OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 22

4:30pm Milton Kelley

Requested by family

Sunday, November 23

8:00am Teresa Martin

Req. by Thomas and Margaret Keenan

10:00am Patrice Munson

Requested by family

12:00NN Rose and Amadeo Tella Requested by family

Monday, November 24

7:00am Rev. Francis C. Cooney 11th Pastor—21st Anniversary

Tuesday, November 25

7:00am Special Intention

Requested by Jim and Susan Meehan

Wednesday, November 26

7:00am Rev. Michael L. Ryan 7th Pastor—62nd Anniversary

THANKSGIVING

Thursday, November 27

9:00am Mass for the People

Friday, November 28

7:00am Betty Goodwin

Requested by daughter Kathy Cawley

Saturday, November 29

4:30pm Ronald W. Anderson Requested by family

Sunday, November 30

8:00am Owen & Maureen Rielly Requested by family

10:00am Thomas S. Hogan

Requested by family

12:00nn Rev. William J. McCombe *1st Pastor—116th Anniversary*

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St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, November 23

10:00am Paul Schmidt

Req. by Jean and Roger Fenaughty

Sunday, November 30

10:00am Jane McLaughlin Requested by family



For Your Information

PARISH SUPPORT

Parish support for November 16th was Budget—\$8,082; Ongoing Maintenance—\$1,651. This weekend's second offering is the annual Campaign for Human Development collection. Thank you for your continued generosity.

SANCTUARY LAMPS

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Marion and Emery Bragdon. The sanctuary lamp at St. Romuald Chapel burns for a special intention.

CEMETERY GATEKEEPERS NEEDED

St. Francis Cemetery is in need of people who will be willing to close the gate at night. If you are interested in helping in this ministry, please call the Cemetery Office at 782-2711.

FOOD OF THE MONTH

For the month of November: cereal, macaroni & cheese and soup. Thank you.

ADVENT WREATH WORKSHOP

Make your family Advent Wreath, enjoy the company of fellow parishioners and learn about our Advent traditions!

Where: Fr. Greenan Center When: Sunday, November 30th

Time: 1:00-3:00PM

Cost: \$12 / Advent Wreath Kit

Pick up a registration form in the church or call the Religious Education Office in advance. Bring work gloves and clippers. Please join us for this enjoyable family preparation for Advent.

Drinks will be provided; you are invited to bring a snack to share.



GIVING TREE

Next Sunday, November 30th is the first Sunday of Advent and our Giving trees will be placed in St. Francis and St. Romuald that weekend. 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!



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Envelopes will be placed at the entrances of the church and chapel next weekend for those who'd like to donate toward Christmas flowers for our altars in memory of a loved one.

NOVEMBER 23, 2014

From the Pastor

The liturgical year ends this week and next Sunday we begin anew. I have been meeting with the confirmation I students by classes; three down and three to go. It's been good to talk with the young people, even though sometimes the group chemistry makes conversation a bit challenging! I want to take this opportunity to pay tribute to all our religion teachers for the sacrifice of their time and energy to provide catechesis to all the children and youth of the parish.

First comes evangelization: we hear the good news of Christ and are converted to him. Then follows catechesis: we learn about the content of the Catholic faith that has developed over the centuries under the guidance of God the Holy Spirit. For some centuries, people in the Western world lived in a society that called itself Christian: the faith was taken for granted as part of our heritage and the Church was free to engage in the further effort of catechesis. Information and an outline of the intellectual content of religion were imparted through catechisms, faith being presumed.

Now we are in a different situation: we do not live in a society permeated by Catholicism or indeed any form of Christianity. So are we trying to catechize people who have never been evangelized? We hope that, having received the catechesis, people will someday come to personal faith. In the meantime, we are grateful to the women and men who are teachers, directors and coordinators of our religion programs and pledge to lend them all the support they need to carry on the Lord's work of catechesis.

Fr. Bodah

HAPPY THANKSGIVING



from The South Kingstown ELKS— LODGE #1899 60 Belmont Ave., Wakefield, R.I.

The Elks will be serving a

FREE THANKSGIVING DINNER

for all who wish to join them!

THIS IS NOT BASED ON NEED OR CHARITY. IT IS FOR ANY AND ALL WHO WOULD LIKE TO HAVE DINNER WITH THEM.

Please call 783-7819 to let them know how many are coming. If you need a ride or if you need your dinner delivered.

