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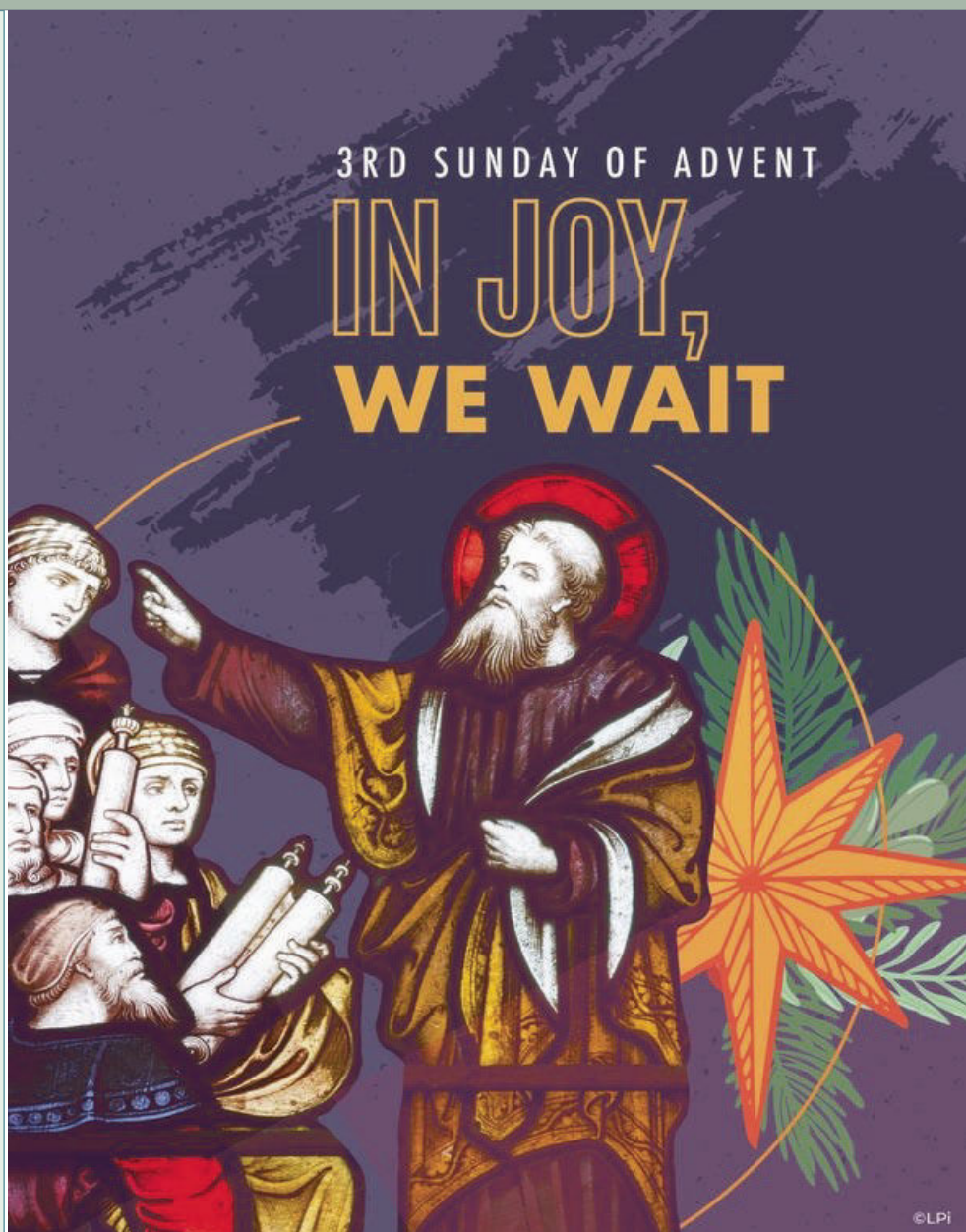
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WELCOME ~ December 17, 2023

MASS
SCHEDULE

Saturday 4PM ~ Holy Name

Sunday 7:30AM & 10AM ~ Holy Name

Sunday 9:00AM ~ St. Francis

Sunday 11:30AM ~ St. Lawrence

Monday - Thursday 8AM ~ Holy Name

Reconciliation ~ 3:15PM Saturday ~ Holy Name

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next week:
 Christmas Collection

Thank You!

