

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 9

4:30pm Celebrant's Intention

Sunday, January 10

8:00am Thu and Chi Thi Anna Tran
and Thanh John Ha

Requested by family

10:00am Kerri Bessette

Requested by Mom, Dad and Scott

12:00pm Arthur Leonard

Requested by family

Monday, January 11

7:00am Celebrant's Intention

Tuesday, January 12

7:00am Celebrant's Intention

Wednesday, January 13

7:00am Alfred and Beatrice Bonin

Requested by Viola Card

Thursday, January 14

7:00am Celebrant's Intention

Friday, January 15

7:00am Celebrant's Intention

Saturday, January 16

4:30pm Robert Stewart

Requested by family

Sunday, January 17

8:00am Celebrant's Intention

10:00am Daniel J. McWilliams

*Requested by Ralph and Maggie Riccio
& family*

12:00pm Branden DeLuca

Requested by family



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 10

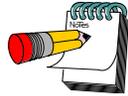
10:00am Michael Sullivan

Requested by Vitiello family

Sunday, January 17

10:00am Kathleen Mary Wheeler

Requested by Mary Ellen Walsh



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Clinton Salisbury.

BABY SHOWER

The Social Outreach Committee is sponsoring a month-long Baby Shower throughout January. Please bring unwrapped baby items listed on the posters in the bulletin boards and place them at the main entrances of the church and chapel. The agencies benefitted are: The Gabriel Project, The Pregnancy Center of Westerly, and Right to Life Services, Inc. Any questions, please contact Anne Cooney at 783-7034.

PARISH SUPPORT

Christmas

Envelopes used (419)	-	\$23,571.00
Loose	-	\$ 4,111.00
Online Giving (# of donors-8)	-	\$ 370.00
Total Christmas	-	\$28,052.00

December 25

Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (250)	-	\$ 6,666.50
Loose Donations	-	\$ 1,555.00
Online Giving (# of donors -55)	-	\$ 1,494.00
Total Budget	-	\$ 9,715.50

December 27

Mary, Mother of God

Envelopes used (152)	-	\$ 2,400.00
Other donations	-	\$ 429.00
Total Mary, Mother of God	-	\$2,829.00

January 1

Weekly Support

Envelopes used (265)	-	\$6,529.50
Loose Donations	-	\$1,292.00
Online Giving (# of donors-57)	-	\$2,829.00
Total Budget	-	\$10,650.50

January 3

Monthly Offering

Envelopes used (187)	-	\$2,526.00
Other donations	-	\$ 496.00
Total Monthly	-	\$3,022.00

This weekend's second offering is the Ongoing Maintenance fund offering. Next weekend's second offering will be the annual collection for Catholic University of America

As always, thank you for your generosity.

On Saturday, April 11, 2015—the Vigil of the Feast of Divine Mercy, Pope Francis promulgated the papal document Misericordiae Vultus which officially declares the extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy from December 8, 2015—the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception through November 20, 2016—the Solemnity of Christ the King. Below is an excerpt from that document recently published as a meditation in the MAGNIFICAT Year of Mercy Companion (p. 88).

Misericordiae Vultus



This is the opportune moment to change our lives! This is the time to allow our hearts to be touched! When faced with evil deeds, even in the face of serious crimes, it is the time to listen to the cry of innocent people who are deprived of their property, their dignity, their feelings, and even their very lives. To stick to the way of evil will only leave one deluded and sad. True life is something entirely different. God never tires of reaching out to us. He is always ready to listen.... All one needs to do is to accept the invitation to conversion and submit oneself to justice during this

special time of mercy offered by the Church. It would not be out of place...to recall the relationship between justice and mercy. These are not two contradictory realities, but two dimensions of a single reality that unfolds progressively until it culminates in the fullness of love.... Mercy is not opposed to justice but rather expresses God's way of reaching out to the sinner, offering him a new chance to look at himself, convert, and believe.... God does not deny justice. He rather envelops it and surpasses it with an even greater event in which we experience love as the foundation of true justice.... God's justice is his mercy given to everyone as a grace that flows from the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

~ Misericordiae Vultus 19-21

“JESUS CHRIST IS THE FACE OF THE FATHER’S MERCY.”



