

# OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, November 23

4:30pm Mass for the People

### Sunday, November 24

8:00am Rev. Francis C. Cooney

*20th Anniversary—11th Pastor of St. Francis*

10:00am Michael A. Savokinas

*Requested by Conforti family*

12:00NN Amadeo and Rose Tella

*Requested by family*

### Monday, November 25

7:00am David Morales

*Requested by The Kehoe family*

### Tuesday, November 26

7:00am Rev. Michael L. Ryan

*61st Anniversary-7th Pastor of St. Francis*

### Wednesday, November 27

7:00am Betty Goodwin

*Requested by daughter Kathy Cawley*

## THANKSGIVING

### Thursday, November 28

9:00am Mass for the People

### Friday, November 29

7:00am Mass for the People

### Saturday, November 30

4:30pm Rev. William J. McCombe

*115th Anniversary—1st Pastor of St. Francis*

### Sunday, December 1

8:00am John and Angelina Vieira

*Requested by family*

10:00am Mary and Nelson Burke

*Requested by family*

12:00NN Mass for the People



## St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

### Sunday, November 24

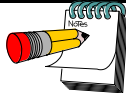
10:00am Grace and John Carpinelli

*Requested by family*

### Sunday, December 1

10:00am Owen and Maureen Rielly

*Requested by family*



## For Your Information

### SANCTUARY LAMP

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 in memory of Constance Andrews.

### FOOD OF THE MONTH FOR DECEMBER

Cereal, peanut butter and jelly, pancake mix, cocoa. As always, thank you for your continued generosity to those in need.



## HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING!!

It's time again to rehearse  
for the Christmas Eve 4:30pm Mass!

All boys & girls  
ages 6-12 yrs. old are invited!

This year rehearsals will be  
Wednesdays in the choir-loft from  
5:00-6:15p.m. on: December 4th;  
December 11th & December 18th.

Practice CD's will be ready for pick-  
up the weekend of November 23/24. Make this the year  
you give Choir a try! It's easy and fun! Any questions,  
feel free to call Mimi Battey @ 792-8301.

**GLORY TO THE NEWBORN KING!**

### SOUNDS OF THE SEASON

On Sunday, December 8th at 3pm the Gregorian Concert Choir and Festival Orchestra will present a concert entitled, "The Sounds of the Season" in the Cathedral of Ss. Peter and Paul, Providence to benefit Bishop Tobin's "Keep the Heat On" fund which assists the 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 331-2434. Tickets will also be available at the door on the day of the concert. *A reception will follow in Cathedral Hall.*

## PARISH SUPPORT— November 17

### Weekly Support

		November 17
Budget envelopes used (384)	-	\$ 8,486.25
Loose Donations	-	\$ 1,298.00
Online Giving (# of donors 31)	-	\$ 753.00
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$ 10,537.25</b>

This weekend's second offering is the Campaign for Human Development offering. Next weekend's second offering will be the Monthly offering for December.  
**As always, thank you for your continued generosity.**

NOVEMBER 24, 2013

## From the Pastor...

This week we celebrate what is undoubtedly a favorite holiday for many people, **Thanksgiving**. As individuals and as a country, we pause to thank God for the many blessings that we have received. Why not begin your Thanksgiving celebration by joining us for a **9:00 AM Mass of Thanksgiving in St. Francis Church**. We will bless loaves of bread that will be distributed at the end of Mass. The word *Eucharist* is from the Greek for *giving thanks* – what better way could we have to give thanks to God than to celebrate the Eucharist as a parish community. Also, as a means of sharing our blessings with those who are in need, we will have a special collection at the Thanksgiving Day Mass to benefit the diocesan Keep the Heat On fund. There will be no envelope for this collection, so you can simply place your loose donation in the basket on Thanksgiving Day.

Speaking of giving thanks, I want to express gratitude to **Anthony Rossi** and all who assisted him in any way to prepare and serve last week's **Pasta Dinner**. Anthony again delighted us with his fine Italian cuisine! The pasta was *al dente* and the meatballs were outstanding. **Thanks for a job very well done!!**

After celebrating Thanksgiving and perhaps a little "Black Friday" shopping, don't forget to be here on **Saturday morning** between 8 AM and 1 PM for the **Women's Club Christmas Bazaar**. The ladies have been working hard to make it a great event. The Bazaar is a good opportunity to pick up some handcrafted items and Christmas decorations. Don't miss it.