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MASS INTENTIONS HOLY NAME OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Saturday, December 16	4:00PM	<i>Claudette C. Dubreuil - 8 year anniversary</i> <i>William Buckley - 15 year anniversary</i> <i>Steven Hunt</i> <i>Marcel Ledoux - birthday remembrance</i> <i>Robert Lopes - 3 year anniversary</i>
Sunday, December 17	7:30AM	<i>Adolph Thosz</i>
Sunday, December 17	10:00AM	<i>Gayle Bruce - 2 year anniversary</i> <i>George & Sarah Zatir - anniversary remembrance</i> <i>Stephen Fernandes - 1 year anniversary</i> <i>George Oliver - birthday remembrance</i> <i>Harry Barlow - 20 year anniversary</i> <i>Lucille Benoit - 7 year anniversary</i>
Monday, December 18	8:00AM	<i>for our parish family</i>
Tuesday, December 19	8:00AM	<i>for our parish family</i>
Wednesday, December 20	8:00AM	<i>Thomas & Gloria O'Brien</i> <i>Annie Baptista</i> <i>Joseph Brunette - 15 year anniversary</i> <i>Luis Pereira - months mind</i>
Thursday, December 21	8:00AM	<i>Rosemary Riley - birthday remembrance</i>
Saturday, December 23	4:00PM	<i>Frank Michalski</i> <i>Paul & Elizabeth Lestage - anniversary</i> <i>Domingos & Maria Cabral</i> <i>Marc Allain - birthday remembrance</i>
Sunday, December 24	7:30AM	<i>for our parish family</i>
Sunday, December 24	10:00AM	<i>for our parish family</i>
Sunday, December 24	4:00PM	<i>for our parish family</i>
Sunday, December 24	9:00PM	<i>for our parish family</i>
Monday, December 25	8:00AM	<i>for our parish family</i>
Monday, December 25	10:00AM	<i>for our parish family</i>

HOLY NAME SHJ	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MIN.	ALTAR SERVER
Sat. 12/16 4:00PM	Jeannette Masse	Donald Buckley Sue LeBouef Kathy McKenna	Aaron Elderkin Angelina Lugo
Sun. 12/17 7:30AM	Jack Markey	Anne Kelley Ted Machado	Madison Fiano Sydney Boswell
Sun. 12/17 10:00AM	Dennis Onofrey	Ann Pryzstarz Jeanine Sasseville	Jonathan Gonsalves Zachary Pryzstarz Emelia DaCunha
Sat. 12/23 4:00PM	Donald Buckley	Lou Robillard Heidi Kuliga Kathy McKenna	Aaron Elderkin Angelina Lugo
Sun. 12/24 7:30AM	Barbara Brunette	Josette Cormier Jessica Gomes	Madison Fiano Sydney Boswell
Sun. 12/24 10:00AM	Simon Rivet	Michael McCormack Cheryl McCormack	Jonathan Gonsalves Zachary Pryzstarz Emelia DaCunha

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Kara McEachern Music Director
Diana Henry Organist

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Christmas Collection

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MASS INTENTIONS SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Saturday, December 16	4:30PM	<i>for our parish family</i>
Sunday, December 17	9:00AM	<i>Jeffrey Sylvia - 10 year anniversary</i>
Saturday, December 23	4:30PM	<i>for our parish family</i>
Sunday, December 24	9:00AM	<i>for our parish family</i>
Sunday, December 24	4:00PM	<i>for our parish family</i>
Monday, December 25	9:00AM	<i>for our parish family</i>

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MIN.	ALTAR SERVER
Sun. 12/17 9:00AM	Edith Ventura	Jim Ventura	Molly McEachern
Sun. 12/24 9:00AM	Claire DaSilva	Linda Chase	Molly McEachern

The St. Francis of Assisi Choir
present their annual Christmas concert
Peace on Earth
Sunday, December 17 at 2:00pm

Peace on Earth will help spread Peace in our community, nation and world this Christmas season. The concert will include well known Christmas favorites "Silent Night" and "Let There Be Peace on Earth" and a St. Francis of Assisi standard - "Tu Scendi". Other songs will include: "My Grown Up Christmas List", "Still, Still, Still" and other carols that will bring peace, hope and love to everyone that attends.

The St. Francis of Assisi Choir is directed by Kara E. McEachern with organist, Diana Henry.

The concert, held at St. Francis of Assisi is free and open to the public. A freewill offering will be taken.

Fr. Mike and the choir invite everyone to attend the concert and join in a reception immediately following downstairs in the church hall (light refreshments will be served). All are welcome.

For more information please contact Kara 508-951-2370 or keplant@gmail.com.

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. — Jn 1:6-8

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

ST. LAWRENCE MARTYR

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Fran Gorman Music Director

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 Christmas Collection

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This month at Saint Lawrence

The Sanctuary Candle burns in loving memory of the

**Murray Anthony Gonzalez
 George & Jeannette Lavoie**

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Dr. James F. Tierney, Jr.



