

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 9

5:30pm Branden DeLuca
Requested by family

Sunday, April 10

8:00am Mass of Thanksgiving
Requested by a grateful sister

10:00am Kathleen A. Rose
Requested by family

12NN For the Parish

Monday, April 11

7:00am Olive Tameo
Req. by Ted and Denise Carlson

Tuesday, April 12

7:00am Kerri Bessette
Requested by Mom, Dad and Scott

Wednesday, April 13

7:00am Michael Lupo
Requested by Gina Posillo

Thursday, April 14

7:00am Tom McGair
Requested by family

Friday, April 15

7:00am Dr. Leonard Staudinger
Requested by wife

Saturday, April 16

5:30pm Anna & Andrew Sebastian
Requested by family

Palm/Passion Sunday, April 17

8:00am Special Intention for the
Mary, Mother of Jesus Retreat Ministry

10:00am Vivian Drury
Requested by sister Vicki

12:00pm For the Parish



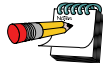
St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, April 10

10:00am Al Marchand
Requested by Gerri & Al Marsocci

Palm/Passion Sunday, April 17

10:00am John and Grace
Carpinelli
Requested by family



For Your Information

PARISH SUPPORT

Parish Support for April 3rd was Budget—\$9,034; Monthly—\$3,226. This weekend's second offering is the ongoing maintenance fund offering. Next weekend's second offering—Operation Rice Bowl. Thank you for your continued generosity!

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Carol Stec.

MORNING PRAYER

Don't forget to join us for morning prayer immediately following the 7am Mass on Wednesday. ... What a great way to start the day!

FOOD OF THE MONTH

Your donations of spaghetti sauce, juice, peanut butter, jelly, cans of chili, baked beans and rolls of paper towels may be dropped off at the entrance of the church or chapel.

We thank you in advance for your continued generosity to those who are less fortunate.

CELEBRATING RECONCILIATION: WHAT DO I CONFESS?

If you're considering returning to the Sacrament of Confession, take some time to pray and to examine your conscience. Usually, if we are honest with ourselves and with God, and if we take the time, our conscience will bear itself to us. Grave sins should be confessed both in *number* and *kind*. Less serious sins should also be confessed, as they can be recalled. A person may never intentionally conceal a grave (mortal) sin that he or she is conscious of in Confession. To do so would void the entire confession. If you are afraid to reveal a particular sin, it's probably *that sin* that has caused most damage in your life, and *that sin* is probably the one that needs to be confessed most! Obtain a good examination of conscience, like the one available through the new iPhone app. Take home a copy of the pamphlet, "How to Make a Good Confession" from our pamphlet rack (by the handicap entrance) or visit: <http://www.scborromeo.org/confess.htm>.

THE CATHOLIC CHARITY FUND APPEAL

Where we stand to date: Received: \$66,866; Goal: \$104,000

Thank you to all who responded so far. If you've been meaning to donate but haven't yet turned in your pledge or one-time offering, please consider dropping it off at the rectory sometime this week, mailing it or drop it in the offertory next weekend. As always, thank you for your generosity.

LAP BLANKETS FOR HOSPICE

23 exquisite lap blankets were delivered last week, ready to be given out to Hospice patients. Each was lovingly handmade by members of our parish and blessed by Fr. Joe. Surely the patients will feel the comfort and care that was stitched into each blanket.

PARISH CD RACK

You'd really like to go to Confession this Lent, but it's been awhile since you've been ...

Pick up "Confession" in the **CD rack**. Listen to **Fr. Larry Richards** riveting, honest, very human ... even humorous talk. It will fill the listener with hope for a healing, closer relationship with Jesus that only Confession can bring.

APRIL 10, 2011

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

In recent years, the four parishes of South Kingstown and Narragansett have joined together successfully in offering Lenten Penance Services as the great Easter feast approaches, thereby allowing all area Catholics to experience this wonderful sacrament in a most meaningful, healthy and inviting way. We encourage your participation in one of them. At least six priests will be present at each of these penance services. Times during the coming two weeks are:

Wednesday, April 13th, 12:00 Noon St. Thomas More
Thursday, April 14th, 7:00 PM St. Mary, Star of the Sea
Tuesday, April 19th, 7:00 PM St. Francis of Assisi
Wednesday, April 20th, 7:00 PM Christ the King

Other Sacrament of Reconciliation possibilities are Saturdays at 4:30 PM (not Holy Saturday), or by appointment with one of the priests.

THE PALM SUNDAY CONCERT

The South County Chamber Singers, in conjunction with members of the St. Francis of Assisi Choir and under the direction of author, composer and parishioner, Dr. Enrico Garzilli, will again lead us into Holy Week with another inspiring concert of sacred music.

The concert will take place on Sunday next, Palm Sunday, at 3:00 PM in the church. It will consist of Chorales by Bach from the St. John and St. Matthew Passions, 'Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring' and the *Requiem* by Faure. This magnificent Mass setting includes the very beautiful "Pie Jesu."

WHY DO WE HAVE TO CONFESS OUR SINS TO A PRIEST?

