

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 22

4:30pm †Fred Robinson
(5th Anniversary Remembrance)
Requested by Family

Sunday, December 23

8:00am †Fredrick Galiani
Requested by Daughter, Rosemary
10:00am †Bryan Maguire
Requested by Family
12:00nn †Rachel Passero & Jeanne Henthorn
Requested by Family



Monday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)

4:30pm Mass for the People
10:00pm For all those names listed on
the Christmas Flower Offering Envelopes

Tuesday, December 25 (Christmas Day)

9:00am †Kerri Bessette
Requested by Mom, Dad & Scott
11:00am †For the Members of the
Perpetual Mass Association

Thursday, December 27

7:00am †Judith Gardner
Requested by Mark & Laurie Friel

Friday, December 28

7:00am †Annie Cooney
Requested Mr. & Mrs. Richard Soltysiak

Saturday, December 29

4:30pm †Sylvia DeLuca
Requested by Rosina LaBesseur

Sunday, December 30

8:00am †Annie Cooney
Requested by The Social Outreach Committee
10:00am
12:00nn



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 23

10:00am †Mary Marchand
Requested by Gerri & Al Marsocci

Monday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)

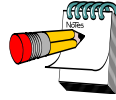
5:30pm †Annie Cooney

Tuesday, December 25 (Christmas Day)

10:00am Mass for the People

Sunday, December 30

10:00am †Madeline & Walter Johansen & Bob
Alarie
Requested by Jude



For Your Information



Father Bodah and the entire staff at St. Francis and St. Romuald would like to wish you and your families a very blessed Christmas and a happy New Year!

What is the true meaning of Christmas? (with Fr. Nathan Ricci)

Check out the 3rd episode of our **Seek & Find Series** here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xbBN6E40Ebs>



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

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

Pledged through 12/17/18: \$796,505.00

Percentage of Goal: 127%

Registered Family Count: 1,709; Donor Count: 234

Average Gift: \$3,403.87

PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly Support	December 16
Budget envelopes used (223)	\$5,729.50
Loose Donations	\$1,449.00
Online Giving (# of donors-61)	\$2,151.00
Total Budget	\$9,329.50
Second Collection (Ongoing Maintenance)	
Budget envelopes used (147)	\$1,861.00
Loose Donations	\$502.00
Total	\$2,363.00

There is no second collection this or next week.
As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

From the Pastor,

A couple of items of great news: First and foremost, I am happy to report that, thanks largely to the good efforts of Buzz Corner, the parish is well on its way to forming a local chapter of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. I was astounded that 30 people came to the first meeting, and at least 18 came to the latest gathering to be trained in the work of this important ministry. It is very gratifying to see such concern for others, especially for those in trouble, from the members of our parish. Buzz Corner has been chosen as president, Craig Marciniak as treasurer, Eve Sweeney as secretary, and Sister Marilyn Bergt CDP as spiritual adviser.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society takes calls from people in financial difficulty, goes to their residences and assesses their needs, and helps provide financial assistance. While not everyone can make this kind of commitment, we can all pitch in to help support this wonderful effort.

Another sign of hope for the future is the success of the diocesan "Grateful for God's Providence" campaign to fix the roof of the cathedral and to begin endowments for Catholic schools, seminary education, the priests' pension fund, and Catholic Charities. As of this writing, we have exceeded our goal of \$626,000 by over \$160,000. That means that 40% of the first number and 60% of the second will come back to our parish for needed projects on the church and chapel.

God bless all of you who have been able to express your support for the future of Catholicism in Rhode Island. There are reasons to be disappointed in the Church as an institution; I am grateful for those of you who have remained loyal to the faith in this time of trial for all of us. For those of you who still might want to show your support, it's not too late to jump into this effort and we have left envelopes in the pews for your use.

Fr. Bodah



**Steubenville
East Youth
Conference**

Registration for the 2019 Steubenville East Youth Conference to be held on July 12-14 at the UMass, Lowell Campus will open up in mid-January. Our teens get a lot out of this weekend, here are some of their reflections: "It was nothing like I expected. I felt so close and connected to God. I definitely feel like a stronger Catholic and I think as many people that have the option to come should." Each year we reserve spots for our teenagers who are currently 8-12th grade students. We are trying to get a feel for how many spots to reserve so if you are interested in participating, contact Emily Cuellar at youthministrystmsfa@gmail.com before January 13th. At this point, you are not under any obligation to attend.



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
CLASSES**

**No Classes - Merry Christmas!
No Children's Liturgy of the Word
Religious Education Office will be
closed for school vacation December 21st-
January 1st**



**Calling all shepherds,
angels and wise men...Children
in grades K-6 will
participate in our**

**annual Christmas pageant on Jan-
uary 6th at 11:00. If your child
is interested, please email or call
Mrs. Cullen at 792-8684. Re-
hearsals will be Friday, January
4th from 4:00-5:15 and Satur-
day, January 5th from 10:00-
11:00 in Fr. Greenan Center.**



Baked with love

At our last youth night on Sunday December 9th, our high school teens with the help of very capable adult volunteers baked an assortment of Christmas cookies for the elderly members of our parish community as well as the families who are serviced by the Giving Tree. Fr. Greenan Center was filled with energy and excitement as they prepared these scrumptious treats! Many people this Christmas will be touched by their care and concern for others in our community.

This Week

Monday, December 24

CHRISTMAS EVE-No 7am Mass & No Adoration



SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY

MOTHER OF GOD

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2019

MASS WILL BE HELD AT ST. FRANCIS AT 9:00AM

THANK YOU from Rhode Island Right to Life
A heartfelt thank you to St. Francis of Assisi Parish and all the generous parishioners who raised \$1,816.73 in our recent Baby Bottle Boomerang. Your generosity helps us continue providing pregnancy tests and ultrasounds throughout Rhode Island in our Ancora Women's Mobile Care Center, and stocking the shelves of our Maternity Hope Chest to serve mothers who have courageously chosen LIFE but need a helping hand caring for their precious little ones, whether it be diapers and wipes, clothing and blankets, bassinets and strollers, and many other must have items. May the Good Lord bless you many times over for your generosity.

We are glad that you are here with us this morning. Whether you moved here a while ago or are just here for a brief stay, we welcome you.



If you would like to become a part of this wonderful community, registering in the parish is a quick process that will take about five minutes over the phone (783-4411) or you can see Father Bodah after Mass to inquire about registering. Again, welcome and God bless!

DONATION OF A DVD PLAYER FOR OUR CONFERENCE ROOM

We are in need of a DVD Player for the conference room in the rectory. If anyone might have one that is no longer in use we would love your help! Thank you and God bless.



BABY SHOWER

The Social Outreach Committee is sponsoring the *Baby Shower 2019* for the month of January. Please bring unwrapped items such as diapers, toiletries, sleepers & toddler clothes. Please place donations at the entrance of the church and chapel. The agencies benefitting are: The Gabriel Project, The Pregnancy Center of Westerly, and Right to Life Services, Inc.

**NAMES OF LOVED ONES/
CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING**



Beginning this year the names of the loved ones written on the Christmas Offering Flower envelopes will be placed in a box on the altar at St. Francis Church. Those members will be remembered at the 10pm Mass on Christmas Eve. They will remain on the altar until the Feast of the Epiphany, January 6.

Luke Meyer, a Confirmation candidate who is living in Mexico for this year, would like to collect Dr. Seuss books 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 this Sunday, December 23rd**. Thank you very much for your donations!

VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for volunteers who might be willing to help wash/iron the church's altar linens. This would not require much work and would not be a weekly task. If you would consider helping with this ministry please call Jacki at the office, 401-783-4411.