

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH



Mass Intentions



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

Monday, December 31

7:00am †The Carney & Flynn Families

Requested by James & Kathleen Carney

Tuesday, January 1

New Year's Day

9:00am †For the Members of the Perpetual Mass Association

Thursday, January 3

7:00am Mass for the People

Friday, January 4

7:00am †Mary Fraenkel

Requested by Roger & Mary Grace Hood

Saturday, January 5

4:30pm †The Feeny & Robinson Families

Requested by Family

Sunday, January 6

8:00am †Sam & Mary Johnson

Requested by Family

10:00am

12:00nn



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 30

10:00am †Madeline & Walter Johansen &

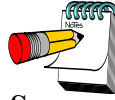
Bob Alarie

Requested by Jude

Sunday, January 6

10:00am †Annie Cooney

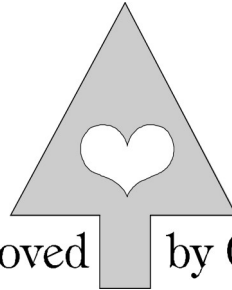
Requested by Jane Estes



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

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



Loved by God

Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. And so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And his commandment is this; we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us from the Spirit he gave us.—A reading from the first Letter of Saint John

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

Due to early transmittal the collection information for December 23 was not available. It will appear in a future bulletin.

There is no second collection this week. The second collection next week is the Monthly Collection.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

DECEMBER 30, 2018

From the Pastor,

Those of you who participated in the liturgy of Christmas heard how the rites are enhanced and solemnized by the gift of music. There is probably nothing that so sets the tone of worship as the music, and once again the importance of the Nativity of the Lord was impressed upon us by the performance (in the best sense of that word) of our music ministries. Both Tony Romeo at the church and Karen Graham at the chapel worked hard "behind the scenes" to ensure that the Christmas Masses were celebrated with due solemnity and joy.

Now it is my melancholy duty to inform the parish that Tony has decided to move on from us and his last day with us will be Sunday, January 13, the last day of the Christmas season. He has been such an asset to this ministry even before his official arrival and we wish him all the best in his new endeavor.

We have put out the word that we are looking for a new music director in as many places as we can think of. Karen Graham has been of invaluable help with this effort and we have to see what emerges and how many musicians would be looking for work at this time of year. We have to have someone first, who can play the organ; second, who can direct the choir; and third, who knows something about Catholic liturgy. In the meantime, our valiant parishioners, Karen Graham, Jen Bernard, Mark Castro, and other members of the music ministry will cover the bases till someone permanent can be found.

Please pray for the success of our search. St. Cecilia, pray for us!

Fr. Bodah

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!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
CLASSES

No Classes today

No Children's Liturgy of the Word

Wednesday, January 2nd

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

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

Friday, January 4th

4:00-5:15pm Christmas pageant rehearsal FGC

Saturday, January 5th

10:00-11:00am Christmas pageant rehearsal FGC



For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord. You will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.

All are invited to come to our annual St. Francis of Assisi's Christmas Pageant next Sunday, January 6th at 11:00AM in Fr. Greenan Center

Refreshments will be served. If you would like to provide a baked good please call the Rel. Ed. Office at 792-8684. Thank you!

This Week

Monday, December 31

7:30am Adoration (SF)

Tuesday, January 1

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Thursday, January 3

9:00-10:30am Staff Meeting (Parish office closed during this time)

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (↓FGC)

7:00pm RCIA (Rectory)



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.

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.

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.



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.

BROTHER JUNIPER

