

Welcome To  
**St. Francis of Assisi Church**

**December 17, 2017**



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**Weekend Masses**

Saturday 8AM (only on First Saturday of Month)  
Vigil 4PM.

Sunday 8AM. , 9:30AM Polish Mass,  
and 11AM.

**Weekday Masses:** Monday, Tuesday,  
Thursday & Friday 7:30 AM. (First Friday  
only 8:30AM School Mass, no 7:30AM Mass)

**Confessions:** Saturday 3PM-3:45PM  
First Friday– 7:45AM-8:15AM

**BAPTISMS:**

Baptisms are Sunday at 12PM  
1st & 3rd Sundays of the Month

**MARRIAGES:**

Arrangements should be  
made with the Rectory at  
least 6 months in advance.

**PRAYER LINE:**

Call **Ellen** at  
**203-729-2151**

**Parish Mission Statement**

**We at St Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Church are dedicated in working together as a Family of Faith united in Christ. It is our goal, duty and privilege to foster a genuine growth in the spiritual life by imitating the example of Christ, the Good Shepherd; to serve other; and to express and promote love of God and neighbor to enhance Jesus' call to discipleship. As a Family of Faith united in Christ, we bring to life the core of the Gospel message to love and serve one another.**



*Please remember St. Francis Church and St. Francis-St. Hedwig School in your will.*

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday December 16—St Juan Cuauhtlatoatzin
4PM Mass +for Neil Touhy
Requested by his Wife, Jane Touhy & Children

\*This weekend's Altar Candles are burning in memory of Kathy 'Ardry' Kauffman by her sister, Joyce and Family.\*

Sunday December 17—Third Sunday of Advent
8AM Mass + for the Shanahan & Freeman Families
Requested by their Family
9:30AM Mass + (Polish) for Patricia Owens
11AM Mass + for Ray Dowling
Requested by Doris & Grace

Monday December 18—Late Advent Weekday
7:30AM + Mass for Edward Heroux
Requested by K of C Ojeda Council #33
6PM—Pre-Baptismal Class- Church

Tuesday December 19— Late Advent Weekday
7:30AM Mass + for Walter Kean & Maureen Nolan
Requested by their Family

Wednesday December 20 —Late Advent Weekday-
NO Mass -today—Church is closed

Thursday December 21—St Peter Canisius
7:30AM Mass + for Frank & Adeline Magnamo
Requested by their Family

Friday December 22—Late Advent Weekday
7:30AM Mass + for Sheila Omof
Requested by Frank Rodrigues & Family

Saturday Morning Rosary

will be held on the first Saturday at 7:30AM



Saturday December 23—Late Advent Weekday
3PM -3:45PM Confession
4PM Mass + for Jose and Virginia DeOliveira
Requested by Mary

\*This weekend's Altar Candles are burning in memory of Thomas Borzino by his Family\*

Sunday December 24—Fourth Sunday of Advent
8AM Mass + for Thomas Borzino
Requested by his Family
9:30AM Mass (living) (Polish) for ozdrowiei
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11AM Mass + for Gina Fonseca
Requested by her Family

4PM—Vigil Mass for Christmas - (English)
11PM Night Mass (Polish & English)

Monday December 25— Christmas
9:30AM and 11AM—(English)

THE SANCTUARY LAMP
The Lamp this week is burning in memory of The Shanahan & Freeman Family by their Family

Adoration for the Blessed Sacrament

“Could you not watch one hour with me?”
We joyfully announce the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on First Saturday of each month following 8AM Mass.



PRE-BAPTISMAL CLASS

for first-time Parents and the chosen Godparents will be held this Monday December 18th at 6PM in the Church. To register, please call the Rectory— (203-729-4543).



**Advent: Lighting of the Advent Wreath—Third Sunday of Advent—**

(Directions—light the first purple candle, repeat First Week Prayer, light the second purple candle, repeat the Second Week’s Prayer) THEN light the PINK candle—**Prayer:** *We beseech Thee to listen to our prayers, O Lord, and by the grace of Thy coming, enlighten our darkened minds. You who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. AMEN*



**Church Decorating**

we will be decorating our Church for Christmas this Sunday December 17 at 1PM. Parishioners are invited to help. CCD Students will receive hour for their help. Questions—please call — (203-729-2606).



