

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 12

4:30pm Kerri Bessette

Requested by Mom, Dad and Scott

Palm Sunday, April 13

8:00am Raymond F. Kells, Jr.

Requested by brothers Robert & Richard

10:00am Kathleen Rose

Requested by family

12:00NN Marion & Joseph Cappuccio

Requested by family

Monday, April 14

7:00am Thomas McGair

Requested by family

Tuesday, April 15

7:00am Hilda Gilligan

Requested by parish family

Wednesday, April 16

7:00am Nancy Caswell

Requested by Concetta Wilson

Holy Thursday, April 17

7:00pm Mass for the People

Good Friday, April 18

7:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday, April 19

8:00pm Solemn Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection

Mass for the People

Easter Sunday, April 20

8am Chi Thi Anna Tran & Thanh John Ha

Requestd by family

10:00am Anthony Ramieri

Requested by wife

12NN Mary McGuire

Requested by Kelli R. McNulty



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Palm Sunday, April 13

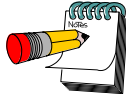
10:00am Al Marchand

Requested by Gerri & Al Marsocci

Easter Sunday, April 20

10:00am Constance Andrews

Requested by Cooney family



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week, the sanctuary lamps at St. Francis Church & St. Romuald Chapel burn in memory of Mason, Isabel and Owen Oakes.

TUITION ASSISTANCE

Parents & Guardians, now is the time to get your Tuition Assistance forms from your child's Catholic Elementary School. Stop into the school's office sometime in the next couple of weeks and pick up that form. Turn the completed form into the parish office no later than April 30th so that we can complete our budget. Parish Assistance is awarded on a need basis for children in Grades K-8. Grades 9-12 may apply for assistance directly from the diocesan school office. Contact the school office for details.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

Take a look at the left hand side of this page for the complete Holy Week Schedule. Please make every effort to attend these sacred services of the Triduum. Without them, we would not be who we are!



Please don't forget to return your Catholic Charity Appeal envelope with your donation.

Every gift helps us toward our goal of \$103,070.

Received to date:
\$54,869.00



PARISH SUPPORT— April 6, 2014

Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (325)	-	April 6 \$ 6,999.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 1,431.00
Online Giving (# of donors 36)	-	\$ 915.00
Total Budget	-	\$ 9,345.00

Monthly Support

Offering Envelopes Used	-	Monthly \$ 3,216.50
Other Donations	-	\$ 818.50
Total Budget	-	\$ 4,035.00

This weekend's second offering is the Catholic Relief Services/Operation Rice Bowl Collection. The Good Friday offering is for the Holy Land. Next weekend's second offering will be the Easter offering. **Thank you for your continued generosity.**

APRIL 13, 2014

From the Pastor...

As I announced at all the Masses last weekend, I will be leaving St. Francis Parish at the end of June to become the pastor of Holy Apostles Parish in Cranston, effective July 1. I am very grateful for the three years that I have had with you in this parish and I am especially appreciative of the many kind words and messages that I have received over the past week. I know that you will welcome your new pastor, Father Henry Bodah, with great warmth. Father Bodah has been serving as chaplain at Brown University and residing at St. Joseph Parish in Providence for some time. However, he is very enthusiastic about his new assignment and looking forward to coming to St. Francis and St. Romuald Chapel. I will give you more information about him in the weeks ahead.

With the celebration of **Palm Sunday** this weekend, we begin the most solemn week of our Church year. During **Holy Week** we complete our Lenten observance and then through the days of the **Sacred Triduum**, we participate in the great events of our salvation...the **Passion, Death and Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ**. Our celebrations this week culminate in the great feast of **Easter** when light pierces darkness, good triumphs over evil and life conquers death. What we celebrate this week is essential to our faith and touches each one of our lives. There is information about the ceremonies of Holy Week elsewhere in this bulletin. Please make every effort to join us for the various celebrations this week, especially on **Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday**. Let us all make a sincere effort to prepare spiritually for a blessed and joyful celebration of **Easter**.

Msgr. Theroux

YOU ARE INVITED
Please join us on
Saturday, April 19th, 2014 for

**THE EASTER VIGIL
IN THE HOLY NIGHT**

at 8:00PM

in St. Francis Church

**Please make every effort
to be with us as we greet the
Resurrection of the Lord in Solemn Vigil**



Religious Education

RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES

SUNDAY, APRIL 13TH

8:50-9:50am GRADES 1 & 2 (FGC)
GRADE 8 Parents & Child (FGC)
9:50-10:50am GRADE K (HBH)
10:50-11:50am GRADES 3-5 (FGC)
GRADE 6 (HBH)
GRADE 7 (FGC)

MONDAY, APRIL 14TH

7:00-8:30 Confirmation I

LAST WEDNESDAY CLASS!

APRIL 16TH

4-5pm GRADES 3- 6 (FGC)
7-8:15pm GRADES 7 & 8 (FGC)

NO RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES

the week of April 20th school vacation.
Grades K-6 see you on the 27th!



