THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Francis Mass Intentions



Saturday, November 16 4:30pm †Mary & Nelson Burke

Requested by Family Sunday, November 17

8:00am †James Flynn

Requested by Kathleen & Jeff Carney 10:00am †The Palmiotto & Martiniavo Families

Requested by Family

12:00nn †William Merluzzo Requested by Mark & Diane Castro

Monday, November 18

7:00am Mass for the People

Tuesday, November 19 7:00am †Walter DiPrete

Requested by Family

Thursday, November 21

7:00am †Hung Ba Tran

Requested by Ann Galligan

Friday, November 22

7:00am †Rita & Tom O'Rourke & Warren Behie

Requested by Family

Saturday, November 23

4:30pm †Jeannette DeLuca

Requested by Family

Sunday, November 24

8:00am †Donald McCormack

Requested by Diane & Mark Castro

10:00am †Milton Kelley

Requested by Family

12:00nn †Rose & Amadeo Tella

Requested by Family

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Sunday, November 17

10:00am †Honorable James M. Geary, Jr. Requested by Jeanne & Dan Thompson

Sunday, November 24

10:00am †Owen & Maureen Rielly Requested by Family

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of James Flynn & at St. Romuald for Chad O'Brien.

Winter

Coat

Exchange

BUY NOTHING DAY COAT EXCHANGE

WHAT: Free coats and other winter clothing!

WHO: Anyone in need!



WHERE: St. Francis of Assisi Church (downstairs in Hellen Bouchard Hall)

CLOTHING DONATIONS: New & used adult coats, hats & sweatshirts in good, clean condition. Children's coats and sweaters. Please NO pants, shoes or t-shirts, no dirty or torn garments.

DONORS: Please drop off donations Monday through Wednesday (November 25-27) from 9am-3pm and Friday morning, November 29, downstairs in Helen Bouchard Hall at St. Francis Church. (No drop offs on Thanksgiving Day, November 28)



The collection information for the weekend of November 9/10 was not available at the time of transmittal. It will appear in next week's bulletin.

This week's second collection is the Monthly Collection. Next week's second collection is for the Campaign for Human Development.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

NOVEMBER 17, 2019

From the Pastor,

Here are some statistics I promised from last month's Pasta Dinner. Around 300 meals were served. The dinner itself realized a net profit of \$2,501.55; the raffle baskets, \$2,214.54; the grand raffle, 917.00. So the total profit for this gala affair was \$5,633.09. But the experience was priceless. It's always so great to see people gather as a community and enjoying comradery. Of course, none of this would be possible without a lot of work from the parish Events Committee, the cooks, the servers, the raffle assistants and the people who so generously offer to help clean up. God bless them every one!

Please don't forget that we're going to offer another Alpha course beginning in January. This is especially geared toward people who are questioning the value of Christian faith or who are searching for something to believe in, but it's also an excellent refresher course in basic Christianity for all those who want to work on developing their relationship with Christ. Many thanks to Deacon Dowd and the committee who are already well into the planning stage for this opportunity.

Are you retired? You might think of committing some time each week to adore Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Exposition of the Sacrament begins at the end of the 7 a.m. Mass on Thursdays and ends with Benediction at noon. The service of Benediction itself takes about 4 minutes, but everyone is welcome to come by the church at any time during the morning and spend a little while in peace and tranquility in the Eucharistic presence of the Lord. (There is no Exposition if a holiday falls on a Thursday or if there is a funeral that day.)

Fr. Bodah



Thanksgiving Mass, November 28, 2019 at 9:00am.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (401) 792-8684

Sunday, November 17th

8:55-9:50am Grades K-6 (FGC) 9:00am First Eucharist Parent Mtg. (HBH) 10:00am Mass Children's Liturgy of the Word

Wednesday, November 20th

4:15-5:15pm Grades 3-6 (FGC) **6:30-7:45pm** Grades 7th, 8th and 9th (FGC)

Thursday, November 21st

6:00pm Confirmation Rehearsal (church)



CONFIRMATION: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD

10:00am Confirmation with Most Reverend Robert C. Evans



Come and paint an ornament whether for a gift or to place on your family's tree!

Next Sunday, November 24th after the 8, 10 and noon Mass. All are invited to a Family Christ-

mas Paint Party in FGC. Hosted by Create! Color Art Studio. You may choose from over 20 styles of clay ornaments, as well as, other Christmas pottery. All supplies are provided. You may pay by cash or check during the event. Fundraiser: 15% of sales will benefit the St Vincent de Paul Society. Cost ranges from \$10-\$25. See flyer at the doors for more information.





Tuesday, November 19

7:38am Finance Council Meeting (MCCR)

6:30pm Bible Study (↓FGC)

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Church Loft)

7:00pm SVD Meeting (FGC)

Thursday, November 21

7:30am Adoration (Church)

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

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

7:00pm RCIA (Rectory)

Friday, November 22

7:00pm Parenting Group (FGC)



CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COLLECTION: WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 23/24

Next week our second collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than 46 million people in the United States live in poverty today. This collection supports programs that empower

people to identify and address obstacles as they work to make permanent and positive changes for their communities.

Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

CEMETERY GATE KEEPER NEEDED

We are in need of a volunteer Cemetery Gate Keeper to close the St. Francis Cemetery gate



on Thursday evenings. Winter closing time is 4pm. Summer closing time is 7pm. If you can help please call Bob Moniz, Cemetery Manager, at 782-2711.

ADVENT WREATH WORKSHOP

Join us for a great family event as we prepare ourselves for Christmas on Sunday, December 1st from 11am -1:30pm in Fr. Greenan Parish Center.



Bring garden gloves, hand clippers and a dessert to share. We will provide the kit and greens to build your wreath.

Beverages will be provided. Bring a snack to share. Cost is \$14 per wreath.

St. Vincent DePaul Society



Just a reminder that our St. Vincent de Paul chapter here at St. Francis needs your help. They ask your help by using their poor boxes located in the church and chapel so that they can assist those in need in

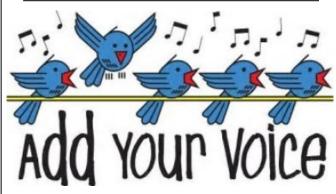
our area (Gift cards are accepted). Keep them in your prayers!

FOOD DONATIONS FOR THE JONNYCAKE CENTER: JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER



Please remember we are always in need of nonperishable food items (no glass or outdat-

ed items). Your donations may be placed in the baskets located at St. Francis or St. Romuald. These items will be donated to the Jonnycake Food Pantry in Peace Dale. Thank you for your generosity.



ATTENTION SAINT FRANCIS PARISHIONERS!!

We'd love to hear you lend your voices this Christmas Eve to the adult choir. Please consider rehearsing on Tuesday nights from 7-8:30pm in preparation for this special nighttime Mass. If you play an instrument, we'd love to have you as well! Middle and high school students, as well as adults of all ages, are cordially invited to join us in prayerful song. Contact Jen Bernard for more information. MartaCanta@gmail.com.

BISHOP HENDRICKEN OPEN HOUSE

Bishop Hendricken High School will hold an Open House on Sunday, November 24th from noon to 3:00pm. Information on admissions and financial aid as well as academics, college placement, athletic and extracurricular activities will be available. The entrance exam for prospective 8th, 9th or 10th grade students will be held on Saturday, December 7, 2019 at 8:30am. For more information please call the Admissions Office at 739-3450, ext. 162.