

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 17

4:30pm 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

Monday, December 19

7:00am Margery Hunt

Requested by family

Tuesday, December 20

7:00am John T. McNulty

Requested by daughter

Wednesday, December 21

7:00am Luke & Henrietta Pucella

Requested by family

Thursday, December 22

7:00am Kimberly Barbera

Requested by grandparents

Friday, December 23

7:00am Michael Posillo

Requested by family

CHRISTMAS EVE**Saturday, December 24**

4:30pm Robert C. Wilson

Requested by Concetta

10:00 pm For the Parish

CHRISTMAS DAY**Sunday, December 25**

8:00am Walter L. McNulty family

Requested by Marilyn, Jack & Jimmy

10:00am Kerri Bessette

Requested by Mom, Dad & Scott

12:00NN Agnes & Robert O'Donnell

Requested by family



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 18

10:00am Mary Marchand

Requested by Al & Gerri Marsocci

CHRISTMAS EVE**December 24**

7:00pm Martin D'Attilio

Req. by Elizabeth & Michael D'Attilio

CHRISTMAS**Sunday, December 25**

10:00am John & Grace Carpinelli

Requested by family



For Your Information

PARISH SUPPORT for December 11 was Budget-\$7,786.50; Retirement Fund for Religious Offering—\$4,784. This weekend's second offering—Ongoing Maintenance; next weekend's second offering is the Christmas Offering. Thank you for your continued generosity.

SANCTUARY LAMPS

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Ralph and Rose Calitri and James Smith. The sanctuary lamp at St. Romuald Chapel burns for a special intention.

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!

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.

THANK YOU FROM THE SOCIAL OUTREACH COMMITTEE:

The Social Outreach Committee (SOC) would like to thank our parish community of St. Francis Church and St. Romuald Chapel for their generous response to our recent Thanksgiving Food Drive. As a parish we collected 434 lbs. of food for the Jonnycake Center to be used in their Holiday basket program. Thank you again for your continued generosity!

BIBLE STUDY will resume Tuesday evenings January 3rd – February 14th from 7-8:30 pm in Father Greenan Parish Center. The Ignatius Study Guide of St. Paul's Letters to the Thessalonians, Colossians and Philemon is \$10.00 and will be ordered for anyone registered. Please call the rectory if interested 783-4411. We will resume the same book in an 8-10 week segment this coming Spring.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

St. Francis of Assisi's Christmas Pageant will be on Sunday, January 8th from 11:00-12:00 at Fr. Greenan Parish Center. If you are in grades 1-6 and would like to participate, have your parents call the Religious Education Office at 792-8684 and let Mrs. Cullen know by the 21st of December. You must be able to attend rehearsals on Thursday and Friday, January 5th and 6th from 4:00-5:30PM in Fr. Greenan Parish Center.

AVAILABLE RESOURCE

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: Is 52:7-10

2nd Reading: Heb 1:1-6

Gospel Reading: Jn 1:1-18

DECEMBER 18, 2011

FROM THE PASTOR...

I am sure that many people are operating at a fever pitch these days to complete the last minute shopping, cooking, entertaining, etc. Take a deep breath!! In the midst of this frantic activity, the Church calls us, or perhaps more accurately, challenges us, to take time to prepare spiritually for the birth of our Savior at Christmas. Our Advent theme almost seems ironic... "***My soul in stillness waits...***" Only we can create the spiritual stillness that allows us to hear the true message of Christmas and appreciate the gift of God's love that we receive in this season. During this last week of Advent, try to take even just a few moments each day to be still and to consider how near the Lord is to us and to ask him to come into your life and to the life of your loved ones at Christmas.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

Area Penance Services in preparation for Christmas will continue this week. Please consider making the Sacrament of Reconciliation a 'must do' as the days wind down. At least six priests will be present at each service. The remaining schedule is:

ST. MARY, STAR OF THE SEA - Mon., December 19th, 7:00PM

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI - Wed., December 21st, 7:00PM

TAIZE WRAP-UP: THANKS TO ALL

Many thanks to Mimi Battey for organizing our recent Taize Prayer Service. The St. Francis Choir is to be commended for yet another outstanding job! In the wake of a busy Advent Season and Christmas preparations the choir was generous with their time and talent in preparing the Taize pieces. We are also grateful to our flautist Gina Seraichyk who worked so well with Mimi and the choir in providing yet another inspiring and uplifting evening of prayer and song. Many thanks to Deacon Paul Iacono for participating and for once again, allowing us to use his original iconography. Finally, thank you to our pastor Monsignor Theroux for a beautiful and deeply reflective evening of prayer.



