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“For this time  
of Advent is a  
time of waiting  
for the Lord,  
who will visit  
us all on the  
feast, but also,  
each one, in  
our own hearts.  
The Lord is  
coming! Let us  
wait for him!”

— Pope Francis

Parish Staff

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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

Saturday ----- 5:30 pm\*  
Sunday ----- 8:00 am\* and 10:00 am  
\*Summer only (Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day Weekend)

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES OF RI/WASHINGTON  
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Washington County Office / Contact: ----- Melanie Monteiro  
----- 401-783-3149

Tuesday ----- 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

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401-871-8936

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 Young. 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

Second Sunday  
of ADVENT

Love

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### St. Francis Mass Intentions

**Saturday, December 4**

4:30pm †Clara E. Latowski  
*Requested by Family*

**Sunday, December 5**

9:00am †Michael Dufficy  
(Birthday Remembrance)  
*Requested by Wife & Family*

11:00am †Kathryn Beaudreau  
*Requested by Family*

**Monday, December 6**

7:00am †Concetta & Bob Wilson  
*Requested by Jean*

**Tuesday, December 7**

7:00am For the People



**Wednesday, December 8  
(Immaculate Conception)**

7:00am †Clara Latowski  
(Anniversary Remembrance)  
*Requested by Family*

7:00pm †Barbara Primeau  
*Requested by Family Friends.*

**Thursday, December 9**

7:00am †Tracy Walsh  
*Requested by Kathleen & James Carney*

**Friday, December 10**

7:00am †Tom McGair  
(Birthday Remembrance)  
*Requested by Jean*

**Saturday, December 11**

4:30pm †Luke & Henrietta Pucella  
*Requested by Family*

**Sunday, December 12**

9:00am †James & Sarah Folcarelli  
*Requested by Family*

11:00am †Patricia Joan Muir  
*Requested by Susan Lee*

### St. Romuald Mass Intentions

**Sunday, December 5**

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

**Sunday, December 12**

10:00am †Raymond Selwyn  
(4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Remembrance)  
*Requested by Family*

Dear Parishioners,

Just a couple items of business on this second Sunday of Advent:

-Make sure you take advantage of our additional Confession times. Fr. Ricci and I will be hearing confessions each Sunday at the church and the chapel. It's a great time to renew and reorient ourselves before Christmas. And if you don't like going to your parish priests, there are plenty of parishes nearby with convenient confession times!

-Speaking of the chapel, this weekend I had some window experts come and take a look at the window situation. They are a bit dated and drafty. I am looking to replace them to help conserve some energy, especially in the winter! I will keep you updated on the work.

-The media has been full of news about new Covid variants. To date, there have been no cases of Covid transmission linked to Catholic churches, and I'd like to keep it that way! Let's continue to be smart and vigilant. If you have decided not to receive the vaccine, I ask that you wear a mask out of respect for our more vulnerable parishioners. Masks are provided at the doors if you need one. Also, don't forget to sanitize your hands before and after Mass! Every little bit helps!

My prayers are with you during this Advent Journey!

In Christ,

*Fr. Young*



<u>Weekly Support</u>	<u>November 21</u>	<u>November 28</u>
Budget	\$3,344.50	\$3,868.00
Loose Donations	\$1,094.00	\$1,208.00
Online Giving	\$2,812.00	\$2,636.00
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$7,250.50</b>	<b>\$7,712.00</b>

<u>Second Collection (Camp. For Human Development-Nov. 21)</u>		
Budget	-	\$1,104.50
Loose Donations	-	\$ 292.00
Online Giving	-	\$ 20.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1,416.50</b>

<u>Second Collection (Monthly Collection -November 28)</u>		
Budget	-	\$1,990.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 270.00
Online Giving	-	\$ 90.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$2,350.00</b>

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

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

DECEMBER 5, 2021



**SANCTUARY LAMP**

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Michael Dufficy.



