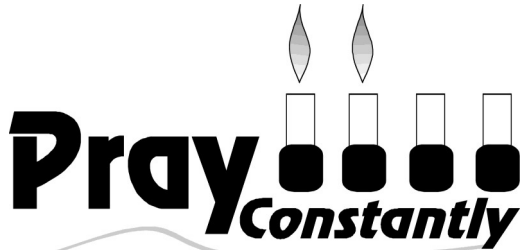


THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Mass Intentions



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

Monday, December 10

7:00am Mass for the People

Tuesday, December 11

7:00am †Tom McGair

Requested by Wife

Thursday, December 13

7:00am †Mike Noviello

Requested by a Friend

Friday, December 14

7:00am †Donald Dempsey

Requested by a Friend

Saturday, December 15

4:30 †Dagmar Pucella Pignataro

Requested by Family

Sunday, December 16

8:00am †James & Sarah Folcarelli

Requested by Family

10:00am †Hazel Cayer

Requested by Kim Taylor

12:00nn †Nicholas Duckworth

Requested by Family



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 9

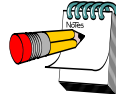
10:00am †Annie Cooney

Requested by Steve & Jacki Hunt

Sunday, December 16

10:00am †Anna Marinelli

Requested by Jane Estes & Family



For Your Information



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 Mon., Dec. 24 Tues., Dec. 25 & Wed., Dec. 26)



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

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

Pledged through 12/3/18: 776,095.00

Percentage of Goal: 124%

Registered Family Count: 1,709; Donor Count: 221

Average Gift: \$3,511.74

PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (213)	-	\$6,415.50
Loose Donations	-	\$1,189.00
Online Giving (# of donors-60)	-	\$1,956.00
Total Budget	-	\$9,560.50

Second Collection (Monthly Collection)

Budget envelopes used (122)	-	\$1,624.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 320.00
Total	-	\$1,944.00

The second collection this week is for the Retired Religious Fund. Next week's second collection is for Ongoing Maintenance

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

From Magnificat:

UNDER HER BLUE MANTLE
(BY MARYANN GENSLE)

I once read somewhere that every pregnancy is a miracle that fills us with awe, joy, and dread at the same time. A few weeks ago, a friend of mine gave birth to a long-anticipated, beautiful, and healthy baby boy. Full of gratitude for the gift of her son, she was deeply scandalized when just a few days after their arrival home she found herself overwhelmed with sadness. I remember well having the same experience after the birth of each of my children—especially my firstborn son. Several times a day I would sit rocking and nursing him, weeping uncontrollably. Witnessing this, my husband asked me what was wrong. Through my tears, I expressed to him that my sadness brought forth the awareness that I would be unable to meet the needs of the life that was entrusted to us and that his destiny did not belong to us.

Certainly our Lady must have experienced this. Looking down at that dear beautiful baby, she knew: he was flesh and blood and he would suffer. She could comfort him, but she could not take away his pain. There were times when—like all babies—he would cry inconsolably, and she would too. There is nothing that she has not felt, touched, heard, or experienced—other than sin—like any other mother in history. So, it is with this confidence that we can all stand in front of her, and under her blue mantle. Our Lady of Consolation, pray for us.

Mary Gensler is from Southold, N.Y. She has been married for twenty-nine years and has six children. She is currently the executive director of an outreach program for the homeless.



Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests need your help. Years of serving for little or no pay have left a shortage of retirement funds. Your gift helps provide necessities such as medications and nursing care.

Please give to the Retirement Fund for Religious collection at Mass this weekend. <http://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.

Go to: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFhJ0ifWjFbAlju7vsHb-g>



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Sunday, December 9th

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

Grades 7 & 8 Parish Offices

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

7-8:30pm December High School Confirmation Gathering (FGC)

Wednesday, December 12th

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

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



Christmas Pageant



Calling all shepherds, angels, and wise men...If your child in grade K-6 would like to participate in our annual Christmas

pageant on January 6th at

11:00am please call Mrs. Cullen

at the Religious Education Office

at 792-8684. Rehearsal will be

Friday, January 4th from 4:00-

5:15pm and Saturday, January

5th from 10:00-11:00am in Fr. Greenan Center.



St. Thomas & St. Francis Youth Ministry

Youth Night

Topic of the Night:

Reason for the Season

**DEC 16
6PM-8PM**

**LIVE MUSIC - PRAYER - FOOD
YANKEE SWAP (\$5 VALUE)
UGLY SWEATER CONTEST
AGES 13-19**

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI - 128 HIGH ST. WAKEFIELD

For more information and questions email Emily at youthministrystmsfa@gmail.com

This Week

Monday, December 10

7:30am Adoration (SF)

Tuesday, December 11

6:00pm Children's Choir Rehearsal (Church)

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Church)

7:00pm SVD Meeting (HBH)

Thursday, December 13

9:00-10:30am Staff Meeting—Office will be closed during this time (Rectory)

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (↓FGC)

7:00pm RCIA (Rectory)



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. This 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: _____



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The St. Francis of Assisi Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is now official with officers chosen to serve, and help plan for our future assistance to those in need in our parish area. Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday night December 11th at 7pm in the basement of the church. *All interested parishioners are welcome as we pray, and discuss plans for training for home visits and fundraising.* Contact number: Buzz Corner 248-4324.

THE GIVING TREE

Our Giving Trees have been placed in St. Francis and St. Romuald. If you feel that you can share the gift of giving this Advent/Christmas season, take a tag from the tree (tag should be attached to the gift) and bring back your gift **unwrapped** and place it under the tree, ***no later than Sunday, December 16th***. ***Gift cards or cash donations should be placed in the offertory basket or dropped off at the rectory and not left under the tree.***



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

Just a reminder that there are inspirational **Catholic media CDs** available at the side entrance (parking lot side) in the main church and at the chapel. You will also find new CDs for the Season of Advent. Please be sure to take a moment to look them over.

ST. FRANCIS CEMETERY

Winter hours for the cemetery began on October 16 with hours being 8am to 4pm. We have niches available in our new columbarium. If you are interested in purchasing a plot or columbarium niche or have any questions or concerns please contact the Cemetery Manager, Carol McDole at 782-2711.



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 December 23rd. Thank you very much for your donations!