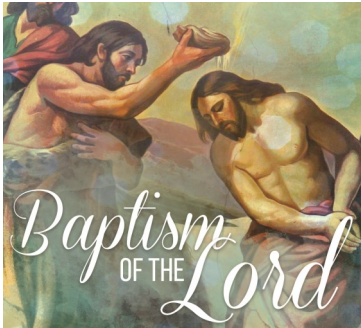


# THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

## St. Francis Mass Intentions



### 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

### Monday, January 13

7:00am †Bernie Conlin  
Requested by Ann Galligan

### Tuesday, January 14

7:00am †John Norris  
Requested by Jim & Susan Meehan

### Thursday, January 16

7:00am †Charles Moffitt  
Requested by Joe & Ellen Schwab

### Friday, January 17

7:00am †Esther Thompson  
Requested by the Daly Family

### Saturday, January 18

4:30pm †Branden J. DeLuca  
(12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Remembrance)  
Requested by Mom, Dad & Family

### Sunday, January 19

8:00am  
10:00am  
12:00nn

## St. Romuald Mass Intentions

### Sunday, January 12

10:00am †Dan Fenaughty  
(Birthday Remembrance)  
Requested by Family

### Sunday, January 19

10:00am †Mary Marchand  
(Birthday Remembrance)  
Requested by Gerri & Al Marsocci



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

<b>Weekly Support</b>		<b>January 5</b>
Budget envelopes used (191)	-	\$5,200.00
Loose Donations	-	\$1,608.00
Online Giving (# of donors-67)	-	\$2,431.00
<b>Total Budget</b>	-	<b>\$9,239.00</b>

<b>Second Collection (Monthly Collection)</b>	
Budget envelopes used (129)	- \$1,791.50
Loose Donations	- \$ 460.00
<b>Total Budget</b>	- <b>\$2,251.50</b>

**New Year's Collection \$1,389.00**

This week's second collection is for Ongoing Maintenance. Next week's second collection is for the Catholic University

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

*From the Pastor,*

This weekend we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, the last day of the Christmas season. Monday we return to the green Mass vestments of "Ordinary Time." The term "ordinary" does not mean that nothing special happens; it simply means that the weeks between the Christmas season and Lent and again between the Easter Season and the new year which begins in Advent are "ordained" or numbered.

The Psalm 119 says, "This is the day that Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." We use that verse especially at Easter, but it can refer to every day of our lives. Each day is a "day the Lord has made" and contains blessings for us.

By the time you read this, the introductory meeting for Alpha will have taken place but the course is still open if you want to jump in right away. I would recommend it to everyone but especially to those who 1) are questioning some of the basic beliefs of Christianity; 2) those who are looking for support in their lives. Maybe you have lost someone: a parent, a spouse, a child. Maybe you have lost a spouse through divorce. Maybe your children have moved away and you don't see them as much as you used to. Although Alpha is not primarily a support group in the psychological sense, it does attempt to form community around the good news of Christ.

By next week the group will be formed and no new members will be able to be added. So if you'd like to take advantage of this opportunity, please let us know right away so we can prepare enough food for the dinner with which each session begins, and come to the Greenan Center at 6:30 on Thursday evening.

God bless the work!

PS. I'll be away this week and Fr. Albert Duggan, O.P. the chaplain of the Brown-RISD Catholic Community will be covering for me.

*Fr. Bodah*

**Congratulations** to the proud parents and godparents of Aria Grace and Luca Joseph Peterson who were baptized on Sunday, January 5 by Deacon John Dowd. *Your parish family rejoices with you!*



**ADMISSIONS OPEN HOUSE AT MONSIGNOR CLARKE SCHOOL**

Monsignor Clarke School will be hosting an open house for prospective families on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> from 12-2 pm. Stop by to take a tour or attend an information session. Come see why so many families have made the move to MCS! Now Enrolling for children 18 months to 8<sup>th</sup> grade!

Visit our website [www.monsignorclarkeschool.org](http://www.monsignorclarkeschool.org)



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

**Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

**Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

**Next Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>** Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday. No Classes/No Children's Liturgy of the Word.



*"We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."*

**On January 5<sup>th</sup>, the Epiphany of the Lord, we held our annual Christmas pageant. Thank you to all our families who participated and supported us. Thank you to Mrs. Kathleen Puchalla for directing and to Mrs. Jen Bernard for providing us with beautiful music and leading us in song.**

*"And on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage."*



# This Week

## Tuesday, January 14

6:30pm Bible Study

7:00pm Choir (Church)

## Thursday, January 16

7:30am Adoration (Church)

6:30pm Alpha Group (FGC)

7:00pm RCIA (Rectory)

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

## Friday, January 17

7:00pm Parenting Group (FGC)

## Monday, January 20

*Martin Luther King Day—Parish Offices closed*



Registration opens January 15<sup>th</sup> for the  
STEUBENVILLE EAST 2020

July 10-12

At URI Ryan Center

OPEN TO ALL YOUTH CURRENTLY

IN GRADES 8-12

Contact Emily Cuellar at

[youthministrystmsfa@gmail.com](mailto:youthministrystmsfa@gmail.com)

For more information:

<https://steubenvilleconferences.com/events/conf-east/>

Just a reminder that there are inspirational Catholic media CDs available at the side entrance (parking lot side) in the main church and at the chapel. Please be sure to take a moment to look them over.

## HOST A PLANT-BASED SUPER BOWL PARTY AT FATHER GREENAN CENTER

Date: Saturday, Jan 18<sup>th</sup>

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 please contact Jennifer at [jncostanza@gmail.com](mailto:jncostanza@gmail.com) (space is limited).



## 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!*

## FOOD DONATIONS FOR THE JONNYCAKE CENTER: JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER

Please remember we are always in need of nonperishable food items (no glass or outdated items). Your donations may be placed in the baskets located at St. Francis or St. Romuald. These items will be donated to the Jonnycake Food Pantry in Peace Dale. Thank you for your generosity.



## 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](mailto: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](mailto:cowens@dioceseofprovidence.org).