

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

St. Francis Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 23

4:30pm †Jeannette DeLuca

Requested by Family

Sunday, November 24

8:00am †Donald McCormack

Requested by Diane & Mark Castro

10:00am †Milton Kelley

Requested by Family

12:00nn †Rose & Amadeo Tella

Requested by Family

Monday, November 25

7:00am †Rev. Francis C. Cooney
(11th Pastor)

26th Anniversary Remembrance

†Rev. Michael L. Ryan
(7th Pastor)

67th Anniversary Remembrance

Tuesday, November 26

7:00am †Patrick & Helen Sweeney



Thanksgiving Day, Thurs., November 28

9:00am Mass for the People

Friday, November 29

7:00am †Rev. William J. McCombe
(1st Pastor)

121st Anniversary Remembrance

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

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Sunday, November 24

10:00am †Owen & Maureen Rielly

Requested by Family

Sunday, December 1

10:00am †Robert Dupre

Requested by Jane Estes



SANCTUARY LAMP

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

BUY NOTHING DAY COAT EXCHANGE

WHAT: Free coats and other winter clothing!

WHO: Anyone in need!

WHEN: ***This Friday, November 29th from 10am-noon***

WHERE: St. Francis of Assisi Church
(downstairs in Hellen Bouchard Hall)

CLOTHING DONATIONS: New & used adult coats, scarves & sweatshirts in good, clean condition. Children's coats and sweaters. Please **NO** pants, shoes or t-shirts, no dirty or torn garments.

DONORS: Please drop off donations Monday through Wednesday (November 25-27) from 9am-3pm and Friday morning, November 29, downstairs in Helen Bouchard Hall at St. Francis Church. **(No drop offs on Thanksgiving Day, November 28)**



Parish Giving

Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (190)	-	November 10 \$4,896.50
Loose Donations	-	\$1,516.00
Online Giving (# of donors-61)	-	\$1,936.00
Total Budget	-	\$8,348.50

Second Collection (Ongoing Maintenance)

Budget envelopes used (127)	-	\$1,459.50
Loose Donations	-	\$ 280.00
Total	-	\$1,739.50

Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (199)	-	November 17 \$6,112.00
Loose Donations	-	\$1,304.00
Online Giving (# of donors-63)	-	\$1,926.00
Total Budget	-	\$9,342.00

Second Collection (Monthly Collection)

Budget envelopes used (130)	-	\$1,699.50
Loose Donations	-	\$ 437.00
Total	-	\$2,136.50

This week's second collection is for the Campaign for Human Development. Next week's second collection is the Monthly Collection.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

From the Pastor,

What about these comments from Pope Francis in a recent general audience at the Vatican? Is he being realistic? Living in a bubble? Out of touch? What do *you* think?

On Wednesday, Pope Francis called out the common habit of chatting with people before Mass, stressing that this is a time for silent prayer, when we prepare our hearts for an encounter with the Lord. "When we go to Mass, maybe we arrive five minutes before, and we start to chitchat with those in front of us," the Pope said Nov. 15. However, "it is not a moment for chitchat." "It is a moment of silence for preparing ourselves for dialogue, a time for the heart to collect itself in order to prepare for the encounter with Jesus," he said, adding that "silence is so important." Continuing his new catechesis on the Eucharist, the Pope recalled his message the week prior, that the Mass is not a show, but a place where we encounter the Lord. In this encounter, he said, silence is what "prepares us and accompanies us."

In the future, I'll pass along more from in this talk, in which Pope Francis says something about prayer.

Elsewhere in the news: This is the last week of the liturgical year; next weekend, we begin a new year with the first Sunday of Advent. It's a good time to get to confession and make a fresh start. Confessions are scheduled in the church from 3:30 to 4 p.m. every Saturday in the reconciliation room behind the pulpit. If the door is open and the light is on, enter through the sanctuary and close the door behind you for privacy. Afterwards, leave by the same way and leave the door open for the next person. There are also confessions heard every Saturday in most of the parish churches in the area. Check their websites for times. Have faith in the words our Lord says to his apostles: "Whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven them."

Fr. Bodah



Father Bodah, Deacon Dowd, and the staff of St. Francis and St. Romuald would like to wish everyone a blessed Thanksgiving! God bless.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
(401) 792-8684



Sunday, November 24th

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

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

Wednesday, November 27th

No Classes Today



All are invited to a Family Christmas Paint Party in FGC after each Mass this Sunday; 8, 10 and 12 Hosted by Create! Color Art Studio. You may choose from over 20 styles of clay ornaments, as well as, other Christmas pottery. All supplies are provided. You may pay by cash or check during the event. **Cost** ranges from \$10-\$25.

Fundraiser: 15% of sales will benefit the St Vincent de Paul Society. Hope to see you there!!



This Week

Monday, November 25

7:00pm Pastoral Council Meeting (Rectory)

Tuesday, November 26

6:30pm Bible Study (JFGC)

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Church Loft)

Wednesday, November 27

Parish Offices will close at 12:30

Thursday, November 28: THANKSGIVING DAY

NO ADORATION

PARISH OFFICES ARE CLOSED

Friday, November 29

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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

ADVENT WREATH WORKSHOP

Join us for a great family event as we prepare ourselves for Christmas next Sunday, December 1st from 11am-1:30pm in Fr. Greenan Parish Center.



Bring garden gloves, hand clippers and a dessert to share. We will provide the kit and greens to build your wreath.

Beverages will be provided. Bring a snack to share. Cost is \$14 per wreath.

PART TIME PARISH SECRETARY

St. Thomas More, a thriving parish in South County, is seeking a part time Parish Secretary for approximately 30 hours per week. Must be proficient in the use of Microsoft Office Suite, Publisher, Macbook and possess strong data entry skills. Strong interpersonal skills needed to interact with parishioners and public. Basic knowledge of the Catholic faith and Catholic Sacraments is required. Prior experience as a parish secretary or similar experience preferred.

Please email resume to: stmbamford@gmail.com



ST. MARK CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

St. Mark Church will hold a Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 7th from 9:00am to 1:00pm in the St. Mark Church Hall located at 60 Narragansett Ave., Jamestown, RI.

The bazaar will feature greenery, hand-made items, baked goods, and more for sale as well as great raffle items and unique handcrafted basket raffles.



THE GIVING TREE

Next Sunday, December 1st is the first Sunday of Advent and our Giving Trees will be placed in St. Francis and St. Romuald that weekend.

This year in collaboration with St. Vincent De-Paul, 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.**