

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 19

4:30pm Annette (Calvitto) Kemery

Requested by family

Sunday, November 20

8:00am Robert Richard

Requested by the McGill family

10:00am Mary & Nelson Burke

Requested by family

12:00nn Mr. & Mrs. Edgar Cormier

Requested by Parish Family

Monday, November 21

7:00am Giuseppe Piccolino

Requested by Jim & Susan Meehan

Tuesday, November 22

7:00am Debra Calamita

Requested by the Guarriello Family

Wednesday, November 23

7:00am Jonathan Craig

Requested by Jim & Susan Meehan

THANKSGIVING DAY-NOVEMBER 24

Thursday, November 24

9:00am Mass For the People

Friday, November 25

7:00am Rev. Francis C. Cooney

11th Pastor—23rd Anniversary

Saturday, November 26

4:30pm James DeLuca, Sr.

Requested by family

Sunday, November 27

8:00am Mass for the People

10:00am Palmiotto & Martiniano Families

Requested by family

12:00nn



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, November 20

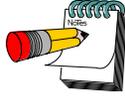
10:00am Owen & Maureen Rielly

Requested by family

Sunday, November 27

10:00am Robert Alarie

Requested by a friend



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Marion & Emery Bragdon.

SAVE THE DATE: NOVEMBER 27

ANNUAL ADVENT WREATH WORKSHOP

Will be held on **Sunday, November 27th** from

1-3pm in Fr. Greenan Parish Center. Join us for this great family event to prepare ourselves for the season of Advent. 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.

Cost is \$12 per wreath.



Our Lady of Sorrows

Bereavement Support Program: Tuesday, November 22 @ 6:30pm

"Coping with the Holidays"

The Our Lady of Sorrows Bereavement Support Program provides a peaceful group environment for adults who have experienced the death of a loved one. This Bereavement Support Group is a place for Catholics to learn about grief, share their experiences and feelings with other, and a place to seek the spiritual support and comfort offered through our Catholic faith. The meetings are most appropriate for adults who are at least three months beyond their loss.

Join us on **Tuesday, November 22 @ 6:30pm in the rectory**. The group will meet again on December 6 at 6:30 pm in the rectory to focus on coping with holidays. With support and God's grace, you can begin to have healing in your journey of grief. Any questions contact Christina Moynihan at 783-4411.

Just a reminder that the remembrance book is in front of the statue of St. Francis. All are welcome to enter the names of their loved ones. They will be remembered during the month of November.

PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (269)	-	\$6,016.00
Loose Donations	-	\$1,310.00
Online Giving (# of donors-55)	-	\$1,564.50
Total Budget	-	\$8,890.50

November 13

Ongoing Maintenance

Budget envelopes used (177)	-	\$2,189.50
Other Donations	-	\$ 399.00
Total Monthly Collection	-	\$2,588.50

Did you know that our average yearly expense for National Grid Electric is \$22,458.00?

This week's second collection is for the Campaign for Human Development. There is no second collection next week.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

NOVEMBER 20, 2016

From Christina Moynihan

A Bit about THE HAITIAN PROJECT

The Haitian Project through Louverture Cleary School, its Catholic, co-educational boarding school in Haiti, educates and nurtures academically talented and motivated students from Haitian families who cannot afford the cost of their children's education in order to maximize their potential and enable them to work toward building a Haiti where justice and peace thrive.

Like the early Christian communities, our community has flourished since we accepted our specific charism of working for others [Christian Service] and began living intentionally in accordance with the following three principles:

What we receive for free, we must give for free. [Matthew 10:8]

This is the basic motto of our community—it is the fundamental call to service.

If anyone is unwilling to work, neither should that one eat. [Second Thessalonians 3:10]

This principle is not merely about survival, it is about fulfilling our responsibilities as social beings and to one another. In a community, everyone is to be personally industrious. We are all called to work and produce. We are not to live solely off the labors of others if we are capable of making a contribution ourselves. We are also reminded that as Christian brothers and sisters we belong to one another. When we fulfill our personal responsibility to a community, we become a catalyst for justice and charity.

If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all. (Mark 9:35) This gives direction to our zeal for service. It sends us to serve the weakest and most marginalized. We capture this concept in the Kreyol phrase “tet amba”. Usually this means “upside down” or “chaos”, but to us it is the reminder to pass below and support from the bottom up.

Lord, we thank you
for the goodness of our people
and for the spirit of justice
that fills this nation.

We thank you for the beauty and fullness of the
land and the challenge of the cities.

We thank you for our work and our rest,
for one another, and for our homes.

We thank you, Lord:
accept our thanksgiving on this day.

