

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, December 6

4:30pm James DeLuca, Sr.

*Requested by family*

#### Sunday, December 7

8:00am Joseph Costanza

*Requested by family*

10:00am Stephen Sherman

*Requested by wife*

12:00NN Dagmar Pucella Pignataro

*Requested by family*

#### Monday, December 8

7:00am Chi Thi Anna Tran & Thanh

John Ha—*Req. by family*

12:00NN Clara Latowski—*Req. by family*

6:30pm The Calvitto Family

*Requested by Theresa Ramieri*

#### Tuesday, December 9

7:00am Anna & Andrew Sebastian

*Requested by family*

#### Wednesday, December 10

7:00am Mass for the People

#### Thursday, December 11

7:00am Thomas McGair

*Requested by Jean*

#### Friday, December 12

7:00am Maria D'Annucci

*Requested by daughter*

#### 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*



### St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

#### Sunday, December 7

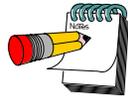
10:00am John J. Finan

*Requested by the Hood family*

#### Sunday, December 14

10:00am John and Grace Carpinelli

*Requested by family*



## For Your Information

### PARISH SUPPORT

Parish support for November 23rd was Budget—\$8,321; Campaign for Human Development—\$2,780.50. Support for November 30th was Budget—\$9,329. This weekend's second offering is the Monthly Offering for December. Next weekend's second offering is the annual Religious Retirement 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 all deceased members of the McGair family. The sanctuary lamp at St. Romuald Chapel burns for the parish.

### 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.

### HOLIDAY FOOD NEEDS ON THE RISE!

Thanksgiving is behind us but Christmas is just around the corner. The needs of our less fortunate brothers and sisters are at an all-time high. Please consider picking something extra up each week when you're grocery shopping for home and bring it to the church/chapel so we can get it to the Jonnycake Center and/or the Welcome House. Please remember that grocery store gift cards are always welcome this time of year too. *We give all grocery store gift cards to Eileen in the Satellite Office for the Diocese of Providence Office of Community Service & Advocacy and she sees that your cards get to those most in need.* As always, thank you!

### KofC BREAKFAST (PUBLIC INVITED):

The Knights of Columbus will hold a Breakfast at the Council Hall, 1265 Tower Hill Road, North Kingstown, on Sunday, December 14th, from 7:30 to 10:30. Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, French Toast, Home Fries, Baked Beans, 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.

### HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

Please join Bishop Tobin in prayer for vocations to the priesthood in the Diocese of Providence as he presides at the monthly Holy Hour for Vocations on *Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at 6:00 PM at St. Patrick Church, 244 Smith St., Providence.* Let us unite in prayer that many more men will respond to God's call to the priesthood in the Diocese of Providence.

### A DECEMBER CONCERT

The South Kingstown Community Orchestra presents ... A December Concert ... with a variety of music from Pachelbel to Pops on Tuesday, December 9th at 7:00pm at Peace Dale Congregational Church, 261 Columbia Street, Wakefield. Free Admission. Please consider making a donation to *Welcome House* at the concert.

DECEMBER 7, 2014

## From the Pastor

We've just finished the first meeting of the new finance council of the parish and I cannot thank them enough for this most generous commitment of their time and expertise. In addition to the two trustees of the parish corporation and the parish manager and the parish accountant, six parishioners with backgrounds in finance, investment or management have agreed to be members of the council, which is mandated by canon law for every parish. Since I have no background in this sort of thing, I am eternally grateful to these loyal parishioners for being willing to serve in this capacity.

My original intention was to increase the number of 45-minute meetings from three to four, after each quarter of the fiscal year. But we'd like to do more than just run through the numbers of each quarterly report: we need to form a vision for the financial future of the parish. And I personally could use the input in making decisions about the best use of our finances. So I was pleasantly surprised when the council members themselves expressed a desire to meet more often. It is hoped that at the next meeting, instead of focusing on the quarterly report—which would not be ready by the time we meet—we can begin to articulate a strategic plan for the stability and growth of our parish community.

