

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## St. Francis Mass Intentions

**Saturday, December 21**  
 4:30pm †Fred Robinson  
 (6<sup>th</sup> 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*

**Monday, December 23**  
 7:00am † Stephen Tucker  
*Requested by Jean*

**Tuesday, December 24**  
 7:00am  
     Christmas Eve  
     Tuesday, December 24  
 4:30pm †Jean G. Boisse  
*Requested by Family*  
 10:00pm Mass for the People  
     Christmas Day  
     Wednesday, December 25  
 9:00am †Kerri Bessette  
*Requested by Mom, Dad & Scott*  
 11:00am †For the Members of the  
 Perpetual Mass Association

**Thursday, December 26**  
 7:00am Mass for the People

**Friday, December 27**  
 7:00am †Marie McGrath

**Saturday, December 28**  
 4:30pm †Sylvia DeLuca  
*Requested by Rosina LeVasseur*

**Sunday, December 29**  
 8:00am †The Flynn & Carney Families  
*Requested by Kathleen & Jeff Carney*  
 10:00am 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
 Celebration for Bryan & Sue Williams  
 12:00nn †Carol Pistorino  
 (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Remembrance)  
*Requested by Family*

## St. Romuald Mass Intentions

**Sunday, December 22**  
 10:00am †Rachel Passero & Jeanne Henthorn  
*Requested by Family*  
     Christmas Eve  
     Tuesday, December 24  
 5:30pm †Roger Fenaughty  
*Requested by Family*  
     Christmas Day  
     Wednesday, December 25  
 10:00am †Henry H. Thayer, Jr.  
*Requested by Dominique Shiels*

**Sunday, December 29**  
 10:00am †Mary Marchand  
*Requested by Al & Gerri Marsocci*



### SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of James Smith, R. & R. Calitri & E. & M. Bragdon; the lamp at St. Romuald burns in memory of John Estes.



*Father Bodah, Deacon Dowd, and the staff of St. Francis and St. Romuald would like to wish everyone a blessed Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year! God bless.*

## Parish Giving

<b>Weekly Support</b>	<b>December 15</b>
Budget envelopes used (215)	-
Loose Donations	-
Online Giving (# of donors-60)	-
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$8,541.50</b>
<b>Second Collection (Ongoing Maintenance)</b>	
Budget envelopes used (141)	-
Loose Donations	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,058.50</b>

There is no second collection this week or next week.

**As always, thank you for your continued generosity.**

DECEMBER 22, 2019

## From the Pastor,

The great Solemnity of the Lord's Nativity is upon us and I pray that the peace and joy of this holy season come to all who celebrate the birth of our Savior.

You may notice that from time to time Mass is offered for the "Members of the Perpetual Mass Association." These are people who left significant funds to the parish in their wills and asked that they be remembered at the altar. The diocese was reluctant to allow parishes to accept that kind of restricted gift, but the vicar for finance proposed that we establish an association composed of such donors and remember them as a group. Thus far the members of the association are **Laura Webb, Edna Otto, Marilyn Maley, Daniel O'Shea and Yvonne Farrell**. Three of these good souls were long-time and even native members of our parish; two were people who came here later in life; all were appreciative of their Catholic faith and of what service the parish had rendered to them. All wanted to try to ensure the continued existence of St. Francis parish. Certainly, without the extraordinary bequests of Edna, Laura and Marilyn we could not make ends meet from what we receive on the weekends. God rest their souls. As scripture says, "The just shall be in everlasting remembrance; an evil report they will not fear."

Elsewhere in the news: Let me express my thanks to all who remember me at Christmas. Of course I shall thank them personally, but I mention this only because someone last year remarked that they knew that the Christmas collection went to the pastor! Good heavens! That hasn't been true since the Christmas of 1972. Please be assured that the Christmas collection goes to the parish and not to me. God bless all those who support the parish financially and make it possible for it to remain open into the future.