MASS INTENTIONS

SAINT LAWRENCE MARTYR

Saturday, December 16	4:00PM	<i>for our parish family</i>
Sunday, December 17	11:30AM	Mary & Henry Medeiros Kathleen Sitarz Jeffrey Sylvia - 10 year anniversary
Saturday, December 23	4:00PM	<i>for our parish family</i>
Sunday, December 24	11:30AM	Joyce Baptista - months mind
Sunday December 24	4:00PM	Humberto Fernandes - 18 year anniversary
Monday, December 25	11:30AM	<i>for our parish family</i>

ST. LAWRENCE MARTYR	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MIN.	ALTAR SERVER
Sun. 12/17 11:30AM	Ryleigh Mello	Carol Larkin Pat Norton	Juliana Melo Christopher Beeler Raelynne Donnelly Daniel Frasier
Sun. 12/24 11:30AM	Leo Choquette	Eileen Frasier Carol Larkin	Jane Byrnes Daniella Mendoza Elisabeth Frasier Mouro Martins Teixeira

Food Pantry

The holiday season is upon us, and the **#GiftofGiving campaign** is back at First Citizens Federal Credit Union. This year, they are doing it bigger than ever, donating a total of \$100,000 to multiple local non-profits! Each Wednesday in December, beginning on Dec. 6th, First Citizens' will accept nominations for local non-profit organizations and each week they will select 5 random winners to each receive a \$5,000 donation.

To nominate an organization go to the First Citizens' Federal Credit Union Facebook page #GiftofGiving post **each Wednesday in December**. Click on the link provided in the #GiftofGiving post. Fill out the survey information and nominate the St Lawrence Food Pantry.

First Citizens' aims to strengthen the communities they live in, and today, they are asking you to join them! For more information and full rules visit <https://www.firstcitizens.org/our-info/press-news>.

FOOD PANTRY OPEN
FRIDAY JANUARY 12
8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
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If you can't feed a hundred people, then just feed one.

~ St. Teresa of Calcutta



Our 3rd annual
"greeting cards for inmates"
 is being held through December 31st
 Boxes for unused greeting cards are
 placed in the Church

Our Savers **FUNDrive** will take place on May 4th 2024. Once again we'll collect clothes, books, household items and textiles in sellable condition. If you are able to, please save items for us over the winter months.



Advent is just flying by this year! I hope you and your families have been able to take a few quiet moments to reflect on the Advent Season and the true meaning of Christmas. I wrote about this clip last year of a woman singing in a chapel in Spain and in case you'd like to watch it again here is what you can search for "O Come O Come Emmanuel by Melinda Kathleen Reese in Pantheon church"

Guaranteed to give you chills!

Have a wonderful and blessed week,

~ Eileen Frasier

David Keighley, Katherine Sullivan, Corrine Lebeau, Joey Kowal, Mary-Lyn Riding, Peter McCoy, Vivian Moniz, Joann Pieknik, Gabriella Rivas, Maria Ferreira, Augusta Fernandes, Maureen Stewart, Nativa Hoyle, Peter Debarros, Kathy Amaral, Cliff Soucy, Joel Rivera, Tom Soucy, Joyce Baptista, The Sena Family, Maria Raposo, Terry Ouellette, The McCain Family, Carla DeMello & Paula Perreira, Henry T. Murphy Jr., Micele Michaud



WOULD YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

December 17 Pope Francis
December 18 Rev. Msgr. John Perry
December 19 Rev. Christopher Peschel
December 20 Rev. David Pignato
December 21 Rev. Robert Powell
December 22 Rev. Craig Pregana
December 23 Rev. Gregory Quenneville



Eternal Father, we lift up to you these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them. Heal and guide them. Mold them, into likeness and holiness of your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen



Welcome, children, into the Catholic Church through the Sacrament of Baptism. Congratulations to your parents and godparents. We pray you will find love and happiness as you grow in your faith of the Lord.

Nicholas & Nora Robert children of Daniel and Sara

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

A Constant Companion

As Christians, we are called to a life of prayer. This is not just during seasons like Advent, but all year long. When we talk about being prayerful everyday stewards, we are speaking about cultivating an awareness of God being with us at all times. Each day we begin by offering God the entirety of our day. Each night we rest in Him and hope that the hours that passed gave Him glory.

During this busy time of Advent, it is hard to cultivate this life of prayer, but without it we can too easily lose sight of the reason for the season. It is during this time of year we need to heed the words of St. Paul more than ever when he wrote to the Thessalonians, "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing." This is how we will be able to avoid the pitfalls of consumerism and secularism and keep our eyes fixed on Jesus.

Bring Jesus with you into the office Christmas party. Take him with you shopping for gifts in the department store. Be aware of him when you sit down to watch television specials you have seen every year of your life. Give him all your time and let his presence fill your every moment. By striving to be connecting with Jesus at all times, you will bear greater fruit and the joy you experience will be much greater than you could imagine. You might even spend a few less dollars and spend more time with those you love, particularly the one who loves you the most, the Incarnation himself.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi


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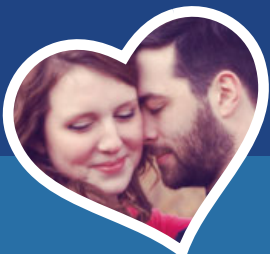


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