry sauce, spaghetti sauce, jelly, soup and laundry detergent. Donations may be dropped off at the entrances of the church/chapel. They are taken weekly to the Jonnycake Center and/or Welcome House.

A GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEA!

Bruce Martin, a local artist, was commissioned several months back to produce separate pen-and-ink drawings of both St. Francis Church and St. Romuald Chapel. They are remarkable in detail! The prints are available for purchase in several formats at very low prices. They would make great Christmas gifts! Choose between St. Francis Church or St. Romuald, or order sets of both! Ten notecards with envelopes are only \$10.00, prints (matted) range in price from \$10.00 to \$20.00. Please call Laurie Friel at 782-2711 for more information. Act fast in order to get the cards or prints by Christmas!



FROM THE PASTOR...

Enclosed in this week's bulletin you will find a summary of our parish **financial report** for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2011. Each year we submit a detailed report to the Diocese and we are required to provide a financial/statistical summary to the parish community. The detailed report was prepared by our parish accountant, Ed Fox, and was carefully reviewed by our parish Finance Council. I am very grateful for their assistance in attending to the financial responsibilities of our parish.

As you will see from reviewing the report, our parish is financially sound and given the recent renovations to all the parish buildings, we do not anticipate any immediate major repairs. That being said, the cost of ordinary maintenance is considerable and as time passes we will look at small projects to further improve the properties.

While the overall financial picture of the parish is sound, you will notice that we did end the year with a deficit. Although, as is indicated in the note on the financial summary, part of the deficit will be offset by a credit for assessments in the current fiscal year, even with that our expenses last year exceeded our income. I am very concerned about the deficit and I have assured the finance council that I will make every effort to economize. However, even when we find savings in some areas, as you know from your household budgets, various expenses have a tendency to inch up every year. I will continue to do my best to be a good steward of our parish resources.

Finally, I must express gratitude to the many parishioners who support our parish by their weekly contributions. While we do derive some income from parish events, fundraisers, bequests, etc., the backbone of our financial health comes from our faithful contributors. Your generosity makes it possible for us to continue to offer ministry and service to people of all ages in our community. Thank you! As we look to the New Year, if you could consider increasing your level of giving, I would greatly appreciate it. Also, I make a special appeal to those who do not presently contribute on a regular basis, to please consider what they can do, within their means of course, to support the ongoing ministry of St. Francis Parish.

I have a couple of other practical requests to pass on to you. First, our parish provides pastoral service to three **nursing or assisted living facilities**. Mass is offered at each of these places once a month. Many residents also wish to receive Holy Communion weekly. We have been trying to offer a weekly Communion Service at each one on Sunday morning. In order to continue this practice, we need more volunteers to provide this pastoral service. If there are any **extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion** who would be willing to assist us in this way, please call the rectory and let me know.

Secondly, regarding **parking**, I realize that we have limited parking at both of our locations. Recently it has been pointed out to me that there are cars parked on High Street during weekend Masses at the church. Not only is it illegal and you may one day get a ticket, it is quite hazardous for cars entering and exiting our parking lot. We also have a parking issue at St. Romuald Chapel – I must ask that you please not park on the gravel section of the small lot on the side of the chapel. There are a few spaces on the grass, particularly for handicapped parking. The gravel section must be kept open in order not to block in other cars and, more importantly, for emergency vehicles. Thanks for your cooperation.

Msg. Theroux



Religious Ed. Notes

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Sunday, December 11

8:50-9:50am GRADES 1 & 2
9:50-10:50am KINDERGARTEN
10:50-11:50am GRADES 3-5 (FGC)
GRADE 6 (HBH)

Monday, December 12

7-8:30pm Confirmation I and II

Wednesday, December 14

4-5:00pm GRADES 3-6 (FGC)
7-8:15pm GRADES 7 & 8 (FGC)



This Week

Sunday, December 11

Religious Ed. Classes see above
7:00pm Taize Prayer Service (church)
7:00pm AA (HBH)

Monday, December 12

6:00pm First Reconciliation
7-8:30pm Confirmation I & II (FGC)

Tuesday, December 13

12:00pm Advent Penance Service at
St. Thomas More Church
6:30-8:00pm RCIA (MCCR)
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (loft)

Wednesday, December 14

4-5:00pm Religious Ed Classes (FGC)
5-6:15pm Children's Choir (loft)
7-8:15pm Grade 7/8 (FGC)
7:00pm Advent Penance Service at
Christ the King Parish

Thursday, December 15

1:15pm Mass at South Bay Manor
7:00pm St. Francis Women's Club
Potluck Dinner (FGC)
7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (FGC)
7:00pm Couples in Recovery (HBH)

Friday, December 16

7-10pm Youth Group Cookie Baking &
Decorating of the Upper Room!

