

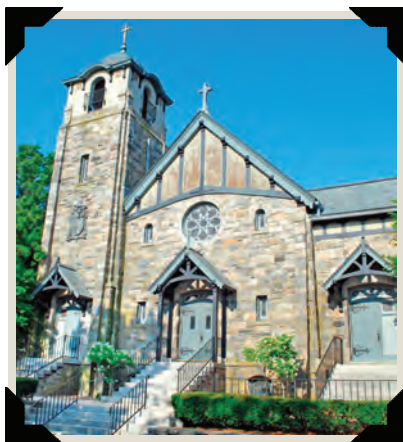
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of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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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
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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 3:30 - 4:00 pm in Saint Francis Church or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Third 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.

*“My spirit
 has rejoiced
 in God my
 Saviour.”*

welcome

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Friday From 9:00 am—12:30 pm

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

St. Francis Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 2

4:30pm †Mary & Nelson Burke
Requested by Family

Sunday, December 3

9:00am †Gloria Carney
Requested by Jeff & Kathleen

11:00am †Lynn Quirk Holland
Requested by Raymond & Kathy Quirk

Monday, December 4

7:00am †Rev. William J. McCombe
(1st Pastor)
125th Anniversary Remembrance
†Rev. Robert A. Allaire
(13th Pastor)
19th Anniversary Remembrance

Tuesday, December 5

7:00am †Joseph Costanza
Requested by Family

Thursday, December 7

7:00am For the People

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**Immaculate Conception of the Blessed  
Virgin Mary  
(Holy Day of Obligation)**

**Friday, December 8**

7:00am †Clara Latowski  
(Anniversary Remembrance)  
*Requested by Holly & Angelica Flores*  
6:30pm †Angela O. Barletta  
*Requested by Jeanne & Dan Thompson*

**Saturday, December 9**

4:30pm †Marcia Signorelli  
*Requested by Family*

**Sunday, December 10**

9:00am †Richard Jaquish  
(6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Remembrance)  
*Requested by Family*  
11:00am †Deceased Members of the  
Pouliot & Gallucci Families  
*Requested by Family*

## St. Romuald Mass Intentions

**Sunday, December 3**

10:00am †Al & Susan Marchand  
*Requested by Gerri & Al Marsocci*

**Sunday, December 10**

10:00am †Bill Harding & Jim Abreu  
*Requested by Maggie Hayes-Cote*

## *Let us be on the watch for Christ's return.*

In the Gospel today Jesus tells his disciples to be alert, to be ready, and to watch. In short, he tells them to be full of hope. How ready are we? How full of hope?

Jesus compares himself to a master of the house who has gone traveling abroad, leaving others behind in charge of his household. We can assume a few things about their responsibilities. They should guard the property, keep it up, and care for the land. But this is not all. Jesus today focuses on the stance that these servants ought to take up, their posture so to speak. He says they ought to be ready to welcome the master home at a moment's notice. They should be alert and watchful. They should not only be good stewards – maintaining and caring for the household – they should be oriented toward the master at all times, eagerly hoping for his return.

Advent is a season of hope, and this parable makes clear that our hope cannot be passive. Hope is an activity for the Christian, not simply a passive state of being.

Hope is one of the theological virtues, and like the other virtues it requires action. To be virtuous first requires building up a sort of habit of doing the good – a state of being which is inclined to do the good. The courageous person is ready to face his or her fear and fight for the good. In this way, virtues such as hope are a sort of passive state of being. But virtues are also activities. They must be actualized – made real – by some specific action. The courageous person must not only be ready to face his or her fear, but must actually feel some specific fear and actually pursue the good in spite of it.

Hope is a desire, a longing, for some future and difficult-to-obtain happiness. Ultimately, it is a longing for nothing less than the return of Christ and our eternal union with him. This is the posture, the attitude, that Jesus describes in the servants of the traveling master. It is not enough for them to be good stewards of the house who passively wait for his coming. They should be on the watch – actively looking for him.

Christians during this Advent season must be fully alive and fully engaged. We must be active in our pursuit of the Lord, looking around every corner and eager for his return. We must be people of hope!



| <u>Weekly Support</u> | <u>November 19</u>   | <u>November 26</u> |
|-----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Budget envelopes      | - \$3,416.50         | \$3,989.00         |
| Loose Donations       | - \$ 894.00          | \$1,125.00         |
| Online Giving         | - \$3,449.00         | \$2,913.00         |
| <b>Total Budget</b>   | <b>- \$11,208.50</b> | <b>\$8,027.00</b>  |

| <u>Second Collection: Nov. 19 (Campaign for Human Development)</u> |                   |  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|--|
| Budget envelopes                                                   | - \$ 475.00       |  |
| Loose Donations                                                    | - \$1,002.50      |  |
| Online Giving                                                      | - \$ 30.00        |  |
| <b>Total</b>                                                       | <b>\$1,507.50</b> |  |

| <u>Second Collection: Nov. 26 (Monthly Collection for November)</u> |                   |  |
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| Budget envelopes                                                    | - \$1,459.00      |  |
| Loose Donations                                                     | - \$ 367.00       |  |
| Online Giving                                                       | - \$ 145.00       |  |
| <b>Total</b>                                                        | <b>\$1,971.00</b> |  |

This week's second collection is the Monthly Collection for December. Next week's second collection is for the Retired Religious Fund. **Thank you for your continued generosity.**

DECEMBER 3, 2023

SANCTUARY LAMP



This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Gloria Carney.

