

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 17

4:30pm Mothers of the Ayre family
Requested by Ron Ayre

Sunday, November 18

8:00am James Flynn
Requested by Jeff & Kathie Carney
10:00am James P. & Frances D. Thomas
Requested by family
12:00nn Robert Manney—10th Anniv.
Requested by family

Monday, November 19

7:00am Mass for the People

Tuesday, November 20

7:00am Rita & Tom O'Rourke and Warren Behie
Requested by family

Wednesday, November 21

7:00am Rose Silva
Requested by Kevin and Kelli

THANKSGIVING

Thursday, November 22

9:00am Mass for the People

Friday, November 23

7:00am Elizabeth Raitano
Requested by family

Saturday, November 24

4:30pm Rev. Francis C. Cooney
11th Pastor of St. Francis—19th Anniv.

Sunday, November 25

8:00am Chi Thi Anna Tran & Thanh John Ha
Requested by family
10am Palmiotto & Martiniano Families
Requested by family
12:00nn Mass for the People

St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, November 18

10:00am Owen & Maureen Reilly
Requested by family

Sunday, November 25

10:00am Grace & John Carpinelli
Requested by family



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

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

ADVENT RETREAT

Thanksgiving will be celebrated this week, then we jump into Advent—preparing for Christmas. The retreat team welcomes all of those who have participated in any of the previous retreats, and warmly invites new participants. Enjoy a light dinner and have time to reflect in prayer.

Advent Retreat—Tuesday, December 4th, 6:30 to 9:30pm.

For early registration, call Kelli at the rectory 783-4411.



WOMEN'S CLUB CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The Christmas Bazaar is just a week away! Be sure to join us on Saturday, November 24th—8am to 1pm in Father Greenan Center. We are still accepting handmade items and crafts, any size baskets, unused items, Christmas decorations and gift certificates. Plus, don't miss your opportunity to win the beautiful St. Francis of Assisi Quilt. For information or to donate call Anne Cooney at 783-7034 or Kathleen Puchalla at 783-1132.



ADVENT WREATH WORKSHOP

Where: Helen Bouchard Hall (lower church)

When: Sunday, December 2nd

Time: 1:00PM

Cost: \$12 / Advent Wreath Kit

Bring work gloves and clippers

Please join us for this enjoyable family preparation for Advent. Refreshments will be provided.

Call the rectory at 783-4411 if you will be attending. If you have greens that we would be able to cut for the Advent Wreaths, please call the Rel. Ed. Office at 792-8684.

WEEKLY PARISH SUPPORT— November 11

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Budget envelopes (343 used)	-	\$5,537.00
Loose Donations	-	\$1,186.00
Online Giving (donors)	-	\$425.00
Total Budget	-	\$7,148.00

Ongoing Maintenance

Envelopes used (291)	-	\$1,746.00
Other Donations	-	\$415.00
Total Ongoing Maint.	-	\$2,161.00

This weekend's second offering is the Campaign for Human Development Fund Offering.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

NOVEMBER 18, 2012

From the Pastor...

Again I realize how the year is flying by as we prepare to celebrate **Thanksgiving Day!** Certainly a favorite holiday for many people and a great opportunity as individuals and as a country to thank God for the many blessings that we have received. We will celebrate the holiday with a **9:00 AM Mass of Thanksgiving in St. Francis Church.** We will bless loaves of bread that will be distributed at the end of Mass. The word **Eucharist** is from the Greek for **giving thanks – what better way could we have to give thanks to God than to celebrate the Eucharist as a parish community.**

Speaking of giving thanks, I want to express gratitude to **Anthony Rossi** and all who assisted him in any way to prepare and serve last week's **Pasta Dinner.** The meatballs got rave reviews, the ice cream sundaes were very popular among the young and the young at heart, and all who attended had a very enjoyable time. **Thanks for a job very well done!!**

After celebrating Thanksgiving and perhaps a little "Black Friday" shopping, don't forget to be here on **Saturday morning** between 8 AM and 1 PM for the **Women's Club Christmas Bazaar.** The ladies have been working hard to make it a great event. The Bazaar is a good opportunity to pick up some handcrafted items and Christmas decorations. Don't miss it.