Fr. Bodah

### 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](http://stfranciswakefield.com)**  
**or**

Call Deacon John Dowd 783-4411 x 14  
RSVP: [ALPHA@StFrancisWakefield.com](mailto:ALPHA@StFrancisWakefield.com)



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**  
**(401) 792-8684**

### **Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>**

No Classes today

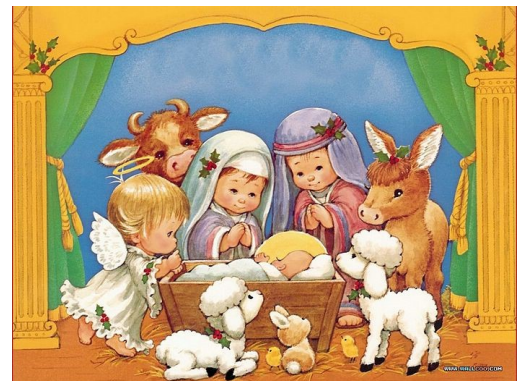
No Children's Liturgy of the Word

***The Religious Education office will be closed for school vacation Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> - Jan 1<sup>st</sup>***



***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 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:00, please call Mrs. Cullen at the Religious Ed Office at 792-8684 or email her at [Cullen\\_stfrancis@verizon.net](mailto:Cullen_stfrancis@verizon.net).***

***Rehearsal will be Friday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4:00-5:15 and Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-11:00 in Fr. Greenan Center.***



# This Week

**Tuesday, December 24**

**PARISH OFFICES ARE CLOSED**

**Wednesday, December 25**

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**Thursday, December 26**

**NO ADORATION**

**PARISH OFFICES ARE CLOSED**

**Friday, December 27**

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## CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGES

Michael Milano from Our Lady of Mount Carmel is leading 2 pilgrimages next year. In April 2020 to Fatima/Lourdes/ Santiago de Compostela and Barcelona and in September 2020 to the Oberammergau Passion Play in Germany.

Catholic Pilgrimages will include daily Mass to Fatima/Lourdes/ Santiago de Compostela and Barcelona April 2 through May 3, 2020. The cost is \$3699 per person and to Oberammergau for the Passion Play performed only offered every 10 years with Switzerland and Austria September 8 through 19, 2020. The cost is \$5299 per person. Pilgrimages include airfare, all sightseeing, breakfast and dinner daily. For more detailed information please call Cathie or Michael Milano at 1-800-773-2660.



### 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)

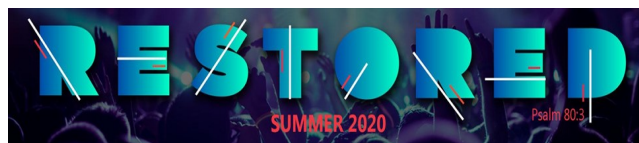
**Friday, December 27**  
(Closed all day)

**Wednesday, January 1**  
(Closed all day)

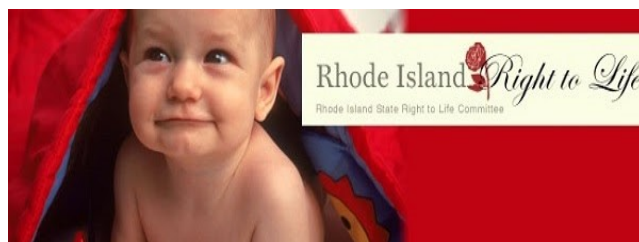


## NAMES OF LOVED ONES CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING

The names of the loved ones written on the Christmas Offering Flower envelopes will be placed in a box on the altar at the church and chapel. Those members will be remembered at Mass on Christmas Eve. They will remain on the altar until the Feast of the Epiphany, January 5.



SAVE THE DATE  
STEUBENVILLE EAST 2020  
July 10-12  
At URI Ryan Center  
REGISTRATION OPEN TO ALL YOUTH  
IN GRADES 8-12



## ST. GABRIEL'S CALL AT ST. PATRICK'S

A special workshop consisting of an overview of the diocesan outreach ministry for women during and beyond pregnancy will be offered on Saturday, January 4, 2020 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at St. Patrick's, 244 Smith Street, Providence. The agenda will include how you can help mom and baby and enrich their lives by mentoring, providing material needs, parenting and cooking skills. This workshop will be offered in English and Spanish. For more information and to RSVP please call 278-2518 or 421-7070.