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday, January 10th

8:50-9:50am Grades 1 & 2 (FGC)
10:50-11:50am Grades 3-6 (FGC)
Grade 8 (FGC)

Wednesday, January 13th

4:15-5:15pm Grades 3-6 (FGC)
7-8:15pm Grades 7 & 8 (FGC)

No classes next Sunday, January 17th, Martin Luther King Holiday.



This Week

Sunday, January 10

Religious Ed Classes
see schedule above

NO Children's Liturgy of the Word
10:00am First Eucharist Listening to God's Word Celebration at Mass.
11:00am Choir Rehearsal (SR)

Monday, January 11

7:30-12nn Adoration (SF)

Tuesday, January 12

7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

Wednesday, January 13

4:15-5:15pm Classes Gr. 3-6 (FGC)
7-8:15pm Gr. 7 & 8 Classes (FGC)

Thursday, January 14

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

Friday, January 15

Pastoral visit to Peace Dale House

THANK YOU!

The Social Outreach committee would like to thank our parish family for the tremendous response to the Thanksgiving Food Drive. Because of your generosity we collected over 800 pounds of food. The Jonnycake Center of Peace Dale used our food donations to help hundreds of families in need during the holidays. Our faith reminds us that the greatest blessing comes in sharing what we have with others. Thank you again for your continued generosity.

Baby Jesus Rocks

Many inquiries have come into the office about the "Jesus rocks" found around the church grounds leading up to Christmas. Father Bodah explained what they were the week before Christmas at one of the daily Masses and Mrs. Cullen submitted an announcement as an explanation for the parish bulletin which didn't actually make it into the bulletin with holiday transmittal deadlines. One comment was made over and over again, "what a great project!" We couldn't agree more! Please find below the explanation for the mysterious little rocks with pictures of the baby Jesus on them.



Secret Jesus Activity

The children in our religious ed classes have been busy making "Jesus rocks". They placed an image of baby Jesus on a rock and placed the rocks about the church grounds and even secretly, placed them around town!

The idea came from a website called Catholic Inspired and they credit an anonymous artist who originally hand painted the image of baby Jesus on rocks/pebbles and spread them around for people to find ... he "simply wanted to bring joy and the real message of Christmas to people."

So if you found one of these Jesus rocks, keep it or pass it on but remember that "Jesus is the Reason for the Season."

Merry Christmas!

For this activity and many other great ideas for your kids to participate in at home, visit:

www.catholicinspired.com

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

IMAGE VISITING DIOCESE OF PROVIDENCE

The Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be visiting many parishes throughout January. All are invited to attend the various Masses, holy hours, presentations and veneration opportunities during this time. For a schedule of these visits, please go to: www.dioceseofprovidence.org or email covens@dioceseofprovidence.org or call the Office of Life and Family Ministry at 421-7833 x 218.

GIVING TREE 2015

This is the fourth year that St. Francis Church has reached out to those families who have called upon our **Diocesan Office of Community Services** in the past year. Families were contacted and asked if they were in need of help this Christmas. Your generosity helped provide Christmas gifts for more than 68 families, over 215 children! Thank you for your care and concern for those in our community who are in need. May you have a blessed New Year!



High School Youth Night

At our next youth night, we will be helping out at several soup kitchens on the weekend of January 16-18. If you have not signed up for a particular site, call the religious education office soon at 792-8684.

As often as you did it for one of my least brothers, you did it for me.



CONGRATULATIONS

to the proud parents and godparents of Gavin Ellis Burnham, Olivia Evangeline Daly, Nora Rose Mele, Kelly Michael Murray, and Jamison Gerard Valiquette who were

Baptized into God's Family during December and on Sunday, January 3.

Your parish family rejoices with you!