

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Mass Intentions

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

Monday, December 1

7:00am Mass for the People

Tuesday, December 2

7:00am Rev. Robert A. Allaire
13th Pastor—10th Anniversary

Wednesday, December 3

7:00am Walter DiPrete
Requested by Dolores DiPrete

Thursday, December 4

7:00am Gloria Carney
Requested by Jeff and Kathleen

Friday, December 5

7:00am Joseph Costanza
Requested by family

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



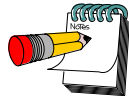
St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, November 30

10:00am Jane McLaughlin
Requested by family

Sunday, December 7

10:00am John J. Finan
Requested by the Hood family



For Your Information

PARISH SUPPORT

Parish support for November 23rd and November 30th will be printed in next weekend's bulletin. Due to the holiday printing schedule, the bulletin was transmitted prior to the actual collections being taken up. Next weekend's second offering will be the Monthly Offering for December. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

SANCTUARY LAMPS

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Gloria Carney. The sanctuary lamp at St. Romuald Chapel burns for a special intention.

PARISH SURVEY

Last weekend the parish participated in a parish survey to help us get a baseline on how we can all do our part to become a more warm and welcoming parish. We hope you've spent some time reflecting on what you can do. Postcards will be going out to all registered households within the next week encouraging parishioners who have not already filled out a survey to do so. Because the surveys can be anonymously returned, some of you may have already filled out a survey when you get your postcard in the mail. Just ignore it in that case. If you were NOT here to fill out the survey but would like to participate, the survey can be downloaded from the parish website at www.stfranciswakefield.com/survey or we'll be happy to email you one or send one to your home address. Simply call the office at 401-783-4411 and we'll get one right out to you.

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.

PARISH RECEIVES LETTER OF THANKS

Fr. Robert Perron, Director of The Society for The Propagation of the Faith sent Fr. Bodah a letter of appreciation for the parish's generous World Mission Sunday contribution of \$3,080.50. If you'd like to learn more about the missions visit: www.onefamilyinmission.org and see how your gift of prayer and treasure are helping our brothers and sisters in need.

SOCIAL OUTREACH COMMITTEE THANKS YOU

The Social Outreach Committee would like to thank our parish family for the tremendous response to our recent Thanksgiving Food Drive. Because of your generosity we collected over 1,000 pounds of food in two weekends! The Jonnycake Center of Peace Dale will use our food donations to feed hundreds of families and individuals during the holidays. Our faith reminds us that the greatest blessing comes in sharing what we have with others. Thank you again for your continued generosity.

PROUT SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAM

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 theproutschool.org. If you have any questions, please call Kristen Need at 789-9262, Ext 515.

NOVEMBER 30, 2014



Giving Tree

The Giving Tree has been a tradition here at St. Francis of Assisi and St. Romuald for many years. On the first weekend of Advent a Christmas tree is placed in the back of the church and chapel. It is decorated with colorful tags. Each tag asks for a variety of gifts; it may ask for a toy for a child of a certain

age, or it may ask for a game for the family, or perhaps a gift card for the teenager in the household. You are invited to choose a tag, purchase the item and return it, unwrapped, beneath the tree the following week.

Once the gifts are returned, they are sorted by age and gender and placed on several tables in the lower church turning the hall into a Santa's workshop that rivals the one at the North Pole.

Who receives the gifts? This is the third year that St. Francis has reached out to those families who have called upon our Diocesan Office of Community Services (located in the lower church). The office services families from South County and the surrounding area who are struggling to make ends meet. Those families are contacted and asked if they have children in the home under the age of 18 and if so, do they need help with providing Christmas gifts for their children? A few people politely decline the offer but many say 'yes' and are very grateful and surprised that we called.

Next, an appointment is made to come and pick out the gifts. When the parent(s) arrive in the lower church they are invited to shop for their children.

Last year, Christmas 2013, your generosity helped provide Christmas gifts for more than 50 families, over 135 children!

So look for the Giving Tree this weekend and next. Take a tag. ... Choose a gift. ...Return it "unwrapped" by December 14th.

Know that you have helped a grateful parent and put a smile on their child's face this Christmas!

Barbette Cullen

You are invited...

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



Religious Education

RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES

Sunday, November 30th

NO SUNDAY CLASSES

Monday, December 1st

7-8:30PM Confirmation I (FGC)
Catholic High School students
attendance required

Wednesday, December 3rd

4:00-5:00PM Grades 3-6 (FGC)
7-8:15PM Grades 7 & 8 (FGC)

First Reconciliation Retreat is this Saturday, December 6th from 9-12 noon. All students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.



This Week

Sunday, November 30

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

7:00pm AA (HBH)

Monday, December 1

7:30-12N Adoration (SF)

7-8:30pm Conf. I Class—(FGC)

Tuesday, December 2

7:45am Finance Council Mtg. (MCCR)

6:00pm Social Outreach Mtg. (FGC)

7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (loft)

Wednesday, December 3

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

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

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

7-8:30pm RCIA (MCCR)

Thursday, December 4

2:00pm Mass at Scallop Shell N&R

2-6pm Light Up a Life Hospice
Ceremony (FGC)

4:30-8:30pm LaSalette Trip

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

First Friday, December 5

4:30pm First Friday Holy Hour (church)

Saturday, December 6

9-12pm First Reconciliation Retreat

Helen Bouchard Hall &

Fr. Greenan Parish Center



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: **TODAY**, 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.

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 (consecrated, clergy, and laity) are invited.

(This event will NOT feature the celebration of Mass)



GIVING TREE

Giving Trees have been placed in St. Francis Church and St. Romuald Chapel. 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!

Family Liturgy:

The Season of Advent

Please join us next Sunday, December 7, at the 10AM Mass in Saint Francis Church for our monthly Family Liturgy. In a special homily geared toward the children, we will explore the principal symbol of this season,



the Advent Wreath. Since Advent is the season that prepares us for Christmas, we will also talk about the important guest we will be welcoming in just a few weeks (Hint: the only guest on his way isn't Santa!)...

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).

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 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.

Msgr. Clarke School Holiday Shopping Christmas Festival December 7th, 9-3



OVER 70 VENDORS AND 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.