

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

St. Francis Mass Intentions



Saturday, December 14
 4:30pm †Eleanor Holland
Requested by Raymond & Kathy Quirk

Sunday, December 15
 8:00am †James & Sarah Folcarelli
Requested by Family
 10:00am †Bryan Maguire
Requested by Family
 12:00nn †Elizabeth Merluzzo
Requested by Mark & Diane Castro

Monday, December 16
 7:00am Mass for the People

Tuesday, December 17
 7:00am †Tina Marie Luciano
Requested by Family

Thursday, December 19
 7:00am †Luke & Henrietta Pucella
Requested by Family

Friday, December 20
 7:00am †James DeLuca, Sr.
Requested by Family

Saturday, December 21
 4:30pm †Fred Robinson
 (6th Anniversary Remembrance)
Requested by Family

Sunday, December 22
 8:00am †Hung Ba Tran
Requested by May & Helen
 10:00am †Kathleen Rose
Requested by Family
 12:00nn †Nicholas Duckworth
Requested by Family

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 15
 10:00am †Marty Durkin, Sr.
Requested by Family

Sunday, December 22
 10:00am †Rachel Passero & Jeanne Henthorn
Requested by Family



SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Tina Marie Luciano.



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



Weekly Support	December 8
Budget envelopes	- \$5,433.50
Loose Donations	- \$ 944.00
Online Giving (# of donors-65)	- \$2,171.00
Total Budget	- \$8,548.50
Second Collection (Retired Religious)	
Budget envelopes	- \$2,791.50
Loose Donations	- \$ 607.00
Total	- \$3,398.50

Immaculate Conception Collection: \$850.50

This week's second collection is for Ongoing Maintenance. There is no second collection next week.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

DECEMBER 15, 2019

From the Pastor,

Blessings on all who took tags from the Giving Tree and brought back gift certificates for people in need of assistance during this Christmas season. The cards need to be in by this afternoon (Sunday) so that they can be distributed in a timely manner.

Here is a meditation from *The Magnificat Advent Companion*:

Noah's ark was built for the highest of stakes—the continuation of life on earth. It had to be perfect, for any defect would jeopardize the safety of those who had taken refuge in it. The ark was their only hope of surviving the overwhelming waters of the flood, the only chance things could begin anew. But the ark could not eliminate sin. The Blessed Virgin Mary, the new Ark, was created with an incomparably greater perfection—the fullness of grace, freedom from the stain of original sin. She was prepared by God to be the Mother of the Savior. In her, therefore, the entire human family has found its safety. What's more, through the Blessed Virgin we experience a new kind of flood, one we should not try to escape—the flood of mercy poured out from the sacred humanity of Christ. Our last Advent station invites us to meditate on the wondrous effect that the Sacrament of Baptism has upon us—the destruction of original sin and a flood of grace and virtue into our souls.

Fr. Bodah



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
(401) 792-8684

Sunday, December 15th

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

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

Wednesday, December 18th

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

6:30-7:45pm Grades 7-9 (FGC)

The Religious Education office will be closed for school vacation from Dec. 20th - Jan 1st



Calling all shepherds, angels, and wise

men...If your child in grade K-6 would like to participate in our annual Christmas pageant on January 5th at 11:00, please call Mrs. Cullen at the Religious Education Office at 792-8684 or email at Cullen_stfrancis@verizon.net. Rehearsal will be Friday, January 3rd from 4:00-5:15 and Saturday, January 4th from 10:00-11:00 in Fr. Greenan Center.

FOOD, FAITH, & FELLOWSHIP

ALPHA is BACK!



At St. Francis of Assisi Church

Coming January 9, 2020

FREE AND OPEN TO ALL

Who is Jesus? Why Am I Here? Is there more to life than this? Who is the Holy Spirit? Why Pray? How can I resist Evil? Am I good enough?

For more info visit stfranciswakefield.com

or

Call Deacon John Dowd 783-4411 x 14

RSVP: ALPHA@StFrancisWakefield.com

Advent

What is Advent?

Advent is the period of time before Christmas during which Christians wait for the birth of Jesus.

The word "advent" comes from a Latin word which means "coming"



This Week

Tuesday, December 17

6:30pm Bible Study (FGC)

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Church Loft)

7:00pm SVDP Meeting (FGC)

Thursday, December 19

7:30am Adoration (Church)

9-10:30am Parish Staff Meeting (*Office closed during this time*)

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

7:00pm RCIA (Rectory)



THE GIVING TREE: THIS IS THE LAST SUNDAY!

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 THIS 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)

WARWICK SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA PRESENTS: HOLIDAY POPS

This 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.



COLLECTION OF DR. SEUSS BOOKS FOR MEXICO

Maureen Rooney, a parishioner who is living in Mexico again for this year helping local English teachers, would like to continue the work started by her son, Luke Meyer, last year by collecting Dr. Seuss books for school children in her Mexican town. These books would be used in the Yucatan school system where many of the students are Mayan and very poor. The books can be new or gently used. The simpler Dr. Seuss books work best, as the level of English of the students is low. Boxes will be placed at the entrances to the church/chapel. Donations need to be in by December 23rd. Thank you very much for your donations!

