

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

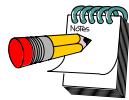
10:00am John J. Finan

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. Flanagan, 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

Contact Chris Fisher at cfisher@portsmouthabbey.org for any questions or additional information.



Religious Education

RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES

CLASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 7th

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

GRADE 7 (FGC)

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

GRADE 8 (FGC)

Monday, December 8th

7-8:30 Confirmation II (FGC)

Saint reflections ARE DUE today.

Wednesday, December 10th

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

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

Thursday, December 11th

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 14th. Gifts will be distributed the week of the 14th. 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 Taíze 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 14th 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).



FOR DECEMBER

Peanut butter & jelly,
juice, cereals. Holiday
foods: gravy (canned or
packages), canned
vegetables, pie filling,
pineapple.

Many thanks for your continued generosity.