Next **Sunday morning, between 8:30 AM and Noon**, all are invited to the Father Greenan Center to see the new **Donald Wilson Parish Library.** As many of you know, Don was a very faithful parishioner who was an avid reader with a wide breadth of interests. When he died, his collection of books, many of a religious nature, were left to St. Francis Parish so that all our parishioners could have the benefit of his rather extensive library. **These books, along with other donated books and CD's have now been catalogued and will be available for borrowing.** We have established the library on the second floor of the Father Greenan Center and it will be used for some small meetings and also as a reading room. Plan to stop up to take a look at the library and enjoy some coffee and refreshments being served by **Martha's Helpers.**

Also next weekend, we celebrate the **Feast of Christ the King**, the last Sunday of the Church year. As we complete the liturgical year, we give thanks for the blessings of this past year and we ask Christ our King to bless our parish community as we prepare to begin a new year – a *Year of Faith* - in the season of Advent.

Msgr. Theroux

Religious Education

SUNDAY CLASSES

GRADES 1 & 2: meet from 8:50-9:50am in Father Greenan Center.

GRADE 7: meets from 8:50-9:50am in Father Greenan Center.

KINDERGARTEN: meets from 9:50-10:50am in Helen Bouchard Hall located in the lower church.

GRADES 3-6: meet in Father Greenan Center from 10:50-11:50am.

GRADE 8: meets from 10:50-11:50am in Helen Bouchard Hall.

CONFIRMATION I: All level one students are expected to attend the Confirmation Retreat in Father Greenan Center from 1-5:30PM as well as attend the 12Noon Mass today.

MONDAY CLASSES

CONFIRMATION II: meets this Monday, Nov. 19th from 7-8:30PM in Father Greenan Center.

THERE ARE NO WEDNESDAY CLASSES THIS WEEK FOR GRADES 3-8



This Week

Sunday, November 18

8:50-9:50am GRADES 1 & 2 (FGC)
GRADE 7 (FGC)

9:50-10:50am GRADE K (HBH)

10:50-11:50am GRADES 3-6 (FGC)
GRADE 8 (HBH)

12:00noon Mass w/PRAISE!

1-5:30 Confirmation I Retreat

7:00pm AA (HBH)

Monday, November 19

7:00pm Confirmation II Class (FGC)

Tuesday, November 20

9am-12NN SFWC greens assembly (FGC)

NO RCIA TONIGHT

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (loft)

Wednesday, November 21

NO CLASSES GRADES 3-8

Thursday, November 22

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!

Friday, November 23

9am-12pm—SFWC Hall Setup-Bazaar

10am-12pm - Buy Nothing Coat Exchange in Helen Bouchard Hall

Saturday, November 24

8am-1pm Christmas Bazaar (FGC)



HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING!!

It's time again to rehearse
For the Christmas Eve
4:30pm Mass!
All boys & girls
ages 7-12 yrs. old are
invited!
This year rehearsals will be
Wednesdays in the loft, 5-
6:15 pm on:
Nov. 28; Dec. 5; Dec. 12; Dec. 19th

Make this the year you give
Choir a try! It's easy and fun!
Any questions, feel free to call Mimi Battey @
792-8301
GLORY TO THE NEWBORN KING!



PRAISE!! Our teen ensemble is always open
to any new high school age members!
We rehearse most Sunday evenings

5:30-7pm in FGC~
check the bulletin calendar for rehearsals
or call Mimi Battey 792-8301 for more details.

We are especially in need of
an electric bass player,
but always ready for any
new instrumentalists/vocalists!

Give a listen to Praise! at
the Noon Mass on Nov. 18th!
Then stop up to the loft to chat!



HARK!



15th Annual BUY NOTHING DAY WINTER COAT EXCHANGE!

- ~ If you have a coat to give, please drop it off.
- ~ If you need a coat, please pick one up.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd 10-12PM
(Rain or Snow)

St. Francis Church, 114 High Street, Wakefield

The day after Thanksgiving is known to be the busiest shopping day of the year and the unofficial start to the Christmas shopping season. Thousands of concerned citizens take part in this annual detox of consumer shopping in Buy Nothing Day! Reasons for taking part in this annual event are as varied as the people. Some see it as a way to relax unwind and un-spend, others see it as a way to escape consumer spending and over consumption. In Rhode Island, as part of International Buy Nothing Day we hold a winter coat exchange.

*Coats can be dropped off prior to the day of the exchange at Helen Bouchard Hall

NEXT WEEK IS THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

Both the 10:00AM and 12:00NN Masses at Saint Francis will conclude with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. The Rite of Benediction—during which the celebrant blesses the congregation with the consecrated host (contained in an ornate vessel called a “monstrance”) - is an act of worship which flows from the Mass and leads back to it. If we are able to *adore* Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, we become able to *receive him more worthily* in Holy Communion. Saint Augustine once said in regard to the Eucharist: “Let no one eat until he has first adored.” For those who may be adversely affected, *incense* will be used at these ceremonies.

