

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

St. Francis Mass Intentions



Saturday, November 30

4:30pm †Bob & Concetta Wilson

Sunday, December 1

8:00am †Joe Costanza

Requested Family

10:00am †Timothy Coyle

Requested by Denise Owens

12:00nn †Stephen Parente

Requested by Karen & Jerry Shepherd

Monday, December 2

7:00am †Rev. Robert A. Allaire
(13th Pastor)

15th Anniversary Remembrance

Tuesday, December 3

7:00am †James DeLuca, Sr.

Requested by Family

Thursday, December 5

7:00am †Gloria Carney

Requested by Kathleen & Jeff Carney

Friday, December 6

7:00am †Kathryn Beaudreau

Requested by Family

Saturday, December 7

4:30pm †Clara Latowski

Requested by Family

Sunday, December 8

8:00am †Walter DiPrete

Requested by Family

10:00am †Michael Dufficy

Requested by Wife & Children

12:00nn †Ann Kelley

Requested by the O'Rourke Family

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 1

10:00am †Robert Dupre

Requested by Jane Estes

Sunday, December 8

10:00am †Stephen Parente

Requested by Patrick & Eve Sweeney



SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Gloria Carney.



Christmas Eve Mass Schedule

Tuesday, December 24

At St. Francis Church

4:30pm and 10:00pm

At St. Romuald Chapel

5:30pm



Christmas Day Mass Schedule

Wednesday, December 25

At St. Francis Church

9:00am & 11:00am

At St. Romuald Chapel

10:00am

Parish Giving

The information for the collections of November 24 was not available due to the early transmittal of this bulletin. It will be included in next week's bulletin.

This week's second collection is the Monthly Collection. Next week's second collection is for the Retired Religious.

Please place the envelope for the Immaculate Conception, dated December 8 in the first collection basket next weekend, December 7/8.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

From the Pastor,

This weekend we begin a new liturgical year: may it bring many blessings of faith and love! This year—Year A in the lectionary—we'll be hearing from the Gospel according to St. Matthew, who presents our Lord as the new Moses, the mediator of a new covenant.

Here are some words from the Dominican Sister Mary Jean Dorcy, who was an author and illustrator, especially of children's literature:

You and I were not at Bethlehem when his Mother wandered through the streets looking for a place where the Redeemer of the world could be born. We are present when he is born again each day in the Mass....He comes to us in Holy Communion to bring us joy and strength and holiness and peace....His Mother would teach us to be humble and obedient....Perhaps we are too busy to answer her knock, or we have the uneasy feeling that it must be uncomfortable to be holy—and if there is anything this generation asks of life, it is to be comfortable.

Two thousand years are nothing in the eyes of God, who is eternal. Today we are as certainly given the opportunity of receiving or rejecting him as were the people of Bethlehem on a starry night long ago when the Word was made flesh, and came to dwell among us.

Fr. Bodah

WARWICK SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA PRESENTS: HOLIDAY POPS
Sunday, December 15 at 3:00pm
(Father Greenan Center)

Program

- A Carol Festival (Sing-A-Long)-* Traditional/Ades, arranger
- Cantique de Noel/O Holy Night-* Adam/Custer, arranger
- The Christmas Song-* Torme & Wells/Lowden, arranger
- The First Noel-* Traditional/Flauding, arranger
- March of the Toys from "Babes in Toyland"-* Herbert/McAlister, arranger
- People, Look East- A Christmas Fantasy based on the Besancon Tradition-* Myers
- Sleigh Ride-* Anderson
- Winter Wonderland-* Bernard/Rosenhaus, arranger
- We Wish You a Merry Christmas: Variations & Concert Finale-* Traditional/Brubaker, arranger

Concert Admission: Tickets for WSO performances are always available at-the-door, through WSO members, and online. To purchase E-Tickets, visit WSOri.org to view current programs and follow links to buy your tickets. Cost: \$15 General Admission, \$12 Seniors, and Free for Children 12 and under.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
(401) 792-8684

Sunday, December 1st

No Classes today
No Children's Liturgy of the Word

Wednesday, December 4th

4:15-5:15pm Grades 3-6 (FGC)
6:30-7:45pm Grades 7-9 (FGC)

Saturday, December 7th

First Reconciliation Retreat from 9-12 for our First Eucharist students and their families. All students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Monday, December 9th

First Reconciliation for our First Eucharist students and their families at 6pm in the church.



A special thank you to the Hospitality Committee for the beautiful reception they hosted for our newly confirmed teenagers and their families on November 23rd. We are very grateful for

your help!



Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
It's that time of year again!

Time for our Children's Choir to begin
rehearsals for

Christmas Eve Mass!

Calling all boys and girls grade 1 and up
Rehearsals will be Tuesday evenings from
5:45-6:45 in the

St. Francis church choir loft
beginning December 3rd.

Instrumentalists are welcome and encour-
aged to participate as well.

The children's choir will sing at the
4:30 Mass

on Christmas Eve at St Francis

Please email Mrs. Jen Bernard with your child's
name and grade.

Mrs. Bernard's email: martacanta@gmail.com



This Week

Tuesday, December 3

6:00pm Social Outreach Committee (HBH)
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Church Loft)
7:00pm SVDP Meeting

Thursday, December 5

7:30am Adoration (Church)
9-10:30am Parish Staff Meeting (*Office closed during this time*)
6:30pm Prayer Shawl Committee (Rectory)
7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (FGC)
7:00pm RCIA (Rectory)



THE GIVING TREE

This Sunday our Giving Trees have been placed in St. Francis and St. Romuald.

This year in collaboration with St. Vincent DePaul, the Elks and the Jonnycake Center the Giving Trees *will be focused on gift cards.*

If you feel that you can share the gift of giving this Advent/Christmas season, please take an envelope from the tree. All **gift cards** should be placed either in the offertory basket or drop them off at the rectory *no later than Sunday, December 15th.*



Saint Francis of Assisi Office Hours through the Holidays

Tuesday, December 24
(Closed all Day)
Wednesday, December 25
(Closed all day)
Thursday, December 26
(Closed all day)
Friday, December 27
(Closed all day)
Wednesday, January 1
(Closed all day)

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS:

Give in thanksgiving. “The nuns left lasting impressions on me,” writes a donor. “I shall always be grateful for my Catholic education.” Please join in thanking the thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers & religious order priests who worked tirelessly to educate the young & serve those in need. Next week’s second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious, which helps hundreds of religious communities care for aging members. Please give generously.



FOOD, FAITH, & FELLOWSHIP

ALPHA is BACK!

Last winter, a number of parishioners, from St. Francis of Assisi, took the opportunity to participate in a worldwide movement that changed their lives—ALPHA

Feedback was so positive, that we’re bringing it back and making it better!

Join us Jan. 9th at 6pm - St. Francis of Assisi Church for our introductory session sharing food, faith, and fellowship.

For more info: call Deacon John Dowd

Tel: 401-783-4411 x14

RSVP: DeaconDowd@stfranciswakefield.com

FREE & OPEN TO ALL - Tell a friend!

Childcare will be provided, upon request

