

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Mass Intentions

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

Monday, December 23

7:00am Michael Posillo
Requested by family

Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24
4:30pm Robert C. Wilson
Requested by Concetta

10:00pm Mass for the People

Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 25
8:00am Kerri Bessette
Requested by Mom, Dad & Scott

10:00am Karen Vendetti
Requested by Mom & Dad

12:00nn Dr. Vincent & Nat Turco
Requested by family

Thursday, December 26

7:00am William P. McPhee
Requested by friend

Friday, December 27

7:00am Rosemarie Silva McNulty

Saturday, December 28

4:30pm Maureen Gray McNulty & Nancy (Gray) Champlin—*Req. by family*

Sunday, December 29

8:00am Flynn & Carney families
Requested by Kathleen and Jeff

10:00am Norma Ladeira
Requested by Eleanor Tally

12:00NN Kevin Ellis
Requested by family



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 22

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

Christmas Eve—Tuesday, December 24

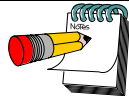
5:30pm Martin D'Attilio
Requested by Michael & Elizabeth D'Attilio

Christmas—Wednesday, December 25

10:00am Grace and John Carpinelli
Requested by family

Sunday, December 29

10:00am David Bruyere
Requested by family



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

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

ST. FRANCIS BIBLE STUDY resumes for 2014 on Tuesday, January 7 at 7-8:30 pm in FGC with the **Gospel of John** commentary by Ignatius Press. **Please register your name at the rectory (783-4411)** if interested and a study book will be ordered, the cost is \$10. If questions, please contact Mary Vitiello at maryalri@yahoo.com.

BORN INTO GOD'S FAMILY

Congratulations to the proud parents and godparents of Calista Jane Welch, Maxwell Jonas Brown and Taylor Devine Sullivan who were baptized during the month of December. Your parish family rejoices with you. Please keep these children in your prayers.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HOST AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT from the ACE Language Institute (University of Rhode Island)? This is an incredibly gratifying experience and we offer a competitive monthly payment of \$840. Hosts provide a private, furnished room, meals, a supportive environment and English conversation practice. The average student lives with a host family between 3-9 months, however there will be shorter and longer opportunities available as well. **Opportunities available as soon as early January of 2014!** For more information, please call Sheila Dobbyn at 401-536-3092 or email at SheilaDobbyn@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Each Christmas, our parish church and chapel are decorated to reflect the joy and festivity of the Christmas Season. We are grateful to those who make the purchase of flowers and decorations possible. Envelopes for this purpose were included in budget packets and loose envelopes are still at the doors of the church. Consider making an offering in memory of a loved one to help adorn our worship spaces in honor of the newborn King! A list of memorials will be published after the New Year.

PARISH SUPPORT— December 15

Weekly Support		December 15
Budget envelopes used (271)	-	\$ 6,169.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 1,098.00
Online Giving (# of donors 31)	-	\$ 741.00
Total Budget	-	\$ 8,008.00

Ongoing Maintenance Fund

Budget envelopes	-	\$ 1,884.50
Other Donations	-	\$ 414.00
Total Ongoing Maintenance Fund-		\$ 2,298.50

This weekend's second offering is the Typhoon Relief offering for the Philippines. The Christmas offering is for the parish. **As always, thank you for your continued generosity.**

DECEMBER 22, 2013

FROM THE PASTOR...

Our Advent time of waiting is almost complete... in the midst of our last minute preparations and festivities, please give a little thought to what we celebrate. The greatest gift we are offered on Christmas is the gift of God's presence in our lives...a presence that can provide us with mercy, love, strength and hope if we open our minds and hearts to receive this precious gift. Christmas reminds us that God is always faithful to his people and it is an opportunity for us to renew our commitment to being faithful to Him.

I again remind you that there will be a priest available for the Sacrament of Penance in church on Monday evening from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. It is a great way to prepare to celebrate Christmas and you can stop in at any time that is convenient for you during those two hours.

