

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 14

4:30pm Anna & Andrew Sebastian
Requested by family

Sunday, December 15

8:00am Joseph Costanza
Requested by family

10:00am Ronald W. Anderson
Requested by family

12:00NN Mass for the People

Monday, December 16

7:00am Luke and Henrietta Pucella
Requested by family

Tuesday, December 17

7:00am Sonny & Betty Goodwin
Requested by daughter Kathy Cawley

Wednesday, December 18

7:00am Margery C. Hunt
Requested by family

Thursday, December 19

7:00am Margaret M. Tefft
Requested by family

Friday, December 20

7:00am John T. McNulty
Requested by daughter

Saturday, December 21

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

Sunday, December 22

8:00am Nicholas Duckworth
Requested by family

10:00am Joan Tucker
Requested by Sue and Joe Pouliot

12:00NN Kathleen Rose
Requested by family



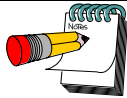
St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 15

10:00am Florence Gadzik
Requested by John Gadzik

Sunday, December 22

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



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of all deceased members of the McNulty family.

THE GIVING TREE

All gifts must be returned by today. The gifts will be distributed to families Monday and Tuesday of this week.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Calling all shepherds, angels, and wise men.... and children in Grades 1-6, you are invited to participate in St Francis of Assisi's Christmas pageant, Sunday, January 5th at 11:00 (during class time) at Fr. Greenan Parish Center. Call the Religious Education Office at 792-8684 today if you are interested. *Children must be available to attend rehearsals on Thursday and Friday, January 2nd and 3rd from 4-5:30.*

RIGHT TO LIFE SERVICES—Baby Bottle Boomerang

Dear Msgr. Theroux, Fr. Upton and parishioners,
Thank you for your very generous response to our "Baby Bottle Boomerang" campaign held in October. A grand total of \$3,198.65 was received from your parish.

Since 1979, Right to Life Services has been making a difference in the lives of moms and their little ones by helping them with basic material necessities, education, and referrals to other agencies. Your donations will help our ministry to continue our outreach to needy moms, newborns and toddlers.

God bless you all.

For Life,

Peg Lavallee

PARISH SUPPORT— December 8

Weekly Support		December 8
Budget envelopes used (349)	-	\$ 7,631.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 1,113.00
Online Giving (# of donors 37)	-	\$ 1,211.00
Total Budget	-	\$ 9,955.00

Retirement Fund for Religious

Budget envelopes	-	\$ 2,631.00
Other Donations	-	\$ 1,585.00
Total Retirement Fund for Religious-		\$ 4,216.00

This weekend's second offering is the Ongoing Maintenance Fund offering. Next weekend's second offering will be our Typhoon Relief offering for the Philippines. **As always, thank you for your continued generosity.**

DECEMBER 15, 2013

From the Pastor...

Last Monday we celebrated **First Penance** for forty-seven children of our parish. Although they were a little jittery about going to confession for the first time, the children were well prepared and did very well. I thank Mrs. Cullen, their teachers and parents for helping to prepare them for this important sacrament. Now they will focus on preparing to receive their **First Holy Communion** in the Spring.

Speaking of going to confession, receiving this sacrament of forgiveness and renewal is a great way to prepare for Christmas during the Advent Season. In the past we have had an **Advent Penance Service**, but it has not been well attended. I think that, given all the events and activities of this season, many people who would like to receive the sacrament of penance, are simply not available to join us for an extended service on a particular evening. So this year we are going to try something different. **On Monday evening, December 23, there will be a priest available for Confession in the reconciliation room (to the right of the altar in the sanctuary) from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM.** Our thought is that this will provide the opportunity to just stop in for a short time, perhaps on the way home from work, to receive the sacrament. Of course we will also have confessions on **Saturday afternoon from 3:30 to 4:00 PM** as we do every week.

I'm sure everyone is very busy preparing for Christmas...don't forget what it is really about. Be sure to take advantage of this Advent Season to pray a little more and to welcome the Lord into your life!

Msgr. Theroux

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 21st from 3:30—4:00PM
and

Monday, December 23rd from 5-7:00PM



Religious Education

CLASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 15th

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

9:50-10:50am GRADE K (HBH)

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

Monday, December 16th

7-8:30PM Confirmation II (FGC)

All Confirmation II – parents & students...Rescheduled presentation by Dr. Michelle Cretella on Chastity & Purity.

Wednesday, December 18th

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

4:50pm – 9:15pm Grades 7 & 8 trip to LaSalette Shrine for the Annual Festival of Lights. We will meet in Helen Bouchard Hall.

No Classes next Sunday, December 22nd or Monday, December 23rd.

**THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED FOR SCHOOL
VACATION, DEC.22ND -JAN.1ST.**



This Week

Sunday, December 15

Religious Ed. Classes see above

10:00am Family Liturgy

12:00nn Mass w/PRAISE!

7:00pm AA (HBH)

Monday, December 16

6:30pm TAIZE Prayer Service (SFC)

7:00pm Confirmation II Class w/guest speaker Dr. Michelle Cretella (FGC)

Tuesday, December 17

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (loft)

Wednesday, December 18

4-5pm Grades 3-6 Religious Ed
Classes (FGC)

5-6:15pm Child's Choir Rehearsal

7-8:15pm Class Grades 7 & 8 (FGC)

Thursday, December 19

2:00pm Mass at Brightview Commons

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

Order Christmas desserts from GREGG's
Restaurant & benefit PRAISE! ...



Orders for GREGG's cakes, pies & dessert trays will be taken after all Masses this weekend.

Payment is due with order.

We must place our final order with GREGG's by December 15th. Pick-up will be Sunday, December 22nd from 9:00am to 1:30pm at Father Greenan Parish Center.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to order GREGG's superior quality desserts for your Christmas table! A portion of your purchase benefits PRAISE!

Thank you for your support!



Thank you from the Social Outreach Committee:
The Social Outreach Committee would like to thank our parish family of St. Francis of Assisi Church and St. Romuald Chapel for their most generous response to our recent Thanksgiving Food Drive. As a parish we collected over 500 pounds of food for The Jonnycake Center to distribute during the holidays. Our faith reminds us that the greatest blessing comes in sharing what we have with others. Thank you again for your continued generosity.



Advent Evening of Prayer and Song

in the style of the Taize Community in France

Take a break from all the Christmas preparations and enjoy a night of peace in the presence of the Lord. Meditative song, readings from scripture, sacred images and candlelight will help form an atmosphere of Advent anticipation for the coming of Christ. We hope you can join us!

Monday, December 16 at 6:30PM

St. Francis Church

If you haven't experienced one of our popular Taize nights of prayer, please consider joining us for this special Advent event!



Christmas Pageant

**St. Francis of Assisi's
Christmas Pageant**
will be

Sunday, January 5th

from 11:00-12:00

at Fr. Greenan Parish Center.

Children in Grades 1-6 are invited to participate. If your child is interested please call the Rel Ed Office at 792-8684.

Children must be available to attend rehearsals on Thursday, January 2nd and Friday, January 3rd from 4:00-5:30PM in Fr. Greenan Parish Center.

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Emmanuel:
A Journey of Faith



St. Philip Church

622 Putnam Pike, Greenville

Tuesday, December 17, 2013 · 7:00 p.m.

Adults - \$10 ~ Children (12 and under) - \$5
Family Ticket (immediate family only) - \$30

Please call 949-1130, ext. 110 for more information.

Celebrate... Believe... Sing...