

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### Mass Intentions

**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*

**Monday, December 21**

7:00am Fred Beauchaine

*Requested by family*

**Tuesday, December 22**

7:00am Eugenia Plymesser

*Requested by family*

**Wednesday, December 23**

7:00am Michael Posillo

*Requested by family*

**Thursday, December 24**

7:00am Celebrant's Intention

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

4:30pm Rita & Tom O'Rourke &

Warren Behie ~

10:00pm Mass for the People

**CHRISTMAS DAY****Friday, December 25**

9:00am Kerri Bessette

*Requested by Mom, Dad and Scott*

11:00am Karen Vendetti

*Requested by Mom and Dad*

**Saturday, December 26**

4:30pm Robert C. Wilson

*Requested by Concetta*

**Sunday, December 27**

8:00am Flynn and Carney families

*Requested by Jeff and Kathleen*

10:00am Virginia Gately

*Requested by family*

12:00pm Virginia Buchanan

*Requested by family*



### St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

**Sunday, December 20**

10:00am Leo and Dennis McGovern

*Requested by family*

**CHRISTMAS EVE****Thursday, December 24**

5:30pm Philomena Massimo

*Requested by Irene Clark*

**CHRISTMAS DAY****Friday, December 25**

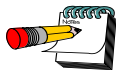
10:00am John and Grace Carpinelli

*Requested by family*

**Sunday, December 27**

10:00am Mary Marchand

*Requested by Gerri and Al Marsocci*



### For Your Information

**SANCTUARY LAMPS**

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Louis and Marion Maggio and at St. Romuald Chapel in memory of Frances Bryngil.



### 2015 CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE ST. FRANCIS CHURCH

4:30PM CHRISTMAS EVE

Celebrant: Fr. Randy Chew  
*Children's Choir*

10:00PM CHRISTMAS EVE\*

Celebrant: Fr. Henry Bodah  
*Adult Choir*

\*Preceded at 9:30PM by a  
PRELUDE OF CHRISTMAS CAROLS

9:00AM CHRISTMAS DAY

Celebrant: Fr. Henry Bodah  
*Organ with Cantor*

11:00AM CHRISTMAS DAY

Celebrant: Fr. Henry Bodah  
*Organ with Cantor*

### ST. ROMUALD CHAPEL

5:30PM CHRISTMAS EVE

Celebrant: Fr. Gene McKenna  
*Organ with Flute & Cantor*

10:00AM CHRISTMAS DAY

Celebrant: Fr. Randy Chew  
*Adult Choir with Cantor & Trumpet*



## From the Pastor

Christmas is nearly upon us. So is flu season. The hospital has impressed upon us that all volunteer ministers of Holy Communion must have had their flu shots, and the bishop has asked us to forgo the distribution of the chalice until the flu season has passed. So after this weekend, the use of the chalice for the faithful will resume at Eastertide, except at the chapel, where the present schedule for extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion (ExMins) runs through January 10.

There is good news, however, to compensate for this. It has come to my attention, not directly but through those who keep their ears open at Belmont's, Stop & Shop, CVS, etc. that there is widespread dissatisfaction with the Angelica wine that I prefer for communion. People were used to the treacly Rosato that had been used here for some time and the change has been jarring to pious senses. I eschew the use of red wine as untraditional, not to mention that it makes the work of those who wash the purificators more difficult. So, what to do in the face of this latest challenge to parochial peace? I went back to Tally's and found that they also carry White Rosato! Who knew? So when we return to the distribution of the cups in the spring, we should have a wine that is more to the taste of the many. I'll save the Angelica for weekdays when no one but me has to drink it.

Speaking of Christmas, a very happy and holy Christmas season to all! The Mass schedule has been well-advertised, I hope, and you can do your part by spreading the word. Thanks to your generosity and that of a donor who wishes to remain anonymous, we were able to distribute a couple of thousand dollars' worth of gift certificates for local supermarkets, and to help with Christmas gifts for those who would have gone without. Generous people really do help to make the world a better place.

*Fr. Bodah*

## PARISH SUPPORT— December 13

### Weekly Support

|                                | December 13          |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| Budget envelopes used (301)    | - \$8,033.00         |
| Loose Donations                | - \$ 1,428.00        |
| Online Giving (# of donors 56) | - \$ 1,406.00        |
| <b>Total Budget</b>            | <b>- \$10,867.00</b> |

### Religious Retirement Fund

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| Envelopes used (201)                   | - \$3,610.00        |
| Other donations                        | - \$ 558.00         |
| <b>Total Religious Retirement Fund</b> | <b>- \$4,168.00</b> |

This weekend's second offering is ongoing maintenance fund offering.

**As always, thank you for your generosity.**



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

*The Religious Education Office will be closed for school vacation, Dec. 27th—Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>.*

**Sunday, December 20th**

**No Classes**

Classes will resume Sunday, January 3rd for grades K-6.



## This Week

**Sunday, December 20**

NO Religious Ed Classes today.

Classes resume January 3.

10:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word

11:00am Chapel choir rehearsal (SR)

**Monday, December 21**

7:30-12nn Adoration following Mass

**Tuesday, December 22**

*NO Bible Study until January 5th*

***Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!***

5:45-6:45pm Children's Choir Reh.

7:00pm Choir rehearsal (loft)

**Wednesday, December 23**

NO Religious Ed Classes today.

Classes resume January 6th.



Make sure this is on your calendars  
and plan on joining us!

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup>  
at 3:00PM

in St. Francis of Assisi Church

Bring your friends ~ bring your family!



## 2016 Steubenville East Youth Conference

Registration for the 2016 Steubenville East Youth Conference to be held on July 15-17 at the University of Massachusetts, Lowell Campus will be opening up in mid-January. To give you an idea of what the teens get out of the weekend, here is a reflection that one of our teens wrote after last year's conference. "This was my first time going and it was incredible. It was nothing like I expected. I felt so close and connected to God. I definitely feel like a stronger Catholic and I think as many people that have the option to come should. It is my plan to keep coming as long as I can." Each year we reserve spots for our teenagers who are current 8-12<sup>th</sup> grade students. We are trying to get a feel for how many to reserve so if you are interested in participating in this powerful retreat, contact the Religious Education Office at 792-8684 before January 8<sup>th</sup>. At this point, you are not under any obligation to attend.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.*