Saturday, December 17

6:00pm Youth Group Candlelight Mass
7-10pm Gingerbread Church Building
In the Upper Room.

Sunday, December 18

6-9pm Youth Group Advent party!
Yankee swap, prizes for best
gingerbread house, caroling ... all in the
Upper Room.



**WAITING FOR THE LORD
THROUGH SONG AND LIGHT:
A TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE
TONIGHT!!!!**

Join us TONIGHT for a distinctive Advent prayer-experience! The Taize Community is an ecumenical fellowship in France that has become famous for their distinctive prayer services. Please join us as we bring a little bit of France to Wakefield! **TONIGHT, December 11th, at 7:00PM**, our choir will lead a Taize Prayer Service in Saint Francis Church. The service will be unlike anything you've experienced! Using light and darkness, gentle song and silence, we will lift up our hearts to God in contemplative prayer! Candles, sacred images, scripture, and repetitive, easily-singable songs will be a part of this special gathering! Take a seat in your favorite pew or get comfortable on the sanctuary floor! You won't want to miss this!

**CALLING ALL
HIGH-SCHOOLERS!!!**

You are invited to be a part of our
Advent Youth Group Extravaganza!
3 Evenings of Faith, Fellowship and Fun

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

Cookie baking and decorating the Upper Room!
Followed by a showing of "A Christmas Story"
on the big screen!

Bring your favorite cookie recipe and ingredients!
7-10pm in the Upper Room of Fr. Greenan Center

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

Candlelight Youth Mass at **6pm** in St. Francis!
Gingerbread building: Make the best model of
St. Francis Church or St. Romuald Chapel!
Followed by a showing of "It's a Wonderful Life"
on the big screen!

7-10pm in the Upper Room of Fr. Greenan Center

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

Youth Group and PRAISE Advent Party!
Yankee Swap, prizes and caroling!
6-9pm in the Upper Room of Fr. Greenan Center

**ALL HIGH-SCHOOLERS ARE WELCOME;
BRING A FRIEND!**

DID YOU KNOW?

The Mass Readings for every day of the month can be found online at: <http://www.usccb.org/nab/>

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS READINGS

1st Reading: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

2nd Reading: Rom 16:25-27

Gospel Reading: Lk 1:26-38

Adopt-a-Priest Apostolate 2011

Purpose: To honor priests and support them spiritually during the year from Priesthood Sunday (which was Oct. 30th) through Priesthood Sunday 2012.

The Apostolate of Mary, Mother of Priests and the Providence Serra Club invite parishioners to adopt a priest spiritually for a year. If you are interested in more information, or would like to be randomly assigned a Providence Diocesan priest to pray for on a daily basis, please:

Email: Rladoptapriest@aol.com or by **phone:** 401-783-1092. Please leave name and phone number or by **Mail:** name, address, parish, phone #, and email address to: **RI Adopt-a-Priest**, P.O. Box 668, Narragansett, RI 02882



**AWAKE, MY SOUL!
MORNING PRAYER DURING
ADVENT**

A reminder that every Wednesday during Advent, immediately following the 7:00AM Mass we pray *Morning Prayer* at Saint Francis Church. Morning Prayer is a simple liturgical celebration based on the praying of psalms. It is a brief service intended to lift up our hearts in gratitude to God at the beginning of the day, and to consecrate the work and activities of the day to his glory. The texts is provided for you, all you need to do is stick around after the 7AM Mass on Wednesday.



**Warwick Symphony
Orchestra**

**Sunday, December 18th
2:00 PM**

at Father Greenan Parish Center

A donation of \$8 or more is suggested.
Bring your friends, bring your family!