**CCD Grade 1-6**

Sunday, 9:30AM-11AM, St Francis-St Hedwig School  
Lenny Tiscia—(203-490- 9861)

December 17—Regular class

24 & 31—NO class—Winter break



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**Important Notice: New time for CCD, Grade 1st-6th, is 9:15AM to 10:45AM, effected as of Sunday January 14, 2018**

**Christmas 2017 & New Year**

**2018 Sunday December 24—Christmas**

4PM Vigil Mass (*English*) &

11PM Night Mass—(*Polish/English*)

**Monday December 25—Christmas**

9:30AM & 11AM Masses (*English*)

**Monday January 1st—Solemnity of Mary (NOT a Holyday of Obligation)**

9AM Mass (*Polish & English*)



**Good Samaritan Ministry**

Former Parishioners of St Mary Church are familiar with the Good Samaritan Ministry. It is a ministry intended to help members of our own Parish and local community. We are pleased that this very successful ministry will continue here at St Francis. On the 3rd Sunday of each month, baskets will be placed at all Church entrances. Upon entering or leaving Church you are asked to contribute loose change, dollars, whatever your budget allows. When the Parish Staff becomes aware of an individual or family in financial need, they will use the donations to purchase gift cards, groceries, etc. to help one of our own. If you are aware of anyone in our local community who would benefit from this ministry, please call Diana Parady—(203-729-4543). ALL calls will be kept confidential



**CCD Grade 7-9**

Sunday, 6:30-8PM, St Francis-St Hedwig School  
Chris Warren, drestfrancis@gmail.com

December 17—Regular class

24 & 31-NO class—Winter break



**Roses on the Altar -**

are donated in loving memory of Joseph & Fredrick Nardelli (Father & Son) by Rina Nardelli.



**Rose For Life**



The rose has been placed before the Blessed Sacrament by, **Eileen Mudry**, who asks you to please pray for the unborn. PLEASE NOTE: We are in need of donations for the **Rose for Life**, which is placed at the Tabernacle as a reminder to pray for the unborn child. Please call Joanne—**(203-729-2606)** to have the rose in your name. (cost—\$4)

**Ushers Urgently Needed!**



We are in need of Ushers at the Saturday 4PM Mass, Sunday 8AM & 9:30AM. Any man, woman or Teen who is interested, please call **(203-729-2606)**

**Our StF-StH 8th Grade Class**

is hosting a ‘Lip Sync Team Competition’, on **Friday January 12th** , at **6:30PM**, at **Holy Cross High School**, Waterbury. Tickets are \$7 (children 12yr & younger \$5). Tickets are available at our School Office, Thank you for supporting our 8th Grade class!



**Save This Date! - April 6-8, 2018**

St Francis of Assisi Men’s Retreat, Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center. Time to start planning only 4 months before our retreat. This year’s theme: ‘**Grace—Enough**’— For more info, call— **Joe—(203-720-7590** or **Mike (203-723-0809)**.



**Cans and Bottles**

Please continue to bring your cans and bottles for this ongoing Parish fundraiser. Drop-off bins at all Church entrances. Thank you!



**Offertory Report**

**Weekly: 12/10/17: \$4,074.00**

**Retirement for Religious—\$1,736.00**

The Senior Sisters Brothers, and Religious Order Priests across the country send heartfelt thanks and prayers for your donation to last week’s Retirement Fund for Religious collection.



**Knights of Columbus Museum**

**1 State St, New Haven, CT**

the 13th Annual Christmas exhibition of nearly 70 Nativity scenes from across the globe, is on display now till February 19, 2018. The 17th Annual Christmas Tree Festival, featuring 24 trees decorated with handmade ornaments by Ct. schoolchildren., runs until January 28, 2018.

Christmas Family Day is Sunday December 31st, 12Noon—3PM -, with Live Music, Kid’s crafts and refreshments. **(203-865-0400)**

**Vocation Reflections**

We see John the Baptist as one who leads us to Jesus. He came to testify to the light.

*Rejoice; never cease praying.* Let us never cease praying for an increase in vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. If you are considering a life of prayer as a Priest or Religious, call Fr Jeffrey Gubbiotti, Director of Vocations, Archdiocesan Center, St Thomas Seminary, (860-242-5573) or email [vocations@aohct.org](mailto:vocations@aohct.org)



**St Francis Clothing Drive**

Please pack up your old (but clean) clothing (coats, pants, shirts, dresses, shoes & boots, hats & scarves, sheets, & blankets, towels, curtains, etc. and they are shipped to Central America and Africa. The Church is compensated for each pound. Please leave your bagged donations on the Rectory back porch. Thank You.



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