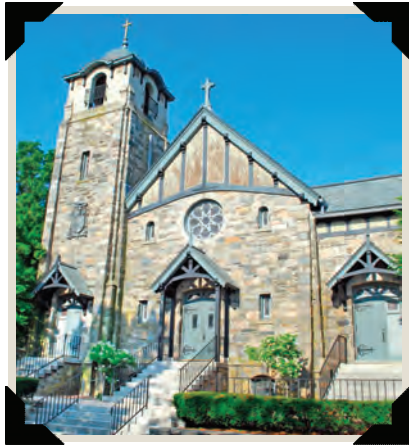


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Masses

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)

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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 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

“The season of Advent, restores this horizon of hope, a hope which does not disappoint for it is founded on God’s Word. A hope which does not disappoint, simply because the Lord never disappoints! He is faithful! He does not disappoint! Let us think about and feel this beauty.”

— Pope Francis

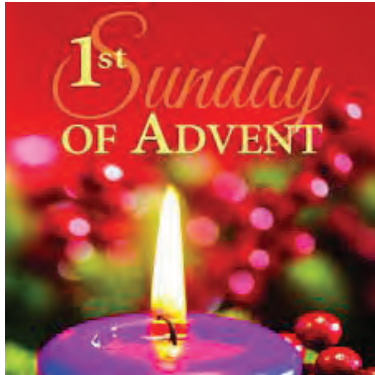


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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

St. Francis Mass Intentions



Saturday, November 27

4:30pm †Marie Champion

Requested by Jean

Sunday, November 28

9:00am †Joseph & Mary Costanza

Requested by Family

11:00am †Marie Champion

Req. by Members of the Peace Dale Dinner Table

Monday, November 29

7:00am For the People

Tuesday, November 30

7:00am †Rev. William J. McCombe

(1st Pastor)

123rd Anniversary Remembrance

Thursday, December 2

7:00am †Rev. Robert A. Allaire

(13th Pastor)

17th Anniversary Remembrance

Friday, December 3

7:00am †Gloria Carney

Requested by Jeff & Kathleen Carney

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

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Sunday, November 28

10:00am †Deceased Members of the
Dwyer & Quigley Families

Requested by Family

Sunday, December 5

10:00am †Alan & Susan Marchand

Requested by Gerri & Al Marsocci

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we are embarking on a journey of discovery. Imagine we are like the 3 Magi who traveled far and wide to find the Messiah. During these 4 weeks, we will rediscover the immense event that changed the universe.

How will we make this journey? You'll notice our liturgical actions have changed. There is no "Gloria" at Mass until Christmas because it is the song the angels sing to the shepherds. The priest will wear purple which signifies penance and preparing. The advent wreath will be lighting our way like the star in the sky.

I invite you to make this journey. May I suggest that during this month, read each of the Gospel accounts of the Nativity on your own. I also encourage you to pick ONE extra thing to attend during this season; Confession (extra times are offered), A Night to Honor Mary, Advent Wreath Workshop, etc. Advent is my favorite liturgical season. I look forward to journeying with you!

In Christ,

Fr. Young



Due to early transmission of this bulletin, the collection information for November 21 was not available. It will appear in next week's bulletin.

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

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

NOVEMBER 28, 2021



SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Gloria Carney. November 13-19 the lamp at the chapel was in memory of Chad O'Brien.

ADVENT WREATH KITS

This Sunday November 28, after the 10am Mass at the chapel and between the 9 & 11am Masses at the main church (in HBH hall - the lower level of the church) we will be selling kits to make your family Advent wreath. For those who would like to be inspired by the creativity of others, we will host a workshop at the main church from 10-11am.



Cost is \$15 per wreath. Checks can be made out to 'St. Francis Church'. What a wonderful way to begin your Advent season!



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

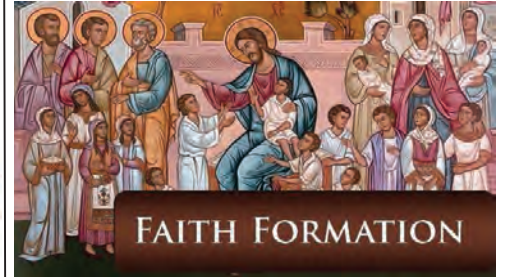
**Saturday, December 25
At St. Francis Church
9:00am & 11:00am**

**At St. Romuald Chapel
10:00am**

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



**FAITH
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Sunday, November 28th
No Classes today

Pray: Lord, I want to become the person you created me to be. Give me the grace to work on those things I need to correct or improve. Amen.

Wednesday, December 1st
6:30-8:15pm Confirmation II Class
(Grade 8) Fr. Greenan Center

Saturday, December 4th
9:00-11:30am First Reconciliation
Retreat for our First Eucharist students.
All students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.



This Week

Monday, November 29

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

Tuesday, November 30

6:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

Wednesday, December 1

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

Thursday, December 2

6:00pm Prayer Group Meeting (HBH)

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

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!**



Friday Dinners Available

The SVDP dinner program is providing Friday meals for pick up or delivery at no cost. Would you—or someone you know—like a cooked meal? We are in need of volunteers to deliver meals. Call 401-588-4192 or email esweeney1@cox.net to order a meal or volunteer to deliver



A NIGHT TO HONOR MARY Wednesday, December 15th 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.

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



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*

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. Our teens get a lot out of this weekend, here are some teen reflections from past conferences: *"It was nothing like I expected. I felt so close and connected to God. I definitely feel like a stronger Catholic and I think as many people that have the option to come should."* Each year we reserve spots for our teenagers who are currently 8-12th 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 before January 20th. 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.*



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