

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



Mass Intentions



Baptized in the Spirit

Saturday, January 12

4:30pm †Anthony Ramieri

Requested by Wife & Family

Sunday, January 13

8:00am †Clementina Birch

Requested by Family

10:00am †Gail Norris & Jean Bold

12:00nn †Lillian Spinelli

Requested by Family

Monday, January 14

7:00am †Annie Cooney

Requested by Kathleen & Jeff Carney

Tuesday, January 15

7:00am †Mary Fraenkel

Requested by Gerri & Al Marsocci

Thursday, January 17

7:00am Mass for the People

Friday, January 18

7:00am †Rita & Tom O'Rourke &

Warren Behie

Requested by Family

Saturday, January 19

4:30pm †Branden J. DeLuca

(11th Anniversary Remembrance)

Requested by Family

Sunday, January 20

8:00am †Hazel Cayer

Requested by Jean McGair

10:00am †Dr. Domenic Coppolino

Requested by Family

12:00nn Mass for the People



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 13

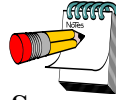
10:00am †Roger Fenaughty

Requested by the Mitinas

Sunday, January 20

10:00am †Mary Marchand

Requested by Gerri & Al Marsocci



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Anthony Ramieri.



The People were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ.

John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."—Gospel according to Luke



St. Francis of Assisi Campaign Goal: \$626,135.00

Pledged through 1/7/19: \$809,911

Percentage of Goal: 129%

Registered Family Count: 1,709; Donor Count: 248

Average Gift: \$3,265.77

PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly Support		December 30
Budget envelopes used (191)	-	\$5,283.50
Loose Donations	-	\$1,660.00
Online Giving (# of donors-59)	-	\$1,866.00
Total Budget	-	\$8,809.50

New Year's Day Collection: \$1,275.00

Weekly Support		January 6
Budget envelopes used (249)	-	\$8,540.50
Loose Donations	-	\$1,328.00
Online Giving (# of donors-65)	-	\$2,871.00
Total Budget	-	\$12,739.50

Second Collection (Monthly Collection)

Budget envelopes used (147)	-	\$2,293.50
Loose Donations	-	\$ 566.50
Total	-	\$2,860.00

The second collection this week is for Ongoing Maintenance.
Next week's second collection is for Catholic University.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

JANUARY 13, 2019

From the Pastor,

As I announced a couple of weeks ago, this is our music director's last weekend with us. Tony Romeo has taken another position and we wish him well in his new endeavor.

What to do now? Fortunately, the Holy Spirit has not abandoned us. Several parishioners, some of whom are already involved in the music ministry, have stepped up to fill in the gaps, at least until someone more permanent can be found. Karen Graham, the music director at the chapel, has agreed to play at the 4:30 (as she has been doing) and at the 8a.m.; Jen Bernard, a piano teacher and a parish cantor, has agreed to be an accompanist for the 10 a.m. Mass and for the noon; Mark Castro, our guitarist and leader of the PRAISE! Group, will play and lead the music at the noon Mass as well. We are also blessed that a parishioner, Joseph Amante, a doctor of choral music and a faculty member at CCRI and at Roger Williams U., has agreed to work with the choir. Patrick Sweeney, M.D. will continue to coordinate the cantors' schedule. So among these valiant souls we should be well-covered and I cannot thank them enough for stepping into the breach and ensuring some continuity of music to enhance the weekend liturgies. God bless the work!

You might think about joining the choir. Practice will be on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. and for the present at least, the choir will sing at the 10 a.m. Mass on Sundays.

Fr. Bodah

THANK YOU!

We would like to thank those parishioners who were kind enough to donate the very much needed DVD player for use in our conference room. We received more than one and they will be put to good use in other locations. God bless!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Sunday, January 13th

8:55-9:50am Grades K-6 (FGC)

8:50-9:50am Grade 7&8 (Parish Offices)

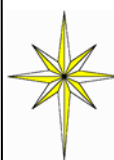
10:00am Mass Children's Liturgy of the Word

Wednesday, January 16th

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

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

Next Sunday, January 20th Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday: **No Classes/No Children's Liturgy of the Word**



"We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

Last Sunday we held our annual Christmas pageant. Nineteen children participated and we traveled with them to Bethlehem to adore our newborn King. Thank you to all our families who participated and supported us. Thank you to Mrs. Kathleen Puchalla for directing and to Mrs. Jen Bernard for providing us with beautiful music and leading us in song. *"And on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage."*



HOST FAMILIES NEEDED for NET Ministry Team

NET Ministries, a national evangelization team consisting of 12 young adults will be leading our Confirmation Retreats again this year. They will be in our diocese for 13 days in March leading retreats. Our parish is responsible for providing lodging during part of their stay in Rhode Island – from Saturday, March 23rd through Wednesday, March 27th (they will leave the morning of March 27th). Team members travel with their own sleeping bag so they are just looking for floor space, hot showers and a meal. Spending time with these young adults is a real blessing! If you are interested in hosting some of them, please contact Diane Castro at our Religious Education Office by phone (792-8684) or email (castro_stfrancis@verizon.net).



This Week

Monday, January 14

7:30am Adoration (SF)

Tuesday, January 15

5-9:00pm SVDP (training meeting) (HBH)

7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

Thursday, January 17

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (↓FGC)

7:00pm RCIA (Rector)

Monday, January 21

Holiday-Parish Offices Closed No Adoration



FOOD DONATIONS FOR THE JONNYCAKE CENTER: JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER

Please remember we are always in need of nonperishable food items (no glass or outdated 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.



Steubenville East Youth Conference

Registration for the 2019 Steubenville East Youth Conference to be held on July 12-14 at the UMass, Lowell Campus will open up in mid-January. Our teens get a lot out of this weekend, here are some of their reflections: "It was nothing like I expected. I felt so close and connected to God. I definitely feel like a stronger Catholic and I think as many people that have the option to come should." Each year we reserve spots for our teenagers who are currently 8-12th grade students. We are trying to get a feel for how many spots to reserve so if you are interested in participating, contact Emily Cuellar at youthministrystmsfa@gmail.com as soon as possible. At this point, you are not under any obligation to attend.



BABY SHOWER

The Social Outreach Committee is sponsoring the *Baby Shower 2019* for the month of January. Please bring unwrapped items such as diapers, toiletries, sleepers & toddler clothes. Please place donations at the entrance of the church and chapel. The agencies benefitting are: The Gabriel Project, The Pregnancy Center of Westerly, and Right to Life Services, Inc.

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION: THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA

The Catholic University of America is the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States, located in Washington, D.C. It provides an academically rigorous education guided by Catholic intellectual tradition to 6,000 students every year. Next week is the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. Every dollar given directly supports financial aid for students from dioceses across the country, including ours. Please be generous.

VOLUNTEERS

We are still looking for volunteers who might be willing to help wash/iron the church's altar linens. This would not require much work and would not be a weekly task. If you would consider helping with this ministry please call Jacki at the office, 401-783-4411.

OPEN HOUSE AT MSGR. CLARKE SCHOOL Sunday, January 27th 1-3pm

Now Enrolling from 18 months to 8th Grade. Come see our facility, meet our teachers, learn about our core values and see what makes us the right choice for you!

Have a perspective Kindergarten or Middle School student (6-8th)? Attend a presentation given by the teachers at 12NN. RSVP <https://conta.cc/2FfGJH1>