Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 30th

4:30PM Arminda Botelho (O); Celestina Pimentel; Maria Natividade & João Cabral; Paulo De Barros, Eugenia S. Martins, Eduardo S. Esteves. John Silva & wife, Maria Barros, Ernesto Oliveira & wife; Luisa & Jacinto Brandão & daughter

Sunday, December 1st – First Sunday of Advent

8:00AM José & Albertina Pinto (O):

Maria & António Carreiro (Anniv); Cesar & Maria Augusto & António & Anália Lacerda;

9:30AM Manuel Matias Brum (24th Anniv) & Parents (O); Louis S. Rose

11:30AM Deceased family of David & Marcelina Quadros (O): Fernando Resendes & Grandparents; Zelia & Guilhermine Ferreira; Honória Lopes & Teodoro Lopes; Hilda Matias; 50th Wed. Anniv: Intentions of Filipe & Natalia Vieira; José & Estrela Lopes, Antonino & Albertina Vieira, Nancy Vieira, Mary Vieira; Duarte Pacheco

Monday, December 2nd

6:00PM Manuel & Maria Amaral & Family; Maria Zulmira Bettencourt; Manuel Rebelo Soares & Angelina Ferreira Matias, Manuel Francisco Roias Pereira & Souls; José de Sousa Braga (Anniv); Maria Perdigão & Family

Tuesday, December 3rd

12:05PM José Branco Andrade; Joseph S. Dutra; Júlia Souto & Family

Wednesday, December 4th

6:00PM Adelino Campos (Birth Remb); Souls; Maria Luísa Botelho; Rocco Testa (Month's Mind)

Thursday, December 5th

12:05PM All Priests, Vocations, Religious; William Davis; Filomena Jorge (Anniv): Hilda Santos (Birth Remb): Albert Motta (Birth Remb); Manuel Botelho (9th Anniv)

Friday, December 6th

11:00AM HOLY HOUR (ENG)

12:05PM Pro Life; Joseph Mello

5:00PM HOLY HOUR (PORT)

6:00PM José Paiva & Family & Deceased Cabral Family; Maria Alice Medeiros; Ilda Gomes; In Honor of Infant of Prague

Saturday, December 7th

8:00AM HOLY FAMILY MASS

4:30PM Kevin Cunha (7th Anniv) & Sally Cunha (O);

Frank Macedo Jr. & John C. Raposa; Rose M. Walters (1st Anniv); Joseph, Irene & Russell Escobar; Eduíno Faria (Birth Remb) & Maria Ascensão Faria & Family; Maria da Silva; Emília Peixoto & Family;

50th Wed. Anniv; Intentions of Victor & Teresa Silva, António & Maria Celestina Oliveira & Manuel Joaquim & Maria Silva;

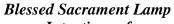
Sunday, December 8th

8:00AM Roberto Cordeiro & Family (O); Manuel & Maria Moniz, Evaristo & Beatriz Oliveira & Carlos Oliveira; Rui Cardoso & Wife; Maria R. Silveira; Mateus & Albertina Pascoal

9:30AM Joe António (Birth Remb); Barbara Braz (1st Anniv); Angelina & Eduino Avila; Hilda Moniz; Paula Lima; Antónia Maria Brito & Adelina Évora

11:30AM Carlos De Macedo (O); Silvana Oliveira & Family; Maria Nascimento Peixoto, parents & Children; Mariano Ferreira; Manuel Flor; José Luís Vicente; Duarte Pacheco; José Fernandes Vigário & Family; António Andrade & Family; Manuel Ribeiro (6th Anniv); Isaura Machado; Maria Conceição Medeiros (Birth Remb); Augustinho Tavares & Maria da Gloria Tavares; InThansgiving- Padre Pio & St. Rita de Cásia

> **Blessed Sacrament Lamp** Intentions of Manuel & Gloria Frias



Legion of Mary

There will be a Holy Hour & talk on Sunday, December 1st at 3:00PM in Portuguese with Fr. Jose Rocha. There will be a talk on: Mary prepares to receive the Messiah. All are invited to attend.

Christmas Giving Trees



We are planning Christmas for our needy children. You may select an ornament from the tree on the left and purchase a gift of your choice. (PLEASE NO CLOTHING).

Please bring it UNWRAPPED or put it in a bag and place it under the tree on the left the weekend of December 15th & 16th. The tree on the right is for the children of Angola. Please take an envelope and mail your check to Project Forgotten Child, Villa Fatima Convent, 90 County St. Taunton, MA. 02780 or you can leave your donation marked Angola in the rectory mail slot. Thank you for your continued help.

