

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 12

4:30pm John Lima

Requested by Susan and Jim Meehan

Sunday, December 13

8:00am Dominic & Matilda Coppolino

Requested by family

10:00am Thu and Chi Thi Anna Tran
and Thanh John Ha

Requested by family

12:00pm James and Sylvia DeLuca

Requested by family

Monday, December 14

7:00am Maria D'Annunzio

Requested by daughter

Tuesday, December 15

7:00am Rose Gink

Requested by Gina Posillo

Wednesday, December 16

7:00am Special Intention

Requested by Venerina DaSilva

Thursday, December 17

7:00am Tina Marie Luciano

Requested by family

Friday, December 18

7:00am Jim Johnson

Saturday, December 19

4:30pm Fred Robinson

2nd Anniversary ~ Requested by family

Sunday, December 20

8:00am Luke and Henrietta Pucella

Requested by family

10:00am James DeLuca

Requested by family

12:00pm Nicholas Duckworth

Requested by family



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 13

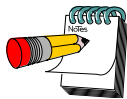
10:00am John and Margaret Cavanagh

Requested by parish family

Sunday, December 20

10:00am Leo and Dennis McGovern

Requested by family



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of William B. Clarke.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Christmas flower envelopes have been placed at the entrances of the church and chapel for those who'd like to donate toward Christmas flowers for our altars in memory of loved ones.

BAKED IN OUR KITCHEN WITH LOVE



At our last youth night on Sunday, December 6th, our high school teens—with the help of very capable adult volunteers—baked an assortment of Christmas cookies that they will distribute to elderly members of our parish community as well as to the families serviced by the Giving Tree. Fr. Greenan Center was filled with energy and excitement as they prepared these scrumptious treats! Many people this Christmas will be touched by their care and concern for others in our community.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Aging religious need your help. In the U.S. today, there are more than 33,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. These religious worked tirelessly in Catholic schools, hospitals, and agencies, usually for little to no pay. As a result, many religious communities lack adequate savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift to today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care and more. Please be generous.

PARISH SUPPORT— December 6

Weekly Support

	December 6
Budget envelopes used (289)	- \$7,550.50
Loose Donations	- \$ 1,235.50
Online Giving (# of donors 56)	- <u>\$1,791.00</u>
Total Budget	- \$10,577.00

Monthly Offering

Envelopes used (179)	- \$2,570.00
Other donations	- <u>\$ 735.00</u>
Total Monthly Offering	- \$3,305.00

This weekend's second offering is the annual Retirement Fund for Religious offering. Next weekend's second offering will be the ongoing maintenance fund offering. **As always, thank you for your generosity.**

DECEMBER 13, 2015

Letters of thanks

Dear Father Bodah, Staff and Volunteers,

I personally wanted to thank you again for all your help in making this year's Buy Nothing Day / winter coat exchange, a huge success. This was Rhode Island's 19th year celebrating the event and the ninth year it was held at St. Francis of Assisi in Wakefield.

Once again, we collected numerous coats, jackets and winter accessories, with an even stronger demand for them than in years past. I hope it's because St. Francis is becoming more familiar to people and not due to an increase in poverty around South County. As in the past, many of those picking up coats took more than one and all were extremely grateful and thankful for what we were doing. This year we were fortunate to have one of your parishioners, Dana Hawkins, help out and learn the ropes. I have the utmost confidence that she will do a great job running next year's Winter Coat Exchange.

As with previous years' events, we were still fortunate to have more coats donated than picked up, which allowed us to deliver our excess to the Buy Nothing Day/winter coat exchange held at the West Bay Family YMCA in North Kingstown, RI.

Thanks again for all your help and it has been a pleasure working with you these past years. May God continue to bless your church and the work you do.

Sincerely,

(signed) Tom Abbott

Site Coordinator

Right to Life Services

Dear Father Bodah and parishioners,

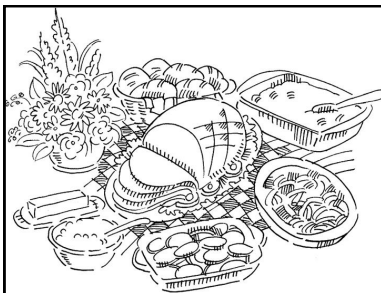
Thank you for your generous response to our Baby Bottle Boomerang Campaign. A total of \$2,327.50 was received from your parish. Since 1979, Right to Life Services has been assisting needy pregnant women and families with little ones by providing them with "must haves" material assistance. Your donations will help us to continue our pro-life, pro-family ministry.

God bless St. Francis parish.

For Life,

(signed) Peggy Lavalley

Services Coordinator



COME ONE, COME ALL!

FREE Christmas Dinner

All are welcome to join the Narragansett Lions Club at the Narragansett Community Center on Christmas Day, Friday, December 25th from 11:00am to 2:00pm for a Christmas meal. Serving turkey, ham, gravy, mashed potatoes, vegetables,

beverages and dessert. **Spread the word! Everyone is welcome!**



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday, December 13th

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

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

GRADE 8 (FGC)

There will be no classes next Sunday, December 20th

Wednesday, December 16th

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

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



This Week

Sunday, December 13

Religious Ed Classes~see schedule above

10:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word

11:00am Chapel choir rehearsal (SR)

PLEASE RETURN GIVING TREE GIFTS

Monday, December 14

7:30-12nn Adoration following Mass

7:00pm Baptism Prep. Class (MCCR)

9am-4pm Giving Tree gift distribution (HBH)

Tuesday, December 15

5:45-6:45pm Children's Choir Rehearsal

7:00pm Bible Study (FGC↓)

7:00pm Choir rehearsal (loft)

Wednesday, December 16

4:15-5:15pm Classes Gr. 3-6 (FGC)

7-8:15pm Gr. 7 & 8 Classes (FGC)

Thursday, December 17

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (FGC)

Friday, December 18

10:45am Pastoral Visits to Peace Dale House and Indian Run



Online Giving

Visit our website at:

www.stfranciswakefield.com
to sign up!

Rejoice in the Lord always;

again I say rejoice.

Indeed, the Lord is near.



GIVING TREE

All gifts must be returned by today. The gifts will be distributed to families starting tomorrow, Monday, December 14th.

Thank you for your support.

Mark your calendars
and plan on joining us!

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday, December 27th
at 3:00PM

in St. Francis of Assisi Church

Bring your friends ~ bring your family!



KofC BREAKFAST (PUBLIC INVITED): The Knights of Columbus will hold a Breakfast at the Council Hall, 1265 Tower Hill Road, North Kingstown, **TODAY, Sunday, December 13th, from 7:30 to 10:30.** Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Home Fries, Baked Beans, French Toast, Christmas Streusel, Hot and Cold Cereal, Orange Juice, Coffee and Tea will be served. The cost is \$8.00, \$4.00 for children 12 and under; children 6 and under are free. Please bring in a non-perishable food donation for Food Pantry.

*Good news and great joy
to all the world:
today is born our Savior,
Christ the Lord.*



Please join us for our
Christmas Pageant
January 3rd at 11:00
in Fr. Greenan Parish Center
followed by light refreshments.



Calling all shepherds,
angels and wise men...

St. Francis of Assisi's Christmas Pageant

will be on
Sunday, January 3rd at 11:00am
at Fr. Greenan Parish Center



*If you are in grades K-6 and
would like to participate, have
your parents call the Rel. Ed.
Office at 792-8684 and let
Mrs. Cullen know ASAP.*

*You must be able to attend
rehearsal on Saturday, January
2nd from 10:00-11:30am in Fr.
Greenan Parish Center.*

