

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 1

4:30 †Robert & Concetta Wilson

Sunday, December 2

8:00am †Gloria Carney

Requested by Jeff & Kathleen Carney

10:00am †Ron Anderson

Requested by Family

12:00nn Mass for the People

Monday, December 3

7:00am †James DeLuca, Sr.

Requested by Family

Tuesday, December 4

7:00am †Rev. Robert A. Allaire

13th Pastor

(14th Anniversary Remembrance)

Thursday, December 6

7:00am †Kathryn Beaudreau

Requested by Family

Friday, December 7

7:00am †Tom & Rita O'Rourke & Warren

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Requested by Family



Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30am Mass for the People

Saturday, December 8

4:30 †Clara Latowski

Requested by Family

Sunday, December 9

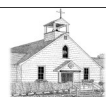
8:00am †Joseph Costanza

Requested by Family

10:00am †Hazel Cayer

Requested by Lisa Bowen

12:00nn



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 2

10:00am †Roger Fenaughty

Requested by Family

Friday, December 7

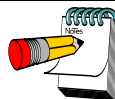
Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Vigil)

6:30pm Mass for the People

Sunday, December 9

10:00am †Annie Cooney

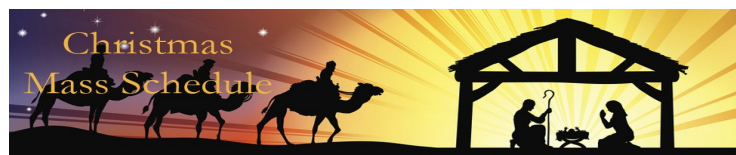
Requested by Steve & Jacki Hunt



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Gloria Carney.



Christmas Eve Mass Schedule

Monday, December 24

(At St. Francis Church)

4:30pm and 10:00pm

(At St. Romuald Chapel)

5:30pm



Christmas Day Mass Schedule

Tuesday, December 25

(At St. Francis Church)

9:00am & 11:00am

(At St. Romuald Chapel)

10:00am

(The Parish Offices will be closed Tuesday, Dec. 25 & Wednesday, Dec. 26)



GRATEFUL
for God's Providence
CELEBRATING 150 YEARS
Diocese of Providence

St. Francis of Assisi Campaign Goal: \$626,135.00

Pledged through 11/26/18: 752,945.00

Percentage of Goal: 120%

Registered Family Count: 1,709; Donor Count: 204

Average Gift: \$3,609.91

PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (225)	-	\$5,518.00
Loose Donations	-	\$1,269.00
Online Giving (# of donors-62)	-	\$2,186.00
Total Budget	-	\$8,973.00

Second Collection (Campaign for Human Development)

Budget envelopes used (132)	-	\$1,485.00
Loose Donations	-	\$369.00
Total	-	\$1,854.00

Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (210)	-	\$5,403.00
Loose Donations	-	\$1,248.00
Online Giving (# of donors-54)	-	\$1,586.00
Total Budget	-	\$8,237.00

There is no second collection this week. Next week's second collection is the Monthly Collection.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

From the Pastor,

As we begin a new liturgical year, I can finally get around to last year's financial report, included in this week's bulletin. The insert is a bare summary: the actual report is 17 pages long, plus a 3-page one for the cemetery. These reports cover the fiscal year from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

As you can see, thanks to the loyal support of many of you, our income from weekend collections was up \$9,000 compared to the year before. Our investments did well and you can see an increase of just over \$4,000. Of course, this depends on how the stock market is doing.

We were blessed also in our expenses. I'm sorry that I cannot break things down more specifically for you. For example, the parish office building and the rectory share the same boiler, air-conditioning system, electrical meters, etc. So I can't tell how much electricity is used by me in the rectory and how much is used by the staff in the office. This condensed report also doesn't show how much of "church" expenses include salaries; obviously, my salary is not included in the \$22,000 for "rectory" expenses.

In any case, for the last fiscal year, our income exceeded our expenses enough to put something aside for the proverbial rainy day.

In the present fiscal year, we have had several "rainy days." We needed a complete new air-conditioning/heating system in the lower church that cost approximately \$27,000 and at the chapel, we've had to replace a burner in the heating system, and the organ needed repairs: we went two weekends without it. Sooner or later, the air-conditioning compressor for the upper church will have to be replaced. But we'll worry about that when the day comes. In the meantime, we continue to try to keep expenses down.

May the Lord bless all of you who continue to support the parish financially and who give a percentage of your income as a thank-offering to Him.

Fr. Bodah



Like many Americans, religious communities face rising retirement and health-care costs and often struggle to provide for elderly members. Please support the upcoming Retirement Fund for Religious collection at Mass next weekend.