St. Vincent DePaul Society

The work of the St. Francis of Assisi Conference of St. Vincent de Paul is supported by parish donations. Donation boxes are in the Church and Chapel. There is a SVDP option on the parish online giving site.



If you need financial assistance or would like to volunteer, leave your contact information on the Conference phone, 401-871-8936.

New members are most welcome!



**Congratulations** to the proud parents and godparents of Santiago Thomas Owens and Matthew Anthony Blinkhorn, Jr. who were baptized on November 19<sup>th</sup> by Fr. Ranallo.

*Your parish family rejoices with you!*

GIVING TREE



The Giving Trees have now been placed in the Church and Chapel. Gift tags have also been placed on the trees.

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.

The gift cards need to be returned no later than the weekend of December 16/17. 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.

**Drive Thru Living Nativity at Monsignor Clarke School: Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm**

Visit the website ([www.monsignorclarkeschool.org](http://www.monsignorclarkeschool.org)) to reserve your drive thru time, purchase tickets, order snacks and see the Christmas Story Come to Life!

All proceeds benefit our school. Sponsor trees and decorations will be donated to local families in need after the event.



FAITH FORMATION  
(401) 792-8684

Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>

9:55-10:50am All classes are invited to attend the Advent Wreath Workshop today!

**Pray: Jesus, help us to pay attention to your words and teachings. Help us to follow you always. Amen.**

Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>

6:30-8:15pm Confirmation I and II Classes in Fr. Greenan Center  
**Saint Report is due today for Confirmation II**

Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>

9:00-11:30am Reconciliation Retreat for our First Eucharist students and families. First Reconciliation will take place after the retreat today! Thank you to our retreat presenters Heather, Drew and Kendra!!



*Christmas Pageant on December 17<sup>th</sup>*

*Calling all shepherds, angels, wise men...*

**Children in grades 1-6 we would love for you to participate in our annual Christmas pageant on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> during class time at 10:00 am.**

*If you are interested, you may sign up at class on Sunday!*

**Rehearsal will be on Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 in Fr. Greenan Hall.**



**Monday, December 4**

7:30-11:00am Adoration (Church)  
6:30pm Men of St. Joseph (↓FGC)

**Tuesday, December 5**

7:00pm SVDP Meeting (HBH)

**Wednesday, December 6**

10:30am Women's Prayer Group (FGC)  
6:00pm Prayer Meeting (HBH)

**Thursday, December 7**

6-7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

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

*Christmas office closing: The Parish office will be closed from December 20 through December 26.*

*This Week*

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Month of January:** Baby Shower  
**February 14:** Ash Wednesday  
**February 19-21:** Lenten Mission w/ Deacon Art Miller (6:00pm each night)



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*Christmas cards will be sold for \$25 each after Masses at the Church and Chapel as well as at the parish office.*

*Don't miss out on this great gift idea while helping our parish!!*

PLANNING AHEAD  
CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

*As you may know, this year Christmas Eve falls on Sunday and Christmas falls on Monday; therefore, we would like for you to see the Mass schedule for planning purposes.*

SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION

At the Church  
4:30pm Saturday, December 23

9:00am Sunday, December 24  
*(Please note there will be only one Morning Mass at the Church on this day—there will be no 11am Mass)*

At the Chapel  
10:00am Sunday, December 24

CHRISTMAS EVE, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

At the Church  
4:30pm Sunday, December 24  
10:00pm Sunday, December 24

At the Chapel  
5:30pm Sunday, December 24

CHRISTMAS DAY,  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

At the Church  
9:00am and 11am

At the Chapel  
10:00am



**RCIA Inquiry Night at St. Francis**

If you know someone—a spouse, relative, friend, neighbor who might be interested in becoming a Catholic, or is a Catholic but has not received all the sacraments of initiation, please let them know that our parish will be starting a Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program. Please pass the word to anyone you know who may be interested in joining us.

*We will be holding Inquiry Night on Tuesday, December 19, 2023, from 6pm to 7pm at Fr. Greenan Hall to provide an overview of the program and answer any questions.* RCIA classes will start in January. If anyone would like further information, please contact Pat Lefoley [plefoley1@cox.net](mailto:plefoley1@cox.net) or 401-339-3858. You may also call the parish office at 401-783-4411.

**HOLIDAY BAZAAR**

Our holiday bazaar on November 18<sup>th</sup> was a huge success! The Father Greenan Hall was filled with over 25 vendor tables plus our own silent auction, 50/50 raffle, quilt raffle, children's craft table, bake sale, and Cafe Assisi! Thanks to all who helped to organize this event as well as to those who attended to support it.



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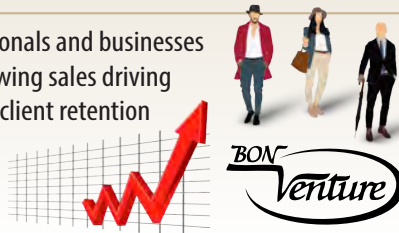


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(For private recitation on ordinary rosary beads)

**Our Father ... , Hail Mary ... , The Apostles' Creed.**

Then, on the **OUR FATHER BEADS** you will say the following words:

**Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.**

On the **HAIL MARY BEADS** you will say the following words:

**For the sake of His sorrowful Passion have mercy on us and on the whole world.**

In conclusion **THREE TIMES** you will recite these words:

**Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.**

From the Diary of the Servant of God Sr. Faustina - Note Book I, p 197

IMPRIMATUR: + Joseph F. Maguire  
November 17, 1979 Bishop of Springfield, Mass.



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