YOUTH MINISTRY / PRAISE!

ADVENT PARTY TONIGHT!!!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

Yankee Swap, prizes and caroling!

6-9pm in the Upper Room of Fr. Greenan Center

ALL HIGH-SCHOOLERS ARE WELCOME; BRING A FRIEND!

Don't forget to check out St. Francis on the Web:

<http://stfranciswakefield.com> or

<http://facebook.com/stfranciswakefield>



Religious Ed. Notes

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Sunday, December 18

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 19

NO CLASSES

Wednesday, December 21

NO CLASSES



This Week

Sunday, December 18

Religious Ed. Classes see above

2:00pm Warwick Symphony Orchestra
performs at Fr. Greenan Center

6-9pm Youth Group/PRAISE Advent
Party in the Upper Room of FGC

7:00pm AA (HBH)

Monday, December 19

7:00pm Advent Penance Service at St.
Mary, Star of the Sea

Tuesday, December 20

NO RCIA CLASS

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (loft)

Wednesday, December 21

5-6:15pm Children's Choir (loft)

7:00pm Advent Penance Service here
at St. Francis of Assisi

Thursday, December 22

7:00pm Couples in Recovery (HBH)

PRIESTHOOD RETREAT FOR COLLEGE-AGE MEN

Bishop Tobin invites men ages 18-35 who are discerning a call to the priesthood to a Retreat on the Priesthood on January 13-14, 2012 from 7:00 PM Friday to 6:00 PM Saturday at the Seminary of Our Lady of Providence. The retreat will provide the time, environment, and resources for quiet and prayerful discernment. If you are interested, please contact Fr. Carl Fisette, Assistant Vocations Director at 401-331-1316.



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHURCH

4:30 PM CHRISTMAS EVE
Celebrant: Fr. Joseph R. Upton
Children's Choir with Flute and Drummer

10:00 PM CHRISTMAS EVE
Celebrant: Msgr. Paul D. Theroux
Adult Choir with Brass Quintet

8:00 AM CHRISTMAS DAY
Celebrant: Fr. Joseph R. Upton
Organ with Cantors

10:00 AM CHRISTMAS DAY
Celebrant: Msgr. Paul D. Theroux
Organ with Flute & Cantors

12:00 NOON CHRISTMAS DAY
Celebrant: Msgr. Paul D. Theroux
Organ with Guitar & Cantors

CHAPEL

7:00 PM CHRISTMAS EVE
Celebrant: Msgr. Paul D. Theroux
Organ, Cantor with Flute

10:00 AM CHRISTMAS DAY
Celebrant: Fr. Joseph R. Upton
Adult Choir with Cantor



Sunday, January 8th, 11:00am at
Fr. Greenan Parish Center

Vestment Memorial Donations



We are pleased to announce that all of the NEW vestments available as memorial donations have been donated. We thank all those who donated a new vestment in memory of or in honor of a loved one:

COLOR:

Donated by:

In Memory of:

Green Chasuble w/matching Dalmatic	Lorraine McNally Elizabeth M. Kelley	Robert J. McNally Charles A. Kelley
Red Chasuble w/matching Dalmatic	Inez Cote June Fiorio	Robert Cote Neal Fiorio
Violet Chasuble w/matching Dalmatic	Shirley Barney Ed & Diane Rudegear	The Harcourt Family Mary Blackjohn (living)
White Chasuble w/matching Dalmatic	Maria Posillo Marjorie DeGrace	Michele Posillo Jon DeGrace
White w/3 crosses	Jean & Bill Krul, Joan & Bob Onosko	Louis & Marion Maggio
White Formal w/Yoke	Patricia Staudinger	Dr. Leonard Staudinger

*The NEW Missal at
St. Romuald Chapel*

was also donated by

The Jobin Family in memory of Alvin Jobin.
Thank you.