Christmas Eve Mass Schedule

Friday, December 24

At St. Francis Church

4:30pm and 10:00pm

At St. Romuald Chapel

5:30pm



Christmas Day Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 25

At St. Francis Church

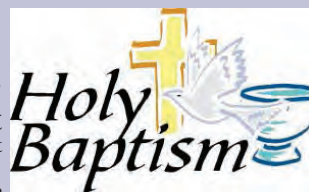
9:00am & 11:00am

At St. Romuald Chapel

10:00am

*The Parish office will be closed beginning Tuesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> through December 26<sup>th</sup>. We will reopen on Monday, December 27<sup>th</sup> for normal hours 9am to 4pm.*

**Congratulations** to the proud parents and godparent of Connor Bancroft who was baptized on November 21<sup>st</sup> by Fr. Adam Young. *Your parish family rejoices with you!*



**FAITH FORMATION**  
(401) 792-8684

**Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**

**9:55-10:50am** Grades 1-6 classes will meet in Fr. Greenan Center

**Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**

**6:00pm** First Reconciliation in Church

**Pray: Lord, help me to recognize what hurts your heart and have the courage to work to change it. Amen.**

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

**No Classes today**



*Calling all shepherds, angels, and wise men...*

*Children in grades 1-6 we would love for you to participate in our annual Christmas pageant on December 19<sup>th</sup> at 10am.*

*If interested please call the Faith Formation Office at 792-8684 or by email:*

*[Cullen\\_stfrancis@verizon.net](mailto:Cullen_stfrancis@verizon.net) or sign up at class.*

*Rehearsal will be Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-11:15am in Fr. Greenan Center.*

**Steubenville East Youth Conference – Save the Date**

Registration for the 2022 Steubenville East Youth Conference to be held on July 22-24, 2022 at URI, begins in mid-January. Each year we reserve spots for our teenagers who are currently 8-12<sup>th</sup> grade students. We are trying to get a feel for how many spots to reserve so if you are interested in participating, contact

Diane Castro at:

[diane.castro@stfranciswakefield.com](mailto:diane.castro@stfranciswakefield.com) before January 20<sup>th</sup>. We will be scheduling an info night for both parents and teens so stay tuned! *At this point, you are not under any obligation to attend.*

# This Week

## Monday, December 6

7:30-11:00am Adoration (Church)

## Tuesday, December 7

6:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

7:00pm SVD meeting (HBH)

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Church)

## Wednesday, December 8

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

## Thursday, December 9

6:00pm Prayer Group Meeting (HBH)

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



## DAY OF REFLECTION

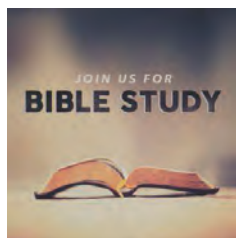
Father Young will be giving a "Day of Reflection" at St. Thomas More Church on Thursday, December 9 from 8:30am to 3:30pm. Breakfast & a hot lunch are included. The cost is \$35 per person. You must call to reserve your space at 401-996-3876 by December 5.

## ADDITIONAL ADVENT CONFESSION TIMES

*Prepare your heart to receive the newborn Christ at Christmas during the season of Advent.*

**St. Francis Church Saturday at 3:30PM to 4:00PM**  
**Sunday at 10:00AM to 10:30AM**

**St. Romuald Chapel Sunday at 9:15AM to 9:45AM**



**BIBLE STUDY RESUMES**  
**Tuesday night at 6:00pm in Father Greenan Center**

St Francis bible study has resumed at FGH on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 7 pm. We are studying Isaiah. If interested please contact Vicky at [montanivicky@gmail.com](mailto:montanivicky@gmail.com).

All are welcome!



**December 15 (6:30pm):** A Night to Honor Mary

**Month of January:** Baby Shower

**As always, as events draw near there will be more detailed information in the bulletin!**



## ANNUAL GIVING TREE

The Giving Trees have been placed at both the church and the chapel. We will again be coordinating with St. Vincent de Paul and the Jonnycake Center to provide for those in need in our community.

Please take a tag and place gift certificates in the collection basket or drop them off at the rectory by December 18/19. Suggested places are listed on the tags. Please record the amount on the card.

Thank you, *Social Outreach Committee*

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 as there are new Christmas CDs.*



**A NIGHT TO HONOR MARY**  
**Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM**  
**at St. Francis Church**

Special guests Fr. Shnork Souin from Sts. Sahag and Mesrob Armenian Orthodox Church and Fr. Nicholas Lanzourakis from Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church will share brief reflections on Mary in the Orthodox Tradition. The service will conclude with prayers and the Rosary. A light reception for our guests will immediately follow in the Helen Bouchard Hall below the church.



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