Learn more at retiredreligious.org.

As part of our online evangelization efforts, we at the Diocese of Providence are launching a new series on our YouTube page entitled "**Seek and Find**," which will air bi-weekly and cover a multitude of topics (from church fathers and parish evangelization to sacraments, moral issues, vocational discernment and faith and science) given by priests, religious, and lay faithful.

So far, we only have one video which was just posted: (Fr. Adam Young on Parish Evangelization, viewable at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?list=PLWAPfcIkk8g3AKlcWjMBRBEGY5-o1DQJw>),



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Sunday, December 2nd

8:55-9:50am GRADES K-6 (FGC)

8:50-9:50am GRADES 7& 8 Parish Offices

10:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word during Mass

Monday, December 3rd

First Reconciliation for our First Eucharist students and their families at 6pm in the church.

Wednesday, December 5th

4:15-5:15pm Grades 3-6 (FGC)

7:00-8:15pm Grades 7&8 (FGC)

Advent Wreath Workshop



Join us for a great family event as we prepare ourselves for Christmas this Sunday, December 2nd from 1-2:30pm in Fr. Greenan Parish Center. Bring garden gloves, hand clippers and a desert to share. We will provide the kit and greens to build your wreath.

Beverages will be provided. Bring a snack to share. Cost is \$12 per wreath.

December High School Confirmation Gathering

Next Sunday, December 9th from 7-8:30pm we will be preparing Christmas cookies in Fr. Greenan

Center that will be distributed to families in our parish and local community. We are in need of eight parents to help with this event. If you can help, call or email the religious education office.



Advent is a special time of year to acquire peace and joy. A special mediator of these graces is our Blessed Mother Mary. This Sunday, December 2nd after the 8am Mass in Helen Bouchard Hall parishioners are invited to view a 30 minute video introducing a program called *Rejoice! Advent Meditations with Mary* to help us prepare for Jesus' birth as Mary did. Directions to receive supplemental materials will be given at that time.

Visit rejoiceprogram.com for more details.

This Week

Monday, December 3

7:30am Adoration (SF)

Tuesday, December 4

7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Thursday, December 6

7:00pm Prayer Shawl Meeting (Rectory)

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (↓FGC)

7:00pm RCIA (Rectory)

Thursday, December 7

7:00pm Parenting Group (FGC)



FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Christmas is quickly approaching so how about joining us as we visit The LaSalette Shrine in Attleboro Mass in order to enjoy the quietness and holiness of the season.



Thursday, December 13, 2018, we will be boarding a bus to take us to see this beautiful Shrine and light show. The bus will leave promptly from the church parking lot at 4:30 pm and return at 8:30 pm. The cost will be \$15 per person and it is based on a first come first serve basis as the bus holds only 49 people. If interested in attending, please clip and fill out the form below completely (you may place this with your payment in the collection basket).

Thank you and if you have any questions please contact Kerry Villanis at (401) 743-9616 or kav3@cox.net.



CLIP & FILL OUT FORM & RETURN WITH PAYMENT

Name: _____

Number of People Attending: _____

Payment Amount (\$15 per person): _____

Contact Phone Number: _____



**The next Glorify is on a
new night at a Providence location
Thursday, December 6, 2018
at St. Thomas Church
65 Fruit Hill Avenue
Providence**

7:00 - 9:00 pm

Glorify includes live Praise and Worship Music, a video and presentation with Josh Santos, Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction, and an opportunity for Reconciliation.

The evening concludes with a social.

For more information, please contact us at
401-278-4626 or
youthministry@dioceseofprovidence.org

THE GIVING TREE

This Sunday, is the first Sunday of Advent and our Giving trees have been 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 16th***.



Gifts will be distributed on ***Monday, December 17th and Tuesday, December 18th***. Thank you.

MONSIGNOR CLARKE SCHOOL'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL Sunday, December 2nd 9am-3pm

Bring your walking shoes because there is a lot to see while you support the PTO's biggest fundraiser of the year! Gift Basket Sale, Book Fair, Raffles including Themed baskets, Food, Lots of Vendors, Visits with Santa and Kids Games and Activities.

Luke Meyer, a Confirmation candidate who is living in Mexico for this year, would like to collect Dr. Seuss



book's for children in his Mexican town. These books would be used in the Yucatan school system where many of the students are Mayan and very poor. The books can be new or gently used. The simpler Dr. Seuss books work best, as the level of English of the students is low. Boxes will be placed at the entrances to the church/chapel. Donations need to be in by December 23rd. Thank you very much for your donations!