*Father Bodah*

## Faith and Fear in the Ebola Crisis: My Two Months Volunteering in Liberia

Don't miss this lecture and Q&A by Dr. Timothy P. Flanigan, a deacon in the Diocese of Providence and professor of medicine at Brown University, who will discuss his experience organizing medical aid in the heart of the Ebola outbreak as a member of the Catholic Church's Ebola Response Team. Lecture hosted by the Portsmouth Institute for Faith and Culture at Portsmouth Abbey.

**Date:** Saturday, December 13th at 11:00am  
Complimentary continental breakfast spread  
will be served prior to lecture.

**Location:** Portsmouth Abbey, 285 Cory's Lane, Portsmouth

**RSVP today:** Email:  
institute@portsmouthabbey.org or call 401-643-1255.

For more details visit: [portsmouthinstitute.org](http://portsmouthinstitute.org)

Contact Chris Fisher at [cfisher@portsmouthabbey.org](mailto:cfisher@portsmouthabbey.org) for any questions or additional information.



## Religious Education

### RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES

#### CLASS SCHEDULE

##### Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>

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

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

##### Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

7-8:30 Confirmation II (FGC)

Saint reflections ARE DUE today.

##### Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>

4:00-5:00 Grades 3-6 (FGC)

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

##### Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup>

6:00pm Reconciliation for First

Eucharist children and their families.



## This Week

### Sunday, December 7

10:00am Family Liturgy

5:30-7pm PRAISE! Rehearsal (FGC)

7:00pm AA (HBH)

### Monday, December 8

**IMMACULATE  
CONCEPTION OF  
THE BLESSED  
VIRGIN MARY**  
(A Holy Day of  
Obligation)

**Mass Schedule:**  
7am, 12NN,  
6:30PM  
at St. Francis  
Church



7:30-11:30am Adoration (SF)

7-8:30pm Conf. II Class—(FGC)

### Tuesday, December 9

7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (loft)

### Wednesday, December 10

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

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

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

### Thursday, December 11

1:30pm Mass at South Bay Manor

6:00pm First Reconciliation (SFC)

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



## GIVING TREE

If you feel that you can share the gift of giving this Advent/Christmas season, take a tag from the tree and bring back your gift, **unwrapped** and place it under the tree, no later than Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Gifts will be distributed the week of the 14<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

### *You are invited...*

Advent “Coffee and Cameos” will be held on Sunday mornings after the 10AM Mass in St. Romuald Chapel (in the “L”). The talks will be given by our parish seminarians Stephen Battey and Dan Mahoney. Stephen did a great job last weekend, don’t miss out on the rest of the talks! Coffee An’ will be provided by our Parish Retreat Team.



Join us as we learn more about those who make “cameo” appearances in both the liturgy and our private praying throughout Advent.

2nd Sun of Advent (12/7) - John the Baptist • 3rd Sun of Advent (12/14) - Joseph • 4th Sun of Advent (12/21) - Mary



*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!*



There’s still time!  
Have you buried  
your musical talent?  
Hiding your musical gift  
under a basket?

We hear so many beautiful voices  
in the congregation and  
**we need YOU!**

Join in our evangelization  
through your gift of music!  
Make this the season you share your  
God given gift in our music ministry!

#### ADULT CHOIR ~

There’s still time to join us for  
our Christmas celebration!  
Rehearsals are Tuesday evenings  
7-8:30pm in the loft!

#### PRAISE! TEEN ENSEMBLE ~

Are you a singer or play an instrument?  
All high school age musicians welcome!  
Rehearsals are Sunday evenings at 5:30pm  
at Fr. Greenan Center.

CHILDREN’S CHOIR has begun! Still time  
to join! Ages 6-12, rehearsals are  
Wednesdays 5-6:15pm in the loft!

Questions? Call Mimi at 792-8301!

### Benefit Concert for Bishop Tobin’s ‘Keep the Heat On’ Program

On Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 3PM the Gregorian Concert Choir and Festival Orchestra will present a Concert entitled “**The Sounds of the Season**” in the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul in Providence. The Concert which will feature the music of Advent and Christmas will benefit Bishop Tobin’s “**Keep the Heat On**” campaign, which assists poor and low income families with utility expenses. Tickets for the Concert are \$10 per person and may be purchased by calling the Cathedral office at (401) 331-2434. (Tickets will also be available at the door on the day of the Concert).



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.