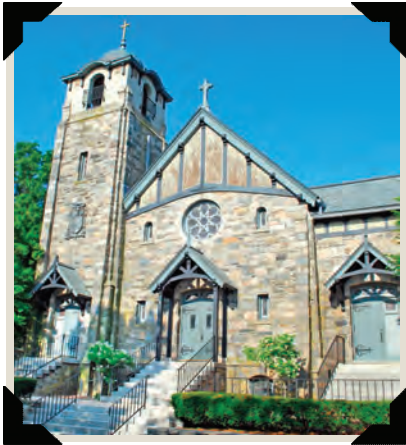


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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday ----- 7:00 am  
Saturday ----- 4:30 pm  
Sunday ----- 9:00 am and 11:00 am

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Saturday ----- 5:30 pm\*  
Sunday ----- 8:00 am\* and 10:00 am  
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Saturday at 3:30 - 4:00 pm in Saint Francis Church or by appointment.

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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



But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Luke 2:10-12

The Nativity  
of the Lord



## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

### St. Francis Mass Intentions



#### 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*

#### Monday, December 27

7:00am †Marie McGrath

*Requested by Eve & Patrick Sweeney*

#### Tuesday, December 28

7:00am †The Flynn & Carney Families

*Requested by Kathleen & Jeff Carney*

#### Thursday, December 30

7:00am †Thomas Pullano

*Requested by Family*

#### Friday, December 31

7:30am †Karen M. Clark

(2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Remembrance)

*Requested by Family*

#### Saturday, January 1

4:30pm †For the Deceased Members of  
the Perpetual Mass Association

#### Sunday, January 2

9:00am †Herbie Straub

*Requested by the Marciniak Family*

11:00am †Charlie Moffitt

*Requested by Family*

### St. Romuald Mass Intentions

#### 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*

#### Sunday, January 2

10:00am †William & Geraldine Fiasconaro

*Requested by Family*

Dear Parishioners,

Merry Christmas! Yes, that's right. It's still the Christmas season until the Baptism of the Lord. Let's keep the celebration going.

I want to take a moment to thank everyone who is making the Christmas season so special. I want to thank all who worked to make our church so beautiful, especially Bobby Kelly and his team of decorators. Thank you to our parish musicians and choir members who have had to navigate rehearsal in the midst of a pandemic. And of course, who could forget our faithful team of altar servers who are ever ready to serve the Holy Mass for Our Lord!

I am so grateful too, for those who donated their time and treasure to give the parish the beautiful outdoor Nativity scene. I pray that all who drive by and see it will be reminded how much God loves us to be born like us.

Of course I want to thank all of you for your joy and enthusiasm. The angels and shepherds rejoiced when the Christ child was born. It is humbling to know that thousands of years later, and thousands of miles from Bethlehem, we are doing the very same thing.

A very Merry Christmas to all!

In the Newborn Christ,

*Fr. Young*



**Due to an early transmittal of this bulletin the collection information for December 19<sup>th</sup> was not available. It will appear in next week's bulletin.**

There is no second collection this week. Next week's second collection is the Monthly Collection.

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

DECEMBER 26, 2021



SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Blanche Marcoux Jacques.

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*

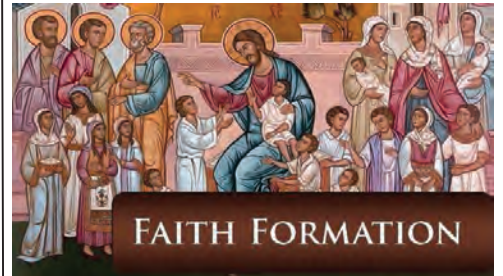
*Christopher Shafer*

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**Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup>** No  
Classes Merry Christmas

**Pray:** *Lord, help me to see  
and seek you as I celebrate  
Jesus' coming at Christmas.  
Amen.*

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



*Father Young, Deacon Dowd and the Staff wish you all a  
very blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!*



# This Week

**Monday, December 27**

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

**Wednesday, December 29**

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.*

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## MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP REGARDING NEW MASK MANDATES (December 15, 2021)

As it has from the beginning of the pandemic, the Diocese of Providence will continue to cooperate fully with state directives regarding the response to the pandemic.

Accordingly, I encourage Catholics of the Diocese of Providence to follow state guidelines and to wear a mask whenever they are attending Holy Mass, and other church services or public programs.

At the same time, no individual should be turned away from Mass or singled out if they choose not to wear a mask. Such individuals may have good and substantive reasons for not doing so. In addition, in keeping with our approved policies, liturgical ministers, (e.g. priests, deacons, ministers of Holy Communion, altar servers, cantors, choir members,) are not expected to wear masks while actively participating in the liturgy.

As I have done on multiple previous occasions, I strongly urge all Catholics of the Diocese of Providence (clergy, religious and laity) to receive approved vaccines as soon as they are eligible to do so. Being vaccinated is a commitment to the common good, an act of charity for our brothers and sisters, and an expression of our respect for the dignity of human life.

As we prepare to celebrate the special hope and joy of the Christmas Season, let us renew our fervent prayers that Almighty God will lift this terrible pandemic from our midst and will give healing, comfort and peace to all.

Thomas J. Tobin  
Bishop of Providence



**Month of January:** Baby Shower

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



## 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.



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**

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