

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### Mass Intentions

**Saturday, December 13**

4:30pm James DeLuca, Sr.

*Requested by family*

**Sunday, December 14**

8:00am Mary & Nelson Burke and

Nicholas Duckworth—*Req. by family*

10:00am Susan Hogan

*Requested by family*

12:00nn Josephine Hernandez

*Req. by Tanya Connor & Fred Kirkpatrick*

**Monday, December 15**

7:00am Mass for the People

**Tuesday, December 16**

7:00am Dr. Leonard Staudinger

*Requested by family*

**Wednesday, December 17**

7:00am Tina Marie Luciano

*Requested by family*

**Thursday, December 18**

7:00am Margery C. Hunt

*Requested by family*

**Friday, December 19**

7:00am Margaret M. Tefft

*Requested by family*

**Saturday, December 20**

4:30pm Robert C. Wilson

*Requested by Concetta*

**Sunday, December 21**

8:00am Michael Cooney

*Requested by parish staff*

10:00am Fred Robinson

*1st Anniversary*

12:00NN John and Rosemarie McNulty

& Margaret M. Tefft

*Requested by family*



### St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

**Sunday, December 14**

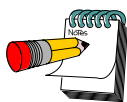
10:00am John and Grace Carpinelli

*Requested by family*

**Sunday, December 21**

10:00am Leo and Dennis McGovern

*Requested by family*



### For Your Information

**PARISH SUPPORT**

Parish support for December 7th was Budget—\$8,543.50; Monthly—\$3,531.50; Holy Day-Immaculate Conception—\$1,186. This weekend's second offering is the Religious Retirement Fund offering. Next weekend's second offering will be the Ongoing Maintenance Fund offering. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

**SANCTUARY LAMPS**

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Bob Wilson. The sanctuary lamp at St. Romuald Chapel burns in memory of Mary McGuire.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

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.

**BAKE SALE**

After Masses in the main church next weekend (December 20/21), seventh grade religious education classes will be sponsoring a bake sale. All proceeds will be donated to a fund for Chick Gavitt, a local businessman who is fighting cancer. The donations will help pay for his medical treatments. The seventh graders are learning about how we can help those in need and this is how they chose to help members of our local community. Please support their efforts!

**BUY NOTHING WINTER COAT EXCHANGE THANKS YOU**

*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. ... 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 Pawtucket Visitor Center.*

*Thanks again for all your help and looking forward to next year's event.*

*Sincerely,*

*(signed) Tom Abbott, Site Coordinator*

**BAPTIZED INTO GOD'S FAMILY**

Congratulations to the proud parents and godparents of Christian Howard Allen who was baptized by Father Bodah last Sunday, December 7th at St. Francis. Your parish family rejoices with you!

### prepare ye the way of the LORD!

Advent ... a time of preparation for not only our homes as we await the coming of the Lord ... but it's also a time to prepare our souls to receive Him. ... If you haven't already received the sacrament of reconciliation this Advent, here are your remaining opportunities for confession:

Saturday, December 20th from 3:30—4:00PM and  
Tuesday, December 23rd from 4:30-6:30PM

## From the Pastor

The ongoing saga! My attention was called to the fact that the roof over the upstairs meeting room in the Father Greenan Center is leaking. Sigh. Luckily, the crisis seems to have been averted. Bobby, our facilities manager, called a parishioner, Keith Lescarbeau, who has been most generous with his time and talent, and he has agreed to attend to the situation. It's probably just a problem with the flashing around the chimney, but we'll see. If it's not one thing, it's two things. The roof at the chapel has been patched up till it can be completely redone and some trees around the rectory and church property have to be trimmed before they cause problems with the gutters and roofs. I'm afraid to say that otherwise things seem OK lest I jinx it. In any case, these are the things we face in maintaining buildings. God bless all those who made it possible not so many years ago to upgrade all the facilities! Our work now is to keep on top of things. Many, many thanks to all of you who are in a position to support the parish financially and who do so.

Fr. Bodah

## Advent Quotes

.. Advent is here. What a marvellous time in which to renew your desire, your nostalgia, your real longing for Christ to come — for him to come every day to your soul in the Eucharist. The Church encourages us: *Ecce veniet!* — He is about to arrive!

