

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



Mass Intentions

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
Requested by family

10:00am Anthony Ramieri
Requested by wife

12NN Mary McGuire
Requested by Kelli R. McNulty

Monday, April 21

7:00am Sonny and Betty Goodwin
Requested by daughter Kathy Cawley

Tuesday, April 22

7:00am Eugene Paul
Requested by Arundel family

Wednesday, April 23

7:00am Eugene F. Paul
Requested by Ryan Mahoney

Thursday, April 24

7:00am Mass for the People

Friday, April 25

7:00am Dr. Leonard Staudinger
Requested by family

Saturday, April 26

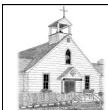
4:30pm Nancy Caswell
Requested by Marcia & Jimmy Signorelli

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27

8:00am Donia Nigrelli
Requested by family

10:00am Joseph & Jean Abbott
Requested by daughters

12:00NN Timothy E. McNulty
Requested by sister



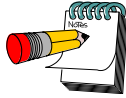
St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Easter Sunday, April 20

10:00am Constance Andrews
Requested by Cooney family

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27

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



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week, the sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Anthony Ramieri. The sanctuary lamp at St. Romuald Chapel burns in memory of John Champion.

ANNUAL BABY SHOWER

On the weekends of May 10th & 11th and May 17th & 18th, St. Francis of Assisi Social Outreach Committee will once again be sponsoring our parish's annual baby shower. This year the recipients of your generous donations will be: The Gabriel Project, The Pregnancy Center of Westerly