Doesn't God forgive us when we're sorry? Why should I have to confess my sins to a priest? Jesus instituted the Sacrament of Confession when he said to his apostles, the first priests, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained" (John 20:22b-23). Jesus willed that his forgiveness and mercy be granted *through* the ministry of the priest. James 5:16 reads, "Confess your sins to one another...that you may be healed." Confessing our sins out loud requires a great deal of honesty and humility. To name our brokenness out loud, to acknowledge our fault, and to admit we need help in overcoming sin are all dynamics of the Sacrament of Confession. Additionally, sin wounds not only our relationship with God but also our union with the Church. The priest, in granting us absolution restores us to friendship not only with God but also with the Church! Sin is a communal reality, and so Confession should be as well! For more information, visit <http://www.catholicscomehome.org/answers-why-confession.php>.



Religious Education

Grades K-6—Sunday Classes see below.

Wednesday Classes Gr. 3-6—Meet from 4-5pm in Father Greenan Parish Center.

Grades 7 & 8—Meet Wednesday, 7-8:15pm in Father Greenan Parish Center.

Confirmation I—Classes have ended for the year.

Confirmation II—Confirmation April 29th at 7:00pm.

Children's Liturgy of the Word—during the 10am Mass.



This Week

Sunday, April 10

8:50-9:50 Gr. 1 & 2 FGC

10am Children's Liturgy of the Word

10:50-11:50am Gr 3,4 5 (FGC)
Gr. 6 (HBH)

1-7pm Confirmation II Retreat (FGC)

2-4pm So. Cty. Chamber Singers Reh.

6pm Mass with Praise and Net Ministries

7:00pm AA (HBH)

Monday, April 11

7:30-12:00 Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament (church)

11am Divine Mercy Cenacle (church)

7pm Baptism Prep. Class (MCCR)

Tuesday, April 12

6:30-7:30pm RCIA tonight (MCCR)

7:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (loft)

Wednesday, April 13

7AM Mass followed by Morning Prayer

12:00pm Lenten Penance Svc at Saint
Thomas More, Narragansett

4-5pm LAST Class Gr 3-6 (FGC)

5-6:15pm Children's Choir Reh. (loft)

7-8:15pm LAST Class Gr 7 & 8 (FGC)

Thursday, April 14

10am Mass at Brightview Commons

4-6 Living Stations Rehearsal in Church

7pm Lenten Penance Service at Saint
Mary, Star of the Sea, Narragansett

7pm St. Francis Women's Club Mtg. (FGC)

7pm Info. Mtg. -Steubenville East (HBH)

Friday, April 15

10am Mass at Scallop Shell—Fr. Joe

11am Mass at South Bay Manor—Fr. Joe

7pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 16

10-11am Easter Egg Hunt at FGC

IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH: THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

In today's first reading, God makes a promise to Judah through the prophet Ezekiel. "I will open your graves and have you rise from them, says the Lord God" (see Ezekiel 37). Last week's readings spoke of blindness, both physical and spiritual, and this week's readings evoke the image of death. Jesus fulfills the promise made to the prophet Ezekiel by raising Lazarus from the dead in today's gospel. The death that Jesus came to destroy is the death of sin. The promise made to Ezekiel is fulfilled in Christ, who opens the graves of our hearts and raises our souls to new life, when they have been dead in sin. The grace of Christ's forgiveness and peace is available to us in abundance in the liturgy. At the beginning of every Mass, we are invited to turn inward, to the sealed tombs of our hearts, and invite Jesus to roll away the stone and heal us from sin and spiritual death. Lent is a time to avail ourselves of God's mercy, especially in the sacrament of reconciliation, that we may rise with him anew at Easter! In this way, being raised to the new life of grace, God sets us on the path to our true homeland: heaven, where there shall be no more death or sorrow or mourning. The liturgy is our foretaste of that heavenly life right here on earth!

IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH ETIQUETTE CORNER

Q. *May we use cell phones in church?*
A. Not only is the use of cell phones during Mass incredibly rude, it is also irreverent. Church is a sacred space reserved for communication with God. Have we become so addicted to superficial communication that we cannot go 45 minutes without sending a text message? Many have also recently noticed younger parishioners using cell phones and other electronics to play games during Mass! Perhaps if children and young people were taught (by word and example) all that the Mass is to us as Catholics, then they wouldn't need the diversion. The use of electronics is not only rude, it is irreverent.



Year of Liturgical
and Spiritual Renewal

CONFESSION AND THE SACRAMENTAL SEAL

Can the priest ever reveal what he hears in Confession? One of the most serious and sacrosanct responsibilities of the priest is to maintain what is called the "sacramental seal" or the "seal of confession." This refers to the fact that the priest is strictly bound, under pain of excommunication, never to reveal what he has heard in the confessional. The priest, furthermore, may never use information he has received in the confessional to the detriment of the one who confesses. *But won't the priest think less of me when he finds out what I've done?* No! The priest is a sinner, too! He sympathizes with your need for God's forgiveness, and would think highly of a person who is honest enough to acknowledge their faults. Don't ever let fear of being "found out" or fear of judgment keep you away from God's healing grace in the Sacrament of Confession!

PIZZA WITH PADRE

The second Pizza with Padre for people in the 20's and 30's – singles or couples - and hosted by Fr. Joe, will take place in Helen Bouchard Hall on Wednesday Night next, April 13th at 7:00. The pondered question to intrigue the mind will be "Why the Church: Help or Hindrance?" while the featured pizza to whet the appetite will be Chicken Pesto!



Come, Rain or
Shine to Our
Annual Easter Egg
Hunt

Saturday, April 16th, 10-11:00AM at Fr. Greenan Parish Center

Toddlers to Second Graders Welcome.

Donations of candy and plastic eggs gratefully accepted.

Collection box located at the entrance to the church. Thank you for your support.