As I offer Christmas Mass at St. Francis Church and St. Romuald Chapel, I will pray for the intentions of all our parishioners and offer a special prayer of gratitude for all the blessings of the past year. Along with Father Joe Upton, Deacon Paul Iacono and the Parish Staff, I pray that you and your loved ones will truly experience the Lord's peace and love this Christmas.

Msgr. Theroux

**LAST OPPORTUNITY FOR
CONFESSION BEFORE CHRISTMAS:**

**Monday, December 23rd
from 5-7:00PM
at Saint Francis Church**



**Come Visit with
Our Lady of Guadalupe**

The Office of Life and Family Ministry will be hosting the Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe from January 7 to January 25 at many parishes in the Diocese of Providence. All are invited to attend the venerations, rosaries, holy hours and Masses in honor of Our Lady. For a complete listing, please contact the diocesan office at 421-7833 x 218.



**Religious
Education**

The Religious Education Office will be closed for school vacation, December 22nd -January 1st.

Sunday, December 22nd No Classes
Classes will resume Sunday January 5th for grades K-6

Monday, December 23rd No Classes

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 ASAP if you are interested.

Children must be available to attend rehearsals on Thursday and Friday, January 2nd and 3rd from 4-5:30.



This Week

Sunday, December 22
7:00pm AA (HBH)

Monday, December 23
NO Adoration today.
5-7:00PM CONFESSIONS—SFC

CHRISTMAS EVE

Tuesday, December 24

Mass Schedule

4:30pm St. Francis Church
5:30pm St. Romuald Chapel
10:00pm St. Francis Church

CHRISTMAS DAY

Wednesday, December 25

Mass Schedule

8:00am St. Francis Church
10:00am St. Francis Church
10:00am St. Romuald Chapel
12:00nn St. Francis Church



We offer a secure and convenient way for you to contribute to St. Francis Parish!

Online donations may be made at any time from the privacy and comfort of your own home or any place with internet access. Online donations are credited to your tax statement for the end of the year (except when made anonymously), and each user can change his or her preferences or desired donation amounts at any time!

Visit our website for more information on how to get started: www.stfranciswakefield.com.



“MARCH FOR LIFE”

The Office of Life and Family Ministry will be sponsoring a bus trip to Washington DC for the Annual March for Life on the 41st anniversary of the Supreme Court decision to legalize abortion on Wednesday, January 22, 2014. The cost for the overnight ride is \$80.00 per person and will leave R.I. on Tuesday, January 21 at 7:30pm. This year’s trip will take us to the Armory for the Youth Rally and Mass for 6:30am. There will be confession, Rosary, popular Catholic recording artists, presentations and a Mass for Life. We will return from DC to Rhode Island on Thursday, January 23 at approximately 2:00am. For more information and to register, call Carol Owens at 421-7833 x 218.

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. 2014 New England Retrouvaille marriage renewal weekends will be held on: January 10-12, April 4-6 and September 12-14, 2014. To register call 1-800-470-2230 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com.



CHRISTMAS 2013 MASS SCHEDULE

ST. FRANCIS CHURCH

4:30PM CHRISTMAS EVE

Celebrant: Fr. Joseph R. Upton
Children’s Choir with Flute & Trumpet

10:00PM CHRISTMAS EVE*

Celebrant: Fr. Joseph R. Upton
with Msgr. Paul D. Theroux &
Deacon Paul O. Iacono
Adult Choir with Brass

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

8:00AM CHRISTMAS DAY

Celebrant: Fr. Joseph R. Upton
Organ with Cantor

10:00AM CHRISTMAS DAY

Celebrant: Fr. Randy Chew
Organ with Flute & Cantor

12:00NN CHRISTMAS DAY

Celebrant: Fr. Randy Chew
Organ with Trumpet & Cantor

ST. ROMUALD CHAPEL

5:30PM CHRISTMAS EVE

Celebrant: Msgr. Paul D. Theroux
Organ with Flute & Cantor

10:00AM CHRISTMAS DAY

Celebrant: Msgr. Paul D. Theroux
Adult Choir with Cantor & Trumpet