

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### St. Francis Mass Intentions



**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*

**Monday, December 9**  
 7:00am †Mr. & Mrs. Thu Chi Tran & John  
 Thanh Ha  
*Requested by Family*

**Tuesday, December 10**  
 7:00am †Tom McGair  
*Requested by Jean*

**Thursday, December 12**  
 7:00am Mass for the People

**Friday, December 13**  
 7:00am †Rita & Tom O'Rourke & Warren  
 Behie  
*Requested by Family*

**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*

### St. Romuald Mass Intentions

**Sunday, December 8**  
 10:00am †Stephen Parente  
*Requested by Patrick & Eve Sweeney*

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



### SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church  
 burns in memory of Hung Ba Tran.



### 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

<b>Weekly Support</b>		<b>November 24</b>
Budget envelopes used (187)	-	\$4,808.00
Loose Donations	-	\$1,046.00
Online Giving (# of donors-60)	-	\$1,811.00
<b>Total Budget</b>	-	<b>\$7,665.00</b>
<b>Second Collection</b> (Camp. For Human Development)		
Budget envelopes	-	\$1,423.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 305.00
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>\$1,728.00</b>
<b>Weekly Support</b>		<b>December 1</b>
Budget envelopes used (226)	-	\$8,082.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 900.00
Online Giving (# of donors-62)	-	\$1,846.00
<b>Total Budget</b>	-	<b>\$10,828.00</b>
<b>Second Collection</b> (Monthly Collection)		
Budget envelopes used (140)	-	\$2,417.50
Loose Donations	-	\$ 577.00
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>\$2,994.50</b>

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

*Please place the envelope for the Immaculate Conception  
 in the first collection basket this weekend.*

Next week's second collection is for Ongoing Maintenance.

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

*From the Pastor,*

A couple of weeks ago I passed on to you the thoughts of Pope Francis about the importance of prayer as a preparation for Mass and his objection to chatting in the church while waiting for Mass to begin. I prefaced the quotation by asking what your thoughts might be on this subject. Several people asked me what the reaction had been but no one offered any thoughts of his or her own.

I will admit that I would like to dissent in a very small way from the words of the Holy Father. One of the reasons to go to church—although not among the most important—is to see our fellow parishioners whom we hadn't seen all week. I don't think that a very brief chat with the people you sit next to every weekend does a great deal of harm as long as we go on to spend some time in prayer in preparation for Mass. One thing to remember, however: as we get older, our sense of hearing diminishes and sometimes we think we're whispering when we can actually be heard six pews away. It's good to remember that other people may be trying to pray and that our chit chat may be quite distracting. You may notice that new churches are built with large vestibules, "gathering spaces," where people can interact in an informal way before entering the nave of the church to pray. Both our churches were built in a different age and have very little gathering space, so we have to make do. In any case, it's good to remember that our Lord is present in the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle and we should not lose this opportunity to enjoy his presence and communicate with him.

Elsewhere in the news: please spread the word about Alpha, which is coming up in January. It's a reintroduction to basic Christianity and effort to move us towards a personal relationship with Christ.

Also, remember the "Giving Tree." Drop your gift cards into the collection basket on the weekends, or bring them by the rectory. Outside of business hours, please leave them in the mailbox outside the office door. Thanks so much for your generosity!

*Fr. Bodah*



**Congratulations** to the proud parents and godmother of Nicholas Bradford Villanis who was baptized on Sunday, December 1 by Deacon John Dowd. *Your parish family rejoices with you!*



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

**Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

**Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

**THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR WILL SING AT THE 4:30 MASS ON CHRISTMAS EVE AT ST. FRANCIS**



Calling all boys and girls grade 1 and up. Rehearsals will Wednesday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:45-6:45pm in the St. Francis church choir loft. Instrumentalists are welcome and encouraged to participate as well.

Please email Mrs. Jen Bernard with your child's name and grade. Mrs. Bernard's email: [martacanta@gmail.com](mailto:martacanta@gmail.com)

**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.



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



# This Week

## Tuesday, December 10

6:30pm Bible Study (FGC)

## Wednesday, December 11

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Church Loft)

## Thursday, December 12

7:30am Adoration (Church)

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

7:00pm RCIA (Rectory)

## Friday, December 13

7:00pm Parenting Group Meeting (FGC)



### THE GIVING TREE

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 NEXT Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.*



### 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)

## Monsignor Clarke School Christmas Festival

*Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> 9am-3 pm*

More than 77 local vendors to shop from, Visits with Santa, Kids Crafts, Make n Take Workshops, Food, Raffles and more!

We are currently still accepting applications for local artisans and vendors.

If you are interested in joining us for this annual event please email Audrey Scott at

[mcschristmas@monsignorclarkeschool.org](mailto:mcschristmas@monsignorclarkeschool.org)

### WARWICK SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA PRESENTS: HOLIDAY POPS

**Next 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.

