

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



Mass Intentions

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

Monday, November 26

7:00am Rev. Michael L. Ryan
7th Pastor of St. Francis—60th Anniv.

Tuesday, November 27

7:00am Special Intention for
Margaret Gweedon
Requested by daughter Barbara

Wednesday, November 28

7:00am Betty Goodwin
Requested by daughter Kathy Cawley

Thursday, November 29

9:00am William Noonan
Requested by Cathy Hawkins

Friday, November 30

7:00am Rev. William J. McCombe
1st Pastor of St. Francis—114th Anniv.

Saturday, December 1

8:00am First Saturday Mass
4:30pm James DeLuca, Sr.
Requested by family

Sunday, December 2

8:00am John Vieira
Requested by family

10:00am Thomas S. Hogan
Requested by family

12:00nn Rev. Robert A. Allaire
13th Pastor of St. Francis—8th Anniv.



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, November 25

10:00am Grace & John Carpinelli
Requested by family

Sunday, December 2

10:00am David Bruyere
Requested by family



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

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

ADVENT RETREAT

Have you ever found yourself on Christmas Eve or morning wondering: "where did the last couple of weeks go?" Why not set aside a couple of hours, take a break from the hectic pace and allow yourself to sit with Jesus ... It just might be the best Christmas gift you could give yourself!

Advent Retreat, "Come O Christ Our Life," Tuesday, December 4th, from 6:30 to 9:30PM.

Call Kelli at the rectory (783-4411) to register.

GRAND OPENING OF DON WILSON LIBRARY

All are invited to Father Greenan Center this morning 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**.

FOOD OF THE MONTH: CEREAL & SOUP. Thank you for your continued generosity.



We now offer a secure and convenient way for you to contribute to St. Francis Parish!

Online donations may be made at any time from the privacy and comfort of your own home or any place with internet access. Online donations are credited to your tax statement for the end of the year (except when made anonymously), and each user can change his or her preferences or desired donation amounts at any time! Visit our website for more information on how to get started: www.stfranciswakefield.com.

WEEKLY PARISH SUPPORT for November 18 & 25 will be published in NEXT weekend's bulletin due to the holiday publishing deadline for the bulletin.

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

NOVEMBER 25, 2012

From the Pastor...

I hope that everyone had a great celebration of Thanksgiving. Now it is full speed ahead to Christmas and the New Year!

With Thanksgiving just behind us, on behalf of our parish Social Outreach Committee, I would like to offer **special thanks to all our parishioners who responded so generously with donations of food for the Jonnycake Center.** At this time of year the need is great and I am certain that your generosity made a big difference for many families in the local community. However, we have to keep in mind that the need does not go away. We will be counting on your continued support and donations in the weeks and months ahead.

Next week we will begin the **Season of Advent** to prepare spiritually for the great **Feast of Christmas.** It is a hectic time of year with shopping, decorating, entertaining and being entertained, but we must not lose sight of the spiritual significance of the season. I hope that every parishioner will make some special effort to observe the season with prayer, perhaps taking a few moments for a daily reflection based upon the **Advent Booklets** that we are making available. You could set the mood in your home by having an **Advent Wreath – the Advent Wreath Workshop will be offered next Sunday afternoon in the lower church.** Also, please consider attending the **Advent Retreat on Tuesday evening, December 4.** The retreat team has been working with Father Joe for weeks to prepare an enriching event based on the theme, “**Come O Christ Our Life.**” In addition, our **Bible Study Group** will be resuming in December, beginning a study of the **Letter to the Hebrews.** There is further information about all these programs elsewhere in this bulletin. Please take advantage of these opportunities for spiritual growth during this Advent Season.

Msgr. Theroux

Parish Bible Study Group

“Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen.”

