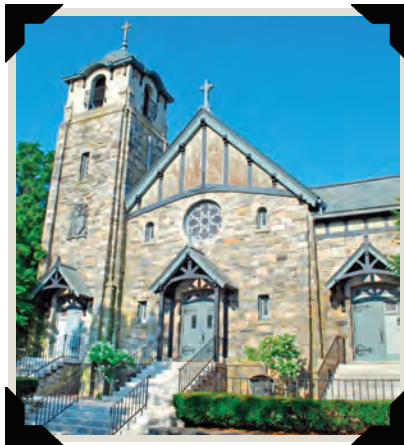


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Masses

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

Fourth Sunday  
of Advent

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### St. Francis Mass Intentions

**Saturday, December 18**

4:30pm †Arlene & Fred Robinson  
(Anniversary Remembrances)  
*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*

**Monday, December 20**

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

**Tuesday, December 21**

7:00am For the People

**Thursday, December 23**

7:00am †Peter Reusch  
*Requested by Wife*



**Friday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)**

4:30pm †Richard, Martha, Linda & Jeffrey Malenfant  
*Requested by Family*

10:00pm †Joyce Shiels  
*Requested by Family*

**Saturday, December 25 (Christmas)**

9:00am †Kerri Bessette  
*Requested by Mom, Dad & Scott*  
11:00am †For the Deceased Members of the Perpetual Mass Association

**Sunday, December 26**

9:00am †Mr. & Mrs. Thu Chi Tran & John Ha  
*Requested by Family*  
11:00am †Jean G. Boisse  
*Requested by Family*

### St. Romuald Mass Intentions

**Sunday, December 19**

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

**Friday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)**

5:30pm For the People

**Saturday, December 25 (Christmas)**

10:00am †Henry & Margherita Thayer & Nicola & Ursula Salerno  
*Requested by Family*

**Sunday, December 26**

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

Dear Parishioners,

"Let your love be known to all. The Lord is near!" We heard this last weekend in the second reading at Mass. I am excited about next week. I have been inviting people in the area to join us for Christmas Mass (I hope you are too!). A couple things to keep in mind:

1. We have a new outdoor Nativity Scene thanks to the generosity of some of our parishioners. After the 4:30PM Mass Christmas Eve, we will have a candlelight procession out of the church to the Crèche. We will place the child Jesus in the manger, bless the scene, and then sing some Christmas carols!
2. There is limited space for the choir this Christmas due to social distancing and an abundance of caution, so I want to hear all of us sing loud and clear!
3. Christmas falls on a Saturday this year. That means there's going to be a whole lot of church going on! The 26<sup>th</sup> is a Sunday Mass, The Holy Family, so plan to come Friday or Saturday AND Sunday. There is nothing better than devoting our time and worship to God who has done so much for us!
4. Finally, thank you all so much for your generosity with the giving tree and the Christmas flower donations. I am truly grateful for your generous hearts.

"The Lord is Near!"

*Fr. Young*



<b>Weekly Support</b>	<b>December 12</b>
Budget envelopes used (130)	- \$4,562.50
Loose Donations	- \$ 805.00
Online Giving (# of donors-76)	- \$2,513.00
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>- \$7,880.50</b>

<b>Second Collection (Retired Religious)</b>	
Budget envelopes used (43)	- \$2,137.00
Loose Donations	- \$ 705.00
Online Giving (# of donors-5)	- \$ 75.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>- \$2,917.00</b>

**Collection for Immaculate Conception: \$940.00**

This week's second collection is for Ongoing Maintenance. There is no second collection next week.

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

DECEMBER 19, 2021



**SANCTUARY LAMP**

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of J. Smith, R. & R. Calitri & E. & M. Bragdon.

*Intention for Saturday, December 25 at 11am  
& January 1 at 4:30pm*

*The Deceased Members of the Perpetual  
Mass Association*

- Yvonne Fanning*
- Paul F. & Susan Greene*
- Marilyn Maley*
- Edna Otto*
- Christopher Shafer*
- Daniel Shea*
- Laura Webb*

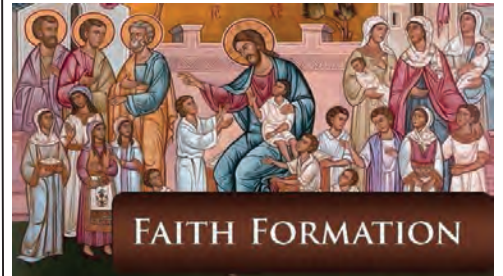


**Steubenville East Youth Conference – Save the Date**

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 8-12<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.*



**FAITH  
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**Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**

**9:55-10:50am** Grades 1-6 classes to attend the Christmas Activity during class time.

**6:30-8:15pm** Confirmation I to meet in FGC to make and bake Christmas cookies for St Vincent de Paul's Christmas cookie trays for our neighbors.

*Pray: Jesus, teach us to love your mother, Mary, like you do. Amen.*

**Monday, December 20<sup>th</sup>**

**6:30-8:15pm** Confirmation II to meet in FGC to make and bake Christmas cookies for St Vincent de Paul's Christmas cookie trays for our neighbors.

**Wednesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>**

No Confirmation Classes  
**Merry Christmas!!**

*The Faith Formation Office will be closed during school vacation  
Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> - Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>.*



# This Week

## Monday, December 20

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

## Tuesday, December 21

6:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

7:00pm SVD Meeting (HBH)

## Wednesday, December 22

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

*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](mailto:esweeney1@cox.net) to order a meal or volunteer to deliver.



We are glad that you are here with us this morning. Whether you moved here a while ago or are just here for a brief stay, we welcome you.

If you would like to become a part of this wonderful community, registering in the parish is a quick process that will take about five minutes over the phone (783-4411) or you can see Father Young after Mass to inquire about registering. Again, welcome and God bless!

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.**



**Month of January:** Baby Shower

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



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)**

**Baby Wash**

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**Receiving Blankets**

**Shampoo and Pacifiers**

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

#### PRAYER SHAWLS

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