

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

St. Francis Mass Intentions



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

Monday, January 6

7:00am †Robert Minor

Requested by Michele & Bruce Nielsen

Tuesday, January 7

7:00am †Charles Moffitt

Requested by Jean McGair

Thursday, January 9

7:00am †Herman Card

(3rd Anniversary Remembrance)

Requested by Viola

Friday, January 10

7:00am †Kerri Bessette

Requested by Mom, Dad & Scott

Saturday, January 11

4:30pm †Cathleen Naughton

Requested by Ollie & Ann

Sunday, January 12

8:00am †James McNulty

Requested by Paul Costanza

10:00am †David Craig

Requested by Diane & Mark Castro

12:00nn

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 5

10:00am

Sunday, January 12

10:00am †Dan Fenaughty

(Birthday Remembrance)

Requested by Family



The St. Francis of Assisi Social Outreach Committee (SOC) is sponsoring a Baby Shower during the month of January to assist area agencies. Please place donations in Collection baskets located in St. Francis Church & St. Romuald's Chapel during the weekends in January. **Thank you for your support!**

COLLECTED ITEMS WILL BENEFIT:

*The St. Gabriel Call
The Pregnancy Center of Westerly
Right to Life Services*

SUGGESTED BABY SUPPLY DONATIONS

<i>Diapers (All Sizes up to 6/XL)</i>	<i>Baby Wipes</i>
<i>Warm Sleepers (0 to 24 mos.)</i>	<i>Lotion</i>
<i>Warm Children's Clothing (2T-4T, 5-6)</i>	<i>Baby Wash</i>
<i>Infant Onesies</i>	<i>Baby Blankets</i>
<i>Shampoo</i>	

Cash donations also gratefully accepted.



Parish Giving

Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (188) -

Loose Donations -

Online Giving (# of donors-61) -

Total Budget -

December 22

\$5,509.00

\$1,410.00

\$1,991.00

\$8,910.00

Weekly Support

Budget envelopes -

Loose Donations -

Online Giving (# of donors-61) -

Total Budget -

December 29

\$6,382.50

\$1,653.00

\$1,896.00

\$9,931.50

Christmas Collection:

\$13,027.00

Christmas Flowers:

\$ 2,159.00

This week's second collection is the Monthly Collection. Next week's second collection is for Ongoing Maintenance.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

JANUARY 5, 2020

From the Pastor,

I have noticed that the people of our parish are always willing to contribute to the aid of people in financial difficulty. This year we asked that, instead of buying toys for children, we purchase gift certificates to grocery stores, pharmacies, etc. I am happy to report that we have together raised nearly \$9,500. These cards are divided between the Jonnycake Center of Peace Dale and our own local chapter of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and will go a long way to bring relief to people whose incomes cannot keep pace with the necessities of life.

If you didn't get a chance to get a gift card for the tree, don't despair! The St. Vincent de Paul boxes are in the East and North vestibules of the church and at the door of the chapel. Any contribution put there will go directly to those in need. And if you're looking for a way to make a non-financial contribution to the people of our area, consider joining the St. Vincent de Paul Society to help with home visitations to those who apply for assistance. I'm sure the present members would be glad to fill you in on what kind of commitment membership involves. Call them at 401-871-8936.

As you know, we have a diocesan satellite office in the lower level of the church and for some years Eileen Noble has assisted people with their heating bills and steered them toward those who could help with other financial needs. Now the recently widowed Eileen has decided to retire and has move to Pennsylvania to live with her daughter. The diocesan office in Providence has been checking the calls and has sent a fill-in once a week to be in our office until a permanent replacement for Eileen can be found. God speed the day! If anyone is interested in doing this kind of work, call the diocesan of "Keep the Heat On" 401-421-7833 ex. 222. They provide a job description.

Please let me once again express my thanks to all who made the Christmas Masses so uplifting: the members of music ministry, the liturgical ministers—lectors, altar servers and collectors-- those who decorated and cleaned the church and chapel, and especially Bobby Kelly and Bill Harding, without whose day-to-day labors we could hardly function at all! We are especially blessed in our staff, about whom I'll write more in the near future. God bless us every one!

Fr. Bodah

MASS INTENTIONS



It is very much a part of our Catholic tradition to have Masses offered for deceased relatives and friends. Parishioners are encouraged to continue this tradition. When was the last time you had a Mass offered for a deceased parent, grandparent, uncle, aunt, brother or sister? To make arrangements, please call the parish office at (401)783-4411 or stop by during office hours 9am to 4pm.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
(401) 792-8684



Sunday, January 5th

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

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

11:00am Christmas Pageant (FGC)

Wednesday, January 8th

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

6:30-7:45pm Grades 7, 8 & 9 (FGC)



**Good news and great joy
to all the world:
today is born our Savior,
Christ the Lord.**

**Please join us for our Christmas
Pageant
Sunday, January 5th at 11:00
in Fr. Greenan Parish Center
... followed by light refreshments.**



This Week

Monday, January 6

6:30pm Event Committee Meeting (FGC)

Tuesday, January 7

6:30pm Bible Study (FGC)

7:00pm Choir (Church)

7:00pm SVD Meeting (FGC)

Thursday, January 9

7:30am Adoration (Church)

9:30am Staff Meeting (**Office will be closed during this time**)

6:30pm Alpha Group (FGC)

7:00pm RCIA (Rectory)

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

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.



We are glad that you are here with us this morning. Whether you moved here a while ago or are just here for a brief stay, we welcome you.

If you would like to become a part of this wonderful community, registering in the parish is a quick process that will take about five minutes over the phone (783-4411) or you can see Father Bodah after Mass to inquire about registering. Again, welcome and God bless!



St. Vincent DePaul Society

Just a reminder that our St. Vincent de Paul chapter here at St. Francis needs your help. They ask your help by using their poor boxes located in the church and chapel so that they can assist those in need in our area (Gift cards are accepted). **Keep them in your prayers!**

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.



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PROVIDENCE OFFICE OF LIFE AND FAMILY MINISTRY JANUARY 2020 EVENTS

The Annual Respect for Life Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, **January 18** at 9:00 am in the Cathedral of SS. Peter & Paul in Providence. Bishop Thomas J. Tobin will be the main celebrant and Rev. Nathan J. Ricci, Assistant Chancellor, will be the homilist for the Mass. A reception with refreshments will follow the Mass in Cathedral Hall. The image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be on the altar for veneration during Mass. Everyone is invited to attend. Please let us know if you are attending the reception following the Mass, call 278-2518 or email: cowens@dioceseofprovidence.org.



Annual March for Life Bus Trip to DC will leave Providence on **Thursday, January 23** for the March for Life Mass/Rally on **Friday, January 24**. For more information and to reserve a seat on the bus, contact the Respect for Life Office, 278-2518 or email: cowens@dioceseofprovidence.org.