- Hebrews 11:1

During this Year of Faith, our Parish Bible Study Group will be studying the **Letter to the Hebrews.** Using the **Ignatian Study Guide,** there will be ten sessions over the coming months. The group will meet for **orientation and introduction** to the study guide on **Thursday, December 6 at 7 PM in Father Greenan Hall.** Study sessions will continue during Advent on **Tuesday, December 11 and Tuesday, December 18 at 7 PM.** If you plan to join the group, please call the Rectory (783-4411) to register so that we know how many books to order. There will be a \$10.00 fee for the books payable when they are distributed on the first night. **As we observe the Year of Faith, please consider joining this spiritually enriching bible study group.**

Religious Education

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25

NO SUNDAY CLASSES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26

CONFIRMATION I: meets this Monday, Nov. 26th from 7-8:30PM in Father Greenan Center.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

GRADES 3-6: meet in Father Greenan Center from 4-5:00PM.

GRADES 7 & 8: meet from 7-8:15PM in Father Greenan Center.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

First Reconciliation Retreat from 9-12—begins in church. All students preparing for their first Reconciliation **MUST ATTEND.** A parent or other interested adult must accompany each student.



This Week

Sunday, November 25

NO RELIGIOUS ED. CLASSES

8:30-12:00nn Grand Opening of the Donald Wilson Parish Library

5:30-7:00pm PRAISE! Rehearsal

7:00pm AA (HBH)

Monday, November 26

7:00pm Confirmation I Class (FGC)

Tuesday, November 27

6:30pm RCIA Class (HBH)

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (loft)

Wednesday, November 28

4:00-5:00pm GRADES 3-6 (FGC)

5-6:15pm Children's Choir (loft)

6:30pm Fra Angelico Institute (HBH)

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

Thursday, November 29

2:00pm Mass at Brightview Commons

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

Saturday, December 1

9am-12pm First Reconciliation Retreat (FGC & HBH)

4:30pm RCIA: Rite of Acceptance

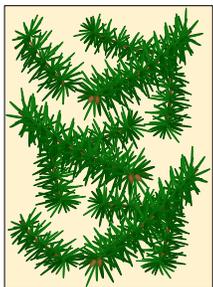


CHRIST THE KING: KING OF OUR HEARTS

An excerpt from the 1925 encyclical *Quas primas* of Pope Pius XI, instituting the Solemnity of Christ the King:

"It has long been a common custom to give to Christ the

metaphorical title of "King," because of the high degree of perfection whereby he excels all creatures. So he is said to reign "in the hearts of men," both by reason of the keenness of his intellect and the extent of his knowledge, and also because he is very truth, and it is from him that truth must be obediently received by all mankind. He reigns, too, *in the wills of men*, for in him the human will was perfectly and entirely obedient to the Holy Will of God, and further by his grace and inspiration he so subjects our free-will as to incite us to the most noble endeavors. He is *King of hearts*, too, by reason of his "charity which exceedeth all knowledge." And his mercy and kindness which draw all men to him, for never has it been known, nor will it ever be, that man be loved so much and so universally as Jesus Christ. But if we ponder this matter more deeply, we cannot but see that the title and the power of King belongs to Christ as man in the strict and proper sense too. For it is only as man that he may be said to have received from the Father "power and glory and a kingdom," since the Word of God, as consubstantial with the Father, has all things in common with him, and therefore has necessarily supreme and absolute dominion over all things created."



Greens Needed!

If you have any bushes that need trimming, we would love to help you trim and gather greens for our parish Advent Wreath Workshop. Please call the Religious Education Office at 792-8684.

Be sure to check out the following sites to keep on top of all the happenings in the parish:

<http://stfranciswakefield.com> or
<http://facebook.com/stfranciswakefield>

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!



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.



THE GIVING TREE

NEXT Weekend Trees will be placed in the back of St. Francis Church and at St. Romuald Chapel. If you feel that you can share the gift of giving this Advent / Christmas season, take a decoration from one of the trees and bring back your gift, WITH ITS TAG on either Sunday, Dec. 9th or Sunday, Dec. 16th and we'll get your gifts to local area families.