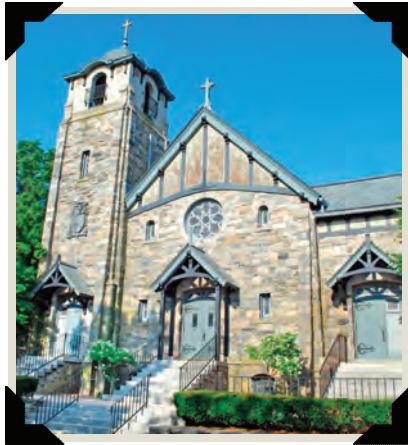


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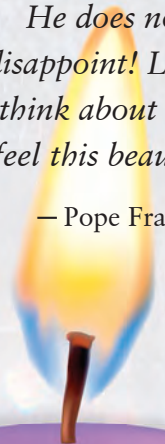
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— Pope Francis



Masses

SAINT FRANCIS CHURCH
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 7:00 am
Saturday 4:30 pm
Sunday 9:00 am and 11:00 am

SAINT ROMUALD CHAPEL / Winter Schedule
Sunday 10:00 am

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Sacraments

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday at 3:30 - 4:00 pm in Saint Francis Church or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
First Sunday of each month.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY
Please call the rectory at least one year in advance to speak with Father Bodah. Due to the reduction in priests we can no longer accommodate Sunday weddings.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK
Please call the rectory.

welcome

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Friday From 9:00 am—12:30 pm

First Sunday of ADVENT

HOPE

# THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## St. Francis Mass Intentions



**Saturday, November 28**

4:30pm † Mary & Bill Apicerno  
*Requested by Family*

**Sunday, November 29**

9:00am Mass for the People  
11:00am † Albertina Wiseman  
*Requested by Georgette*

**Monday, November 30**

7:00am † Rev. William J. McCombe  
(1<sup>st</sup> Pastor)  
*122<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Remembrance*

**Tuesday, December 1**

7:00am † Gloria Carney  
*Requested by Jeff & Kathleen Carney*

**Thursday, December 3**

7:00am † James H. DeLuca, Sr.  
*Requested by Family*

**Friday, December 4**

7:00am † Rev. Robert A. Allaire  
(13<sup>th</sup> Pastor)  
*16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Remembrance*

**Saturday, December 5**

4:30pm † Bob & Concetta Wilson  
*Requested by Jean*

**Sunday, December 6**

9:00am † Michael Dufficy  
*Requested by Wife and Children*  
11:00am † Miriam Quinn  
*Requested by the Grimes Family*

## St. Romuald Mass Intentions

**Sunday, November 29**

10:00am † Owen & Maureen Rielly  
*Requested by Family*

**Sunday, December 6**

10:00am † Allan & Susan Marchand  
*Requested by Gerri & Al Marsocci*



## SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Gloria Carney.



## GIVING TREE

**This year's Giving Tree will benefit our own St. Vincent de Paul's chapter and the Jonnycake Center.**

**Tags have been placed on the trees at both the church and the chapel. Suggested gift certificates: Belmont's, Shaw's, Stop & Shop, Walmart, Job Lot and Visa. Gift cards in \$25 increments are recommended (easier to distribute).**

**Please return with offertory basket or to the rectory by the weekend of December 19/20. Thank you in advance for your generosity.**



Due to early transmittal the budget information for the weekend of November 22 was not available. That information will be in next week's bulletin.

This week's second collection is the monthly collection for November. Next week's second collection is the monthly collection for December.

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

NOVEMBER 29, 2020

## *From the Pastor,*

First of all, a very happy beginning of a new liturgical year to everyone! Let's hope that the coming year goes more smoothly than the one that's ending now and that in the next some months we'll be able to resume a more "normal" routine.

We're about to break new ground here at St. Francis. As you know, thanks to the skill and generosity of our loyal parishioner Ryan Bernard, we've been able to livestream the Sunday 9 o'clock Mass as well as Holy Week and several other services that have taken place since the shut-down. Now it's agreed that it is time to take the next step and install a more permanent camera that will work on a pre-programmed schedule to do the livestreaming. This should not only improve the quality of the broadcast, which is certainly more than adequate already, but free Ryan to attend Mass with the congregation and with his wife, Jen, whenever she is not obliged to play the organ at Mass.

We have also retained the services of a technician who is giving us a break on the installation of this camera and its programming since it is for use with divine worship. Still, it is going to cost something up toward \$3,000. In addition, because of a change in federal guidelines about frequencies for microphone use, last year we had to install a new system in the church; this year, we had to do the chapel and the extra mic used at the church, mostly by the deacon but also at very other services throughout the year.. I'm steeling myself for that bill, which hasn't come in yet.

I have not been making an issue about financial giving because I know that people are out of work or on reduced work schedules, but if anyone is able to and interested in helping to defray the cost of these new amenities, please let me know. I should think it would be especially attractive to those who have been watching from home.

God bless the work!

*Fr. Bodah*



*Tuesday, December 8*  
*Feast of the Immaculate Conception of  
the Blessed Virgin Mary*

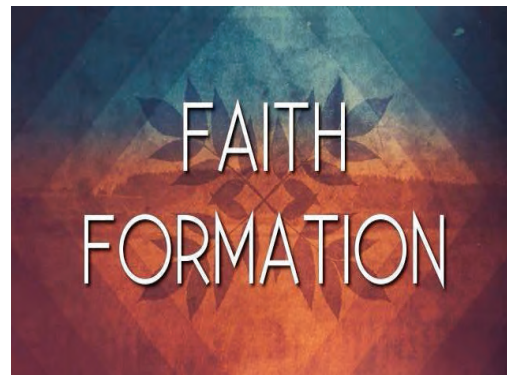
**Below are Mass times at the Church**

**7:00am**  
(To be streamed)

**6:30pm**



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**Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>**  
No Class today

**Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**6:30-8:30** Confirmation I (Grade 7)  
in person class FGC

Confirmation II (Grade 8) virtual  
class



# This Week

## Monday, November 30

7:30-Noon Adoration (Church)

## Wednesday, December 2

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph

## Thursday, December 3

9-10:30am Staff Meeting (Office will be closed at that time)

5:00pm Opening the Word (FGC)

6:00pm Thursday Night Prayer Meeting (HB)

7:00pm RCIA (Rectory)

*The parish office is open 9am to 4pm Monday through Thursday and 9am to 12:30 on Friday.*

## PRAYER SHAWLS

The St. Francis of Assisi Prayer Shawl Group has many beautiful prayer shawls available. If you know of someone who could benefit from receiving a prayer shawl please contact Jean McGair at 401-783-1633.



## ADVENT WREATH KITS

After all masses this weekend at the chapel and the main church we will be selling kits (plastic base, a floral ring, 4 candles & holders, some cut greens will be available) to make your family Advent wreath at home this year. Instructions will be provided as well as prayers for Advent. A wonderful way to begin your Advent season.

Cost is \$14 per wreath. Checks can be made out to 'St. Francis Church'.



## 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). If you know of someone in need of assistance, SVDP can be reached at 401-871-8936. *Please 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.



## WEEKLY ADORATION RESUMES THIS MONDAY

Adoration will resume beginning this Monday morning, November 30, from 7:30 AM-12:00 Noon. (Will not be held on Monday holidays or in the event there is a funeral).

We have set up the schedule with half hour increments. If anyone would like to spend time with Jesus please contact our Adoration Coordinator, Liz Soltysiak at 792-9379 or if you don't want to make a permanent commitment know that you are welcome to stop by for a visit.

Remember to wear masks and social distance.



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