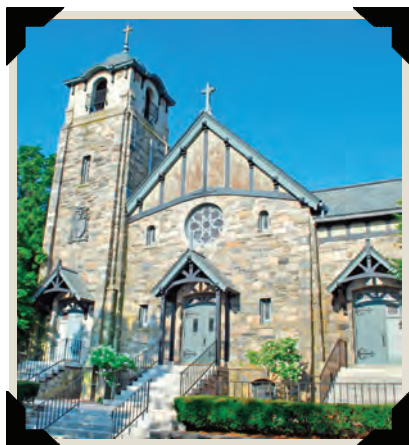


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SAINT FRANCIS CHURCH

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

“Advent is the  
 time we are  
 given to  
 welcome the  
 Lord who  
 comes to  
 encounter  
 us, and also  
 to verify our  
 longing for  
 God, to look  
 forward and  
 prepare  
 ourselves for  
 Christ’s return.”

— Pope Francis



Third Sunday  
of ADVENT

Joy

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### St. Francis Mass Intentions

**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*

**Monday, December 13**

7:00am For the People

**Tuesday, December 14**

7:00am †Joseph Costanza  
*Requested by Family*



**Wednesday, December 15**  
**6:30pm A Night to Honor Mary**

**Thursday, December 16**

7:00am †Rita & Tom O'Rourke & Warren Behie  
*Requested by Family*

**Friday, December 17**

7:00am †Tina Marie Luciano  
*Requested by Family*

**Saturday, December 18**

4:30pm †Fred Robinson  
(8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Remembrance)  
*Requested by Family*

**Sunday, December 19**

9:00am †Raymond Yemma & Eva B. Angrisani  
*Requested by Cynthia Yemma Faria*  
11:00am †Peter Reusch  
*Requested by Family*

### St. Romuald Mass Intentions

**Sunday, December 12**

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

**Sunday, December 19**

10:00am †Rachel Passero & Jeanne Henthorn  
*Requested by Family*

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Third Week of Advent! It's called "Gaudete Sunday" which is Latin for "Rejoice!" This weekend we will light the rose candle, which is a combination of the violet of Advent preparation and the white of Christmas joy.

I want to extend a special invitation to you this Wednesday evening (the 15<sup>th</sup>) at 6:30PM for a special Advent Night to Honor Mary. I have invited Fr. Shnork Souin from Sts. Sahag and Mesrob Armenian Orthodox Church in Providence (The one with the illuminated blue cross you can see from 95!) and Fr. Nicholas Lanzourakis from Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Cranston (the one with the huge Greek festival in September!).

They will give a brief reflection on the Blessed Mother in the Eastern Christian Churches and we will conclude with prayers offered in their traditions and the recitation of the Holy Rosary. A light reception will follow in Helen Bouchard hall in the lower church in honor of our guests! This will be another great opportunity to prepare our hearts to celebrate Christmas.

In Christ,  
*Fr. Young*



<b>Weekly Support</b>	<b>December 5</b>
Budget envelopes used (111)	-
Loose Donations	-
Online Giving (# of donors-87)	-
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$9,711.00</b>

<b>Second Collection (Monthly Collection)</b>	
Budget envelopes used (82)	-
Loose Donations	-
Online Giving (# of donors-10)	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,954.50</b>

This week's second is for the Retired Religious. Next week's second collection is for Ongoing Maintenance.

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

DECEMBER 12, 2021



**SANCTUARY LAMP**

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Tracy Walsh.



**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 (to be streamed) & 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.*



**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**  
**Saturday, Dec. 18 3:00-4:00PM**  
**Sunday at 10:00AM to 10:30AM**

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



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

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

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

**Pray: Holy Spirit, you move me and help me change. Teach me to follow Jesus in all things. Amen.**

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

**6:30-8:15pm** Confirmation II (gr. 8)

to attend "A Night to Honor Mary".

Please come directly to the church. We will sit as a class.

**Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**

**10:00-11:15am** Christmas pageant Rehearsal in Fr. Greenan Center.



*For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord. You will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.*

*All are invited to come to our annual Christmas Pageant this Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am 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. 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 13

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

## Tuesday, December 14

6:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Church)

## Wednesday, December 15

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

## Thursday, December 16

6:00pm Prayer Group Meeting (HBH)

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

### NAMES OF LOVED ONES/ CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING

Names of the loved ones written on the Christmas Offering Flower envelopes will be placed in a box on the altar at St. Francis Church and the Chapel. Those members will be remembered at the at Masses during December. They will remain on the altar until the Feast of the Epiphany, January 2.

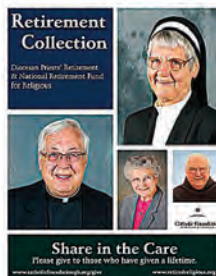


### A NIGHT TO HONOR MARY Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM at St. Francis Church

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.

### COLLECTION FOR THE RETIRED RELIGIOUS THIS WEEKEND

**Help aging religious.** Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others—educating the young, comforting the sick, and ministering to the less fortunate. Today, many are frail and need assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please give generously to today's second collection.



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

**December 19 (10:00am):** Christmas Pageant

**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 next weekend, December 18/19*. Suggested places are listed on the tags. Please record the amount on the card.

Thank you, *Social Outreach Committee*



The St. Francis of Assisi Social Outreach Committee (SOC) is sponsoring a Baby Shower during the month of January. 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**

### SUGGESTED BABY SUPPLY DONATIONS

**Diapers (All sizes up to 6/XL)**

**Baby Wipes**

**Warm Sleepers (0 to 24 months)**

**Baby Lotion**

**Warm Children's Clothing (2T-4T, 5-6)**

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*Cash donations also gratefully accepted—checks to be made out to Retreat House (memo line St. Gabriel Call)*



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