This Week

Sunday, April 13

9:00am Final Coffee & Cameos (HBH)
3:00pm Sacred Concert under the direction
of Dr. Enrico Garzilli and featuring the
So. Co. Chamber Singers (church)
7:00pm AA (HBH)

Monday, April 14

7:30am -12:00nn Adoration (church)
7:00pm Confirmation I Class (FGC)

Tuesday, April 15

6:30pm Adoration & Evening Prayer (SRC)
7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)
7:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (loft)

Wednesday, April 16

12:30pm Stations of the Cross (SRC)
4-5pm Final Class Grades 3-6 (FGC)
5-6:15pm Child's Choir Rehearsal (loft)
7:00pm Final Class Grades 7 & 8 (FGC)
Grade 8 Parent Meeting (HBH)

Holy Thursday, April 17

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper with
Adoration at the altar of repose in
Helen Bouchard Hall until 11:00PM

Good Friday, April 18

ALL PARISH OFFICES CLOSED
3:00PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion
at St. Romuald Chapel

3:00pm Stations of the Cross (church)
7pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion at
St. Francis Church (church)

Holy Saturday, April 19

10-11am Easter Egg Hunt (FGC)
8:00pm Solemn Vigil of Easter (church)

COULD YOU NOT WATCH ONE HOUR WITH ME?

For many years, the custom of visiting seven churches on Holy Thursday night to adore the Blessed Sacrament was observed. After attending the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, plan on staying for a short time with the Blessed Sacrament in Helen Bouchard Hall. A guide for reflection will be provided for those who wish to stay for prayer. You are encouraged to then visit the other churches in our area, as well, for a brief period of silent prayer and adoration. If you'd rather go home immediately after Mass, you are welcome to return to Helen Bouchard Hall for adoration later in the evening. The hall will remain open for adoration until **11:00PM**. Please plan on spending some time on Holy Thursday in adoration of our Blessed Lord.



EVENING PRAYER

Bill Harding will lead us in Evening Prayer on Tuesday of Holy Week at 6:30PM at St. Romuald Chapel. All are welcome!

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

On April 27, we will observe Divine Mercy Sunday at St. Romuald Chapel in Matunuck. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin following the 10:00am Mass and will continue until 2:45pm. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed at 2:50pm and the afternoon will conclude with the Celebration of Mass at 3:00pm, the hour of mercy, celebrated by Father Nick Smith. Confessions will not be offered. Please note that if you went to confession during Lent, within 20 days prior to Divine Mercy Sunday or within 20 days following Mercy Sunday, you are covered under the conditions for a plenary indulgence.



Annual Easter Egg Hunt

NEXT Saturday, April 19th
10:00-11:00

Fr. Greenan Center
RAIN or SHINE

Toddlers to Second Graders welcome!
Donations of candy and plastic eggs gratefully accepted. The collection box is

located at the entrance to the church. Thank you!

HIPPITTY, HOPPITTY, EASTER'S ON ITS WAY...



HOLY WEEK

is the climax of the entire liturgical year. Today, **Palm Sunday** marks the beginning of Holy Week, when we commemorate Christ's royal entry into Jerusalem.



On Monday evening, our parish priests will gather with the Most Reverend Bishop at the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul in Providence to participate in the **Chrism Mass**. During this special Mass, all of the priests of our diocese will renew their priestly promises before the bishop and will receive the newly blessed oils for use throughout the coming year (the Oil of Catechumens, the Oil of the Sick, and the Oil of Sacred Chrism).



On Holy Thursday, Lent ends and the **Sacred Triduum** begins. The Sacred Triduum, the three sacred days marking the final events of our Lord's earthly life, forms the core of Holy Week.

On Holy Thursday evening, we will celebrate the **Mass of the Lord's Supper** at **7:00PM** in St. Francis Church. This special Mass commemorates the institution of the Holy Eucharist and the Ministerial Priesthood. At the conclusion of the Mass, the Blessed Sacrament is carried in procession to the "repository" which is located in Helen Bouchard Hall, where adoration will continue until **11:00PM**. Meanwhile, the altar is stripped of its appointments, as a remembrance of Christ's being stripped of his garments.

On Good Friday, we recall with great solemnity the death of Jesus on the cross. **Stations of the Cross** will be prayed at **3:00PM** in St. Francis Church. This is the only day of the year that Mass is not celebrated! The **Celebration of the Lord's Passion** will be held at two different times this year: first at **3:00PM** at St. Romuald Chapel and again at **7:00PM** in St. Francis Church. This distinctive service, which is *not* a Mass, contains the familiar Veneration of the Cross and the distribution of Holy Communion.

On Holy Saturday, the most sacred night of the year, we will gather at **8:00PM** in Saint Francis Church for the **Easter Vigil**, the mother of all vigils, when we watch for Christ's resurrection. This Mass begins in total darkness with the blessing of the Easter Fire and the lighting of the Easter Candle. We hear several readings, retelling us the story of our salvation and the mighty power of God's work in the course of the world's history. All present will renew their baptismal vows.