~ Josemaria Escriva, *The Forge*, 548

.. During Advent opportunities for works of charity abound calling out for Christians from every side: a sack of food for a needy family, money dropped in a Salvation Army kettle, a donation to an Indian school, a toy for 'Toys-for-Tots,' etc. Unfortunately, these works of charity so easily can assuage the Christian conscience, while doing nothing to being about a solution to the root causes of the problem. - Works of justice, on the other hand, follow the road less traveled of Advent's hope to pursue solutions for difficult problems. Hope comes through works of justice rather than simply performing works of charity.

~ Fr. Brian Cavanaugh, TOR

.. May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will also accomplish it.

~ 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24



## Religious Education

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#### CLASS SCHEDULE

##### Sunday, December 14

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

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

No Classes next Sunday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>.

##### Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>

7-8:30PM Confirmation I (FGC)

##### Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>

4:00-5:00PM GRADES 3-6 (FGC)

7-8:15PM Grades 7 & 8 (FGC)

#### THE GIVING TREE

Thank you to all that have taken a tag from the tree. Gifts MUST be returned no later than today, December 14<sup>th</sup>. The gifts will be distributed to families December 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your generosity.



## This Week

##### Sunday, December 14

Classes. See schedule above.

12:00pm Mass w/Praise!

6:30pm Advent Taize Service (SF)

7:00pm AA (HBH)

##### Monday, December 15

7:30-12nn Adoration (SF)

7:00pm Bapt. Prep. Class (rectory)

7-8:30pm Conf. I Class—(FGC)

##### Tuesday, December 16

7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (loft)

##### Wednesday, December 17

4-5pm Gr 3-6 Class (FGC)

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

7-8:15pm Gr. 7/8 Class (FGC)

7-8:30pm RCIA (MCCR)

##### Thursday, December 18

2:00pm Mass at Brightview Commons

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



*For You, O Lord,  
my soul in stillness waits...*

## **ADVENT TAIZE EVENING OF PRAYER**

**Sunday, December 14th  
at 6:30pm  
in St. Francis Church**

Set aside some time during this overly hectic season exclusively for the Lord.

Are our hearts prepared for His coming?

Our souls yearn for the Prince of Peace.  
Come! ... Pray, sing, prepare the way!



### **Struggling in Your Marriage? You are not alone!**

If your marriage is tearing the two of you apart, if there is little or no meaningful communication, if you are considering separation or divorce, we believe Retrouvaille can help. You are NOT alone! Our peer ministry is led by couples who have lived through the honeymoon phase often followed by deep disillusionment before finally finding resurrection in their marriages using the tools taught in this program. Rediscover a loving marriage with a Retrouvaille (pronounced re-tro-vy) weekend.

The 2015 New England Retrouvaille marriage renewal weekends will be held on January 9-11, 2015 and September 11-13, 2015.

To register for one of the weekends or for more information, call 1-800-470-2230 or visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com).



### **Food Pantry Needs**

#### **FOR DECEMBER**

Peanut butter & jelly, juice, cereals. Holiday foods: gravy (canned or packages), canned vegetables, pie filling, pineapple. Many thanks for your continued generosity.

### **Coffee N' Cameos**



Sunday mornings after the 10AM Mass in St. Romuald Chapel (in the "L"). The remaining talks, given by our parish seminarians Stephen Battey and Dan Mahoney, will be on Joseph this weekend by Dan and on Mary next Sunday, December 21st by Stephen. The talks have been great! Thank you to all those who have turned out to support our seminarians and the parish by attending Coffee N' Cameos. We'll see you on Sunday!

### **"Lead, Kindly Light!"**

*For Men Discerning a Vocation to the Priesthood*

Join the Office of Vocations on Monday, December 22nd and prepare to welcome Christ, the Light of the World, as we take a pilgrimage to the LaSalette Shrine, 947 Park St., Attleboro, MA. We will meet outside the main chapel at LaSalette (visible from the main entrance parking lot) at 5:30pm. For information, please contact Fr. Christopher Murphy at 331-1316.

### **WHAT IS GAUDETE SUNDAY?**

Certain Sundays throughout the liturgical year have taken their names from the first word in Latin of the Introit, the entrance antiphon at Mass. Gaudete Sunday is one of these.

#### **Answer:**

Gaudete Sunday is the Third Sunday of Advent. The Introit for Gaudete Sunday, in both the Traditional Latin Mass and the Novus Ordo, is taken from Philippians 4:4,5: "Gaudete in Domino semper" - "Rejoice in the Lord always".