Next week we will begin the **Season of Advent** to prepare spiritually for the great **Feast of Christmas**. It is a hectic time of year with shopping, decorating, entertaining and being entertained, but we must not lose sight of the spiritual significance of the season. I hope that every parishioner will make some special effort to observe the season with prayer, perhaps taking a few moments for a daily reflection based upon the **Advent Booklets** that we are making available. You could set the mood in your home by having an **Advent Wreath** – the **Advent Wreath Workshop** will be offered next Sunday afternoon in Father Greenan Center. In spite of the busyness of this season, Advent can provide a beautiful opportunity for reflection and prayer – let's all make an effort to take advantage of it.

Msgr. Theroux



Wishing you and your families a  
happy and blessed Thanksgiving!



## Religious Education

### CLASS SCHEDULE

#### **Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>**

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

9:50-10:50am GRADE K (HBH)

10:50-11:50am GRADES 3-5 (FGC)  
GRADE 6 (HBH)

Noon Mass – Youth Mass

#### **Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup>**

7-8:30 Confirmation I (FGC)

#### **Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>**

NO CLASS Grades 3-6 and 7&8



## This Week

#### **Sunday, November 24**

Religious Ed. Classes see above

5:30pm PRAISE! Rehearsal (FGC)

7:00pm AA (HBH)

#### **Monday, November 25**

7:00pm Confirmation I Class (FGC)

#### **Tuesday, November 26**

9am-1pm Women's Club Greens  
Basket Assembly

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (loft)

#### **Wednesday, November 27**

NO Religious Ed Classes

#### **Thursday, November 28**

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

#### **Friday, November 29**

All Parish Offices Closed.

10:00am-12:00pm Buy Nothing Coat  
Exchange (HBH)

#### **Saturday, November 30**

8:00am—1:00pm St. Women's Club  
Christmas Bazaar at  
Father Greenan Center

*"If we let Christ reign in our soul, we will not become authoritarian. Rather we will serve everyone. How I like that word: service! To serve my king and, through him, all those who have been redeemed by his blood. I really wish we Christians knew how to serve, for only by serving can we know and love Christ and make him known and loved."*

~ Josemaria Escriva

*Christ is Passing By, 182*



St. Francis of Assisi Women's Club

## Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, November 30th

8AM - 1 PM

Father Greenan Parish Center

High Street, Wakefield

Featuring many

Crafters, large & small gift raffles, gifts, gift baskets,  
Christmas greens, decorations, Kay-Dee gifts,  
pastries & lunch

Children's Area, face painting, craft activities



MSGR. CLARKE SCHOOL

## Christmas Festival

*Something special for everyone on your Christmas list*

December 8  
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

5074 Tower Hill Rd. Wakefield, RI

No admission fee

\* BAKED GOODS \* GREENS & WREATHS \* QUILTS \* GOURMET NUTS \*  
\* 18" DOLL CLOTHING \* HOMEMADE FUDGE \* GOURMET APPLES \*  
\* HANDMADE LOLLIPOPS \* HERBAL MIXES & OILS \* HAND-CRAFTED  
WOODEN GIFTS \* APRONS \* LOTIONS \* KNITTED & CROCHETED ITEMS  
\* CHILDREN'S AREA & GAMES \* PHOTOS WITH SANTA \* GIFT BASKETS \*  
FOOD \* RAFFLES...AND MORE.

### BUY NOTHING DAY WINTER COAT EXCHANGE!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER  
29<sup>th</sup> 10:00AM—12:00PM  
in Helen Bouchard Hall.

St. Francis Church, 114  
High Street, Wakefield  
~ If you have a coat to  
give, please drop it off. ~  
If you need a coat, please pick one up.



### Giving Tree

Next Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> is  
the first Sunday of Advent and  
our Giving trees will be placed  
in St. Francis and St.  
Romuald's 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 under the tree, no  
later than **Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**. Gifts will be  
distributed the week of the 15<sup>th</sup>.

### Advent Wreath Workshop

Where: Fr. Greenan Center

When: Sunday, December 1st

Time: 1:00-3:00PM

Cost: \$12 / Advent Wreath Kit

Bring work gloves and clippers.

Please join us for this enjoyable  
family preparation for Advent.

Refreshments will be provided.



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

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