We pray and give thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

**Happy Thanksgiving to everyone from Father Bodah,
Deacon Moynihan and the entire Parish Staff at St.
Francis of Assisi! May God bless you and your families.**



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Sunday, November 20th

8:50-9:50am GRADES K, 1 & 2 (FGC)

10:50-11:50am GRADES 3-6 (FGC)

10:50-11:50am GRADE 7 (Upper Room FGC)

Catechist Meeting for Advent after
classes: 10:00 Grades K-2 and 12:00 for
Grades 3-6 in FGC

Monday, November 21st

6:00pm Post Confirmation Dinner for
newly confirmed—Guest Speaker: Fr.
Chris Murphy

6:30pm Rec. Retreat presenters to meet in
Religious Ed Office

Wednesday, November 23rd

No Classes today-Happy Thanksgiving



Calling all High School Teens

We will be preparing Christmas cookies at our next high school youth night on Sunday, December 4th at 7pm in Fr. Greenan Center. The cookies will be distributed to families in our parish and local community.

HOMELESSNESS THROUGH THE EYES OF FAITH

Ask any of the Confirmation students what they did on the night of November 7th and prepare to be surprised by their answer. Fifty-eight teens participated in a homeless awareness evening with 26 of our parish teens sleeping outside Fr. Greenan in their cardboard homes from 11:00pm to 7:00am the next morning. In addition to becoming more compassionate towards a homeless person and gaining a greater appreciation for what God has blessed them with in their own lives, they also raised \$385 for the 'Keep the Heat On' fund and donated toiletries, food and paper products to the Welcome House.

**PLEASE CALL BARBETTE CULLEN OR
DIANE CASTRO AT 792-8684 FOR MORE
INFORMATION.**

THIS WEEK

Monday, November 21

7:30am Adoration (SF)

Tuesday, November 22

6:30pm "Coping with the Holidays" (Rectory)

7:00pm Bible Study (JFGC)

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (loft)

Thursday, November 24

THANKSGIVING: PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

Friday, November 25

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8:30am-12:30pm Buy Nothing Coat Exchange (HBH)



LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR (LETTER RECEIVED)

Thank you for permitting the Little Sisters of the Poor visit to St. Francis of Assisi Church last weekend to accept donations for our mission of caring for the elderly poor.

We received a warm welcome and the people of St. Francis of Assisi Parish were very generous in their support of our mission. The total amount of the donations received at the door of the church amounted to \$2032.00 and will be used for the care of our Residents.

The Little Sister and our Residents remember you and the parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in our prayers. May God bless you and keep you in His loving care.

Sincerely, *Sr. Jane*

THE CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT-THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION

The Campaign for Human Development brings Catholic social teaching to life by funding community and economic development programs across the United States that help poor and marginalized people join together to make decisions, seek solutions to local problems, and find ways to improve their lives and neighborhoods. Economic development initiatives help create new businesses and jobs. CCHD also provides educational opportunities for Catholics to learn about poverty, stand in solidarity with those affected by it, and reflect on their own responsibility before the great need of others. We would like to thank you for your generosity .

PARKING!

Recently we have received a number of complaints that people are parking in the forward spaces and blocking the spaces behind, preventing others from parking in the church lot. Please park so that you are not taking two spaces. Thank you for your help with this matter.

CALLING ALL YOUNG ADULT CATHOLICS (Ages 25-35)

Thurs., December 8: Upper room Father Green Center

Following the 6:30pm Mass for the Feast of The Immaculate Conception

No matter what your vocation: single, married, with children, religious...You are invited to a casual forum filled with food, fellowship, and friends all focusing on Faith. Your presence will contribute to a safe and optimistic space where people your age can share spirituality. Your voice will be represented in our Pastoral Council meetings. For more information email reaper_alucard@yahoo.com.



THE GIVING TREE

Next Sunday, November 27th

is the first Sunday of Advent and our Giving trees will be 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 11th***. Gifts will be distributed the week of ***December 12th***. Thank you.



**20TH ANNUAL BUY NOTHING DAY
WINTER COAT EXCHANGE
Friday, November 25 —10am to 12nn
Helen Bouchard Hall
(lower church)**

***If you have a coat to give, please drop it off.
If you need a coat, please come and pick one up.***

In Rhode Island as part of International Buy Nothing Day, we hold a winter coat exchange in various locations across the state, where people can donate coats, and people who need coats can get them.

**EARLY DROP-OFF TIMES FOR COATS
SUNDAY thru WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 20-NOVEMBER 23
9am to 12nn**

**Downstairs in the church hall outside
of the Religious Education Office**

**If you have any questions contact
Dana Hawkins
at 789-8479 or email at
Danahawk10@gmail.com**