Christmas Flower Donation

Please make a donation for flowers in memory of your deceased loves ones. Use the "Flower Offering" envelope that



was enclosed with your budgets. The envelopes will be placed close to the altar, and we will remember those for whom we have been asked to pray in our Mass intentions and special prayers. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Retirement Fund for Religious **Second Collection**



Next the weekend, December 7 & 8 there will be a collection for the Retirement Fund for the Religious that serve in our diocese. They have offered spiritual formation and leadership in a variety of ministries throughout the diocese. Please be generous. We will be pass basket twice. Thank you.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES 2020 All Penance Services are at 7:00 PM

Wednesday, Dec. 4th - Jesus Saviour, Newport Thursday, Dec 5th - St. Anthony, W. Warwick Monday, Dec. 9th - St. Anthony, Pawt. Monday, Dec. 9th - Immaculate, Heart of Mary, Pawt Tuesday, Dec. 10th - Our Lady of Fatima, Cumb. Wednesday, Dec. 11th - Our Lady of the Rosary, Prov. Thursday, December 12th - St. Francis Xavier Monday, Dec. 16th - St. Elizabeth, Bristol Monday, Dec. 16th - Holy Name of Jesus, Prov. Tuesday, Dec. 17th - St. Thomas the Apostle, Warren

Catholic Campaign for **Human Development**

Thank you so much for your generosity. This collection brought in the amount of \$1.298.00.

THE SOUNDS OF THE SEASON

On Sunday, December 8th at 3PM, the Gregorian Concert Choir and Festival Orchestra will perform a concert entitled 'The Sounds of the Season' to benefit Bishop Tobin's 'Keep the Heat On' campaign in the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul in Providence. Proceeds raised will provide heating assistance for struggling individuals and families who have exhausted all other public and private aid. Tickets for the concert are \$10 per person and may be purchased by calling the Cathedral office at (401) 331-2434. (Tickets will also be available at the door on the day of the concert).

Distribution of Calendars

We will be distributing our 2020 calendars next weekend December 7th & 8th. We thank Rebello Funeral Home for offering the calendars to our parish family.

St. Francis Xavier Church Holy Rosary Sodality Christmas Party will

be held on Thursday, December 12th at the Riviera Restaurant at 5:00PM. Come and enjoy a buffet dinner & live Music. Tickets are available for \$35.00 each call Roslyn 401-301-4247.

TV MASS



On Sunday, December 15th the 11:30am Mass will be televised and shown again on the Portuguese Channel at 7:00PM. Please know that your support with this ministry is

greatly appreciated. At this time we are asking for donations for this Mass. Thank you for your continued support.

RCIA- Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Have you received your Confirmation? Do you know someone who wants to be Catholic? Join us for RCIA - the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Classes begin in January and run every other week on Mondays from 6-7:30 until Easter.

Please call the rectory at 434-1878 to sign up!

Ex- Senator John Correia

Congratulations to Senator John Correia for a successful book launch. If anyone would like to purchase the book:

"FROM PLUMBER'S APPRENTICE TO PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE",

we have them available at the rectory in English and Portuguese,

Monday thru Thursday from 10am to 4pm. All proceeds benefit St. Francis Xavier Church.

Youth Group Meeting

Thursday, December 5th (Ages 11 – 16) Room 110 (in the school) 6:00pm – 7:30pm

Faith Formation News:

Grades K – 5

10:30am to 11:30am - All classes are in session

Grades 6-7-8

Classes meet on Monday, December 2nd from 6:00PM – 7:00PM

Grade 9- Confirmation

Classes meet on Tuesday, December 3rd from 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Part of our Faith formation program is that our students attend one of our weekend Masses. Sacramental years meaning grade 2 and 9 must sign in the student roster located at the front of the church.

Feel free to e-mail me anytime if you should have questions. sfxfaithformation4u@gmail.com.

Glorify and Praise: All are invited, parishioners and children please come and join us as we host "Glorify and Praise" here at Saint Francis Xavier Church on Tuesday, December 3^{rd,} 2019, from 6pm to 8pm. What is Glorify? Glorify is centered around the Holy Eucharist, engaging faith-filled music; along with a speaker and will conclude with coffee and donuts in the Rego auditorium. *Thank you to Dunkin' Donuts on Taunton Avenue for sponsoring this event.*

Confirmation students are required to attend "Glorify and Praise" On Tuesday December 3rd, 2019 from 6pm to 8pm. Students must report to their classroom for attendance and pick up will be at the church.

Offerings for the needy: The Children are asked to bring offering to their classroom. This year's offering will be given to the Rhode Island Veterans who have served their Country, many have fallen on hard times and these toiletries will be a big help.

Grade K: Box of Band-Aids

Grade 1: Hand Sanitizer and or Shampoo

Grade 2: Bar soap and or liquid soap

Grade 3: Toothbrushes and toothpaste

Grade 4: Kleenex boxes or lotion or both

Grade 5: Disposable razors and deodorant

Grade: 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th: The children are asked to donate socks and gloves and warm hats. This donation will go to the homeless at Crossroads located in Providence RI.

The children are asked to bring all items for the needy into their classrooms no later than December 10th 2019. We ask that you do not wrap the items!

Mothers That Pray For Their Children

Restoring the family through the power of prayer will meet on **Thursday**, **December 12**th at 7:30PM In the Our Lady of the Angels Room (Library of Church)

This group is conducted in Portuguese.

Legion of Mary Prayer Group

Meet on Mondays at 6:30 in the Our Lady of the Angels Room (Library of Church) This group is conducted in Portuguese.

Charismatic Prayer Group

Meet on Wednesdays at 7:00PM in the Church This group is conducted in Portuguese.

Holy Rosary Sodality

Meet on the 2nd Thursday of the Month at 6:00PM in Our Lady of the Angels Room (Library of Church)This group is conducted in English