Let us come before him with thanksgiving. ${}^{\sim}$ PSALM 95:2



Religious Education

RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES CLASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 23rd

8:50-9:50am GRADES 1 & 2 (FGC) 8:50-9:50am GRADE 7 (FGC) 10:50-11:50am GRADES 3-6 (FGC)

10:50-11:50am GRADE 8 (FGC)

Monday, November 24th 7-8:30 Confirmation II (FGC)

Wednesday, November 26th NO CLASS Grades 3-8



This Week

Sunday, November 23 7:00pm AA (HBH)

Monday, November 24

7:30-12N Adoration (SF)

7-8:30pm Conf. II Class—(FGC)

Tuesday, November 25

7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (loft)

THANKSGIVING

Thursday, November 27

9:00AM Mass at St. Francis Church-From our table to yours: join us for Mass and take home a loaf of fresh baked and blessed bread to place on your family table this Thanksgiving.

Friday, November 28

10-12nn Buy Nothing Day-Winter Coat Exchange (HBH)

ALL PARISH OFFICES THANKSGIVING & FRIDAY November 27th & 28th

COMMUNITY PET FOOD PANTRY

Dry pet food donations of all kinds and sizes are being collected by the Animal Rescue League of Southern Rhode Island for its Community Pet Food Pantry. The ARLSRI assists pet owners in need, providing over 35,000 pet meals each year. The ARLSRI is a private, non-profit, "No Lill" about the page of palls a four in New England Kill" shelter-one of only a few in New England where no animal is ever euthanized because of time, space, breed or ethically treatable medical or behavioral issues. If you share their passion for animals and for helping families in need, please drop off your pet food donations during regular shelter hours: M-Th, 11-6; Fri&Sat, 11-5; Sun 12-4. Questions call 401-360-8009 or email programsarl@verizon.net.

Response to NET Ministries Retreat...

On November 8th & 9Th our Confirmation candidates attended retreats led by NET Ministries. NET is a national organization of young adults that commit a year of their lives to spreading the Good News of Christ to middle and high school students. Their level on energy and passion for their faith is infectious! Here are a few reflections that our teens had after their retreat.

- My feelings about the retreat surprised me. It was pleasantly enjoyable.
- I felt closer and more engaged in my faith.
- I found that God will always forgive you and I also learned that good things can come from suffering.
- I learned that suffering doesn't have the last word, Jesus does. He provides hope and protection for anybody who
- I learned that I need to trust in God and have hope in Him. St. Francis is a generous parish! The NET team was thankful for the Corner, Duhamel, Gage, Grimes, and Skokowski families for opening their homes to provide food and shelter during their stay in South County.

Diocese of Providence Announces the 2015 Year of Consecrated Life Opening Event: Sunday, December 7, 2014 at 4:00pm

St. Pius V Parish, Providence

Bishop Tobin will preside and Brother Mark Hilton, SC will offer a brief reflection. A light reception will follow in the church hall immediately after the Prayer Service. All the faithful are invited. (This event will NOT feature the celebration of Mass)

PROUT SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAM

If you are interested in attending The Prout School, the entrance exam for prospective students will be administered on December 6 or December 13 at 8:30am at Prout. You must take the entrance exam at Prout to qualify for admission scholarships. Please register on-line for the exam by going to the application link on the Prout website at the proutschool.org. If you have any questions, please call Kristen Need at 789-9262, Ext 515.

Monsignor Clarke School Holiday Shopping Christmas Festival December 7th, 9am-3pm



OVER VENDORS AND 70

ARTISTS! One stop shopping with many different gifts to buy! OVER \$3,000 IN RAFFLE PRIZES Get all your Holiday Shopping Done at Msgr. Clarke School. Hope to see you there! Msgr. Matthew F. Clarke Regional Catholic School in Wakefield.

You are invited...

Throughout Advent, join us as we reflect on the major characters of this holy of preparation. season



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, and 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.

- 1st Sun of Advent (11/30) Prophet Isaiah
- 2nd Sun of Advent (12/7) John the Baptist
- 3rd Sun of Advent (12/14) Joseph
- 4th Sun of Advent (12/21) Mary



Bus Trip to LaSalette Shrine

All are invited to join in an upcoming bus trip sponsored by the St. Francis Women's Club to the 2014 Christmas Festival of Lights at LaSalette Shrine.

Date: Thursday, December 4, 2014 Departure: Bus leaves Church lot at 4:30pm Return: Bus departs Shrine for home at 7:15pm

Cost: \$7 per person

Reservation forms and liability waivers are at all church and chapel entrances. Completed forms and fees may be returned to the rectory or placed in the collection basket no later than Tuesday, November 25th. Reservations will be recorded in the order received. We are limited to 52 people. For questions call Kathleen Puchalla at 783-1132.



18th Annual **BUY NOTHING DAY** WINTER COAT **EXCHANGE**

Friday, November 10am-12nn in Helen Bouchard Hall. If you have a coat to give, please drop it off. If you need a coat, please pick one up.



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