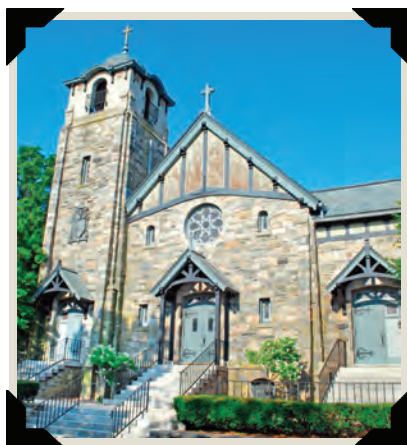


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*“For this time
of Advent is a
time of waiting
for the Lord,
who will visit
us all on the
feast, but also,
each one, in
our own hearts.
The Lord is
coming! Let us
wait for him!”*

— Pope Francis

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

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Sacraments

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 3:30 - 4:00 pm in Saint Francis Church or by
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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

First Sunday of each month.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Please call the rectory at least one year in advance to speak
with a priest. 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

Love



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

St. Francis Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 17

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

Sunday, December 18

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

11:00am †Luke & Henrietta Pucella
Requested by Family

Monday, December 19

7:00am †Thomas & Rita Monroe

Tuesday, December 20

7:00am †James DeLuca, Sr.
Requested by Family

Thursday, December 22

7:00am For the People

Friday, December 23

7:00am †Peter Reusch
Requested by Family



Saturday, December 24
(Christmas Eve)

4:30pm †Dec. Members of the Pouliot & Gallucci Families
Requested by Family

10:00pm †Joyce Shiels
Requested by family

Sunday, December 25
(Christmas Day)

9:00am †Kerri Bessette
Requested by Mom, Dad & Scott

11:00am †Deceased Members of the Perpetual Mass Association

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 18

10:00am †Walter Johansen
Requested by Jude

Saturday, December 24
(Christmas Eve)

5:30pm †Henry & Margherita Thayer & the Salerno Family
Requested by Frances Thayer

Sunday, December 25
(Christmas Day)

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

By our baptism we are meant to cooperate with the work of building up God's kingdom.



As we enter this final week of Advent, the Gospel turns our attention to the role of Saint Joseph in salvation history. When we ponder the mystery of the Incarnation, our attention is often focused on Mary, our Blessed Mother, and the way God prepared her for her central role as Mother to our Lord Jesus Christ, to the Church, and to all of us. But what about Joseph? He remains a bit more of a mystery, a shadow in the background of these momentous events when the Son of God took on human flesh, became fully human, and united humankind to the divine life forever.

But, if we focus on today's readings in which Joseph plays a role, we can glean some insights and lessons about God and our path of discipleship.

First, as we hear in the story, God invites Joseph's cooperation in his plan of salvation. We see this in Scripture time and again, and it is true in our own lives as well. If we were in God's seat, we might choose to force people into submission and to comply with our will, but this is not how God operates. God wants to win us over and wants to see us participate in the building up of his kingdom.

Second, what is the obstacle the angel identifies? Fear. *Do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home*, says the angel. Do not be afraid to do this strange thing that runs counter to what you know, to what seems sensible, and even just. Might this be true in our own lives? Might we be afraid to move forward with a choice we know in our hearts is what God wants us to do, but are hesitant because it just doesn't make sense from a worldly perspective?

As Advent draws to a close, let us spend some time pondering these two questions: How is God inviting me to cooperate with the slow work of building up his kingdom, in my own heart, in my family and friendships, in the community? And, examining my heart, how is fear posing an obstacle to my cooperation? As we ponder these questions, let us ask Saint Joseph to intercede for us and show us how to respond with graciousness and humility, with trust and courage, to the Lord's invitation.



Weekly Support

		December 11
Budget envelopes used (112)	-	\$3,756.00
Loose Donations	-	\$1,340.00
Online Giving (# of donors-83)	-	\$3,130.00
Total Budget	-	\$8,226.00

Second Collection (Retired Religious)

Budget envelopes used (86)	-	\$2,067.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 585.00
Online Giving (# of donors-5)	-	\$ 130.00
Total	-	\$2,782.00

Immaculate Conception Collection: \$648.00

This week's second collection is for Ongoing Maintenance. Next week's second collection is the Christmas Collection.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

DECEMBER 18, 2022

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Anna DeLuca



The work of our St. Francis of Assisi Conference of St. Vincent de Paul is supported by parish donations. Donation boxes are in the Church and Chapel; the parish online giving site has a SVDP option. Grocery store gift cards are welcome. Our Conference assists neighbors in need in our area and supports the Dinner Table Program providing free meals for pick up or delivery. Call 401-588-4192 if you or a neighbor could use cooked meals, available Wednesdays & Fridays, or if you would like to volunteer with the Dinner Table. To request financial aid, leave information on the Conference phone, 401-871-8936. New SVDP members are most welcome! There are several levels of participation and time commitments.



Christmas Eve Mass Schedule
Saturday, December 24

At St. Francis Church
4:30pm and 10:00pm

At St. Romuald Chapel
5:30pm



Christmas Day Mass Schedule
Sunday, 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 20th through Monday, December 26th. We will reopen on Tuesday, December 27th for normal hours 9am to 4pm.



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

Sunday, December 18th

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

All are invited to attend the Christmas Pageant this Sunday at 10:00am in Father Greenan Hall. Light refreshments will be served.



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.

Pray: God, you help me make choices that bring me closer to you. Help me to follow your guidance. Amen.



The Faith Formation Office will be closed for Christmas vacation December 20th - January 2nd.

This Week

Monday, December 19

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

6:30pm Men of St. Joseph (FGC)

Tuesday, December 20

7:00pm SVDP Meeting (HBH)

Thursday, December 22

6-7:00pm Bible Study-Gospel of Mark (HBH)

6:30pm Choir Rehearsal (Church)

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



GIVING TREE

The Social Outreach Committee is again sponsoring our annual Giving Tree. Gift tags have been placed on the Advent trees in St. Francis (by the St. Francis statue) and St. Romuald (in the back of the chapel).

The Giving Tree provides much needed support to our St. Vincent de Paul chapter here at St. Francis and to the Jonnycake Center which services local families providing basic necessities.

Please return gift cards no later than THIS weekend, December 17/18. They can be placed in the collection baskets or left in the rectory. Please do not leave them by the trees.

Thank you in advance.



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**Friday, December 30, 2022
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St. Francis of Assisi Church**

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December 30: Christmas Lessons & Carols w/
Peter Fiore (5:00pm)

Month of January: Baby Shower



CHRISTMAS CARD RAFFLE

Stumped for a gift? St Francis has the perfect gift for that special someone! "Twelve Days of Christmas" a lovely Christmas card for \$25 which offers 12 chances of winning 3-\$500 drawings and 9-\$100 drawings for the 12 days beginning on Christmas.

Cards will be on sale after all Masses at church and chapel during December and at the rectory.



*Intention for Sunday, December 25 at
11:00am*

*The Deceased Members of the Perpetual
Mass Association*

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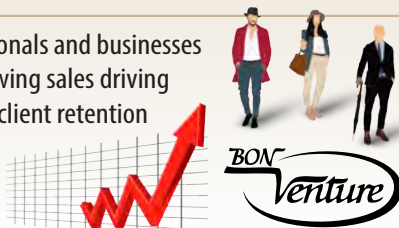
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