

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

St. Francis Mass Intentions

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 25th Wedding Anniversary
Celebration for Bryan & Sue
Williams

12:00nn †Carol Pistorino

(1st Anniversary Remembrance)

Requested by Family

Monday, December 30

7:00am Mass for the People

Tuesday, December 31

7:00am Special Intention for the Carney Family

Requested by Kathleen Carney



Wednesday, January 1: New Year's Day

9:00am †For the Members of the
Perpetual Mass Association

Thursday, January 2

7:00am †Nellie Heavey

Requested by Bernadette Eden

Friday, January 3

7:00am †Rita & Tom O'Rourke & Warren
Behie

Requested by Family

Saturday, January 4

4:30pm †Ralph Groves

Requested by Ann & Ollie

Sunday, January 5

8:00am †Sam & Mary Johnson

Requested by Family

10:00am †Michael Dufficy

Requested by Diane & Mark Castro

12:00nn

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 29

10:00am †Mary Marchand

Requested by Al & Gerri Marsocci

Sunday, January 5

10:00am



SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of the Flynn & Carney Families.



God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons. Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. When he prays, he is heard; he stores up riches who reveres his mother. Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children, and, when he prays, is heard. Whoever reveres his father will live a long life; he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother.

My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives. Even if his mind fails, be considerate of him; revile him not all the days of his life; kindness to a father will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt of your sins—a house raised in justice to you.—A reading from the Book of Sirach

Parish Giving

Over the next few weeks due to early transmittal of bulletins the parish giving will not always be available when the bulletin is transmitted.

We will publish information in future bulletins.

There is no second collection this week. Next week's second collection is the Monthly Collection.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

From the Pastor,

This column had to be written the week before Christmas, so I have to trust that by the time you see this, everyone got through the holiday smoothly enough. God bless us every one!

As the calendar year comes to a close and we reflect on how we've done in our personal lives, it behooves us also to consider how we are living as children of God, disciples of Jesus Christ, members of the Catholic community.

Here is a reflection by Pope St. John Paul II on the ending of one year and the beginning of another:

We have reached the end of a solar year: in a few hours it will give way to the new year, after reaching, so to speak, its chronological fullness and the climax of the journey begun 365 days ago....The mysterious event of the Holy Night lives again in these words: the Only-Begotten and eternal Son of God "by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man." He entered the history of mankind and, as it were, surpassed it. Can God's entry into history be otherwise defined than as a transcending of history itself?...By the Incarnation of the Word, human time is called to share in the eternity of God....

This is why the Word was made flesh and came to dwell among us, so that by welcoming him we might receive adoption as children. In the Prologue of his Gospel, the Apostle John proclaims with wonder: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. To all who received him...he gave power to become children of God. The Only-Begotten Son, one in being with the Father, comes into the world so that through sanctifying grace all people may be born again, for they have been called to the lofty privilege of being filii in Filio, sons in the Son, by divine adoption. The Church professes this truth about the fullness of time and today wishes to proclaim it in an altogether unique way.

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

or

Call Deacon John Dowd 783-4411 x 14
RSVP: ALPHA@StFrancisWakefield.com



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
(401) 792-8684

December 29th

No Classes today

No Children's Liturgy of the Word

Wednesday, January 1st

No Classes- Happy New Year!

Friday, January 3rd

4:00-5:15pm Christmas pageant rehearsal FGC

Saturday, January 4th

10:00-11:00am Christmas pageant rehearsal FGC

*All are invited to come to our annual St. Francis of Assisi's Christmas Pageant next **Sunday, January 5th** at **11:00am** in Fr. Greenan Center*



For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord. You will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.

Refreshments will be served. If you would like to provide a baked good please call the Religious Education Office at 792-8684. Thank you!



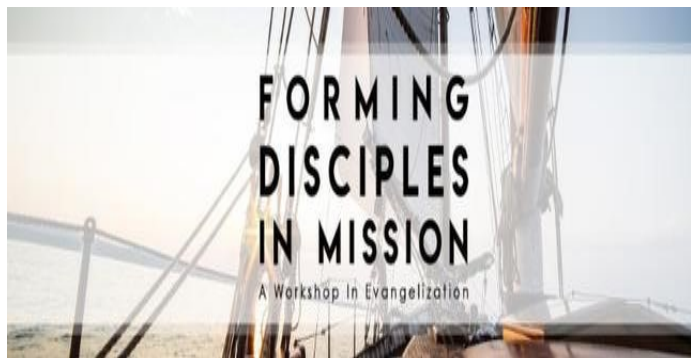
This Week

Wednesday, January 1

PARISH OFFICES ARE CLOSED

Thursday, January 2

7:30am Adoration (Church)



FORMING DISCIPLES IN MISSION

**Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul - Cathedral Hall
Saturday, January 11, 2019**

One Cathedral Square
(30 Fenner St.)
Providence, RI 02903
8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

A Workshop in Parish-Based Evangelization created by the Archdiocese of Boston. Forming Disciples in Mission is a one-day session that will help to develop a common language and skill set for the work of the New Evangelization. During the session, participants will learn how to share personal testimony and form disciples, develop an understanding of what makes evangelizing parishes, and discuss practical ways to evangelize in parish life.

Who this is for: This workshop is especially for pastors, parochial vicars, deacons, parish pastoral council members, parish evangelization teams, faith formation directors, youth ministers, RCIA coordinators, catechists, men's or women's group leaders, and volunteers. However, any Catholic interested in living the baptismal call to be a missionary disciple can participate.

Cost: \$25

Coffee/an, Lunch, and workbooks included.

For more information visit: discovercatholicfaith.org

HOST A PLANT-BASED SUPER BOWL PARTY

Date: Saturday, Jan 18th

Time: 1pm-4pm

Cost: \$30

A cooking class led by Jennifer Costanza.



Learn to make delicious plant-based appetizers that everyone can enjoy! Bring an appetite and an interest in plant-based cooking. For registration and prepayment information (space is limited) please contact Jennifer at jncostanza@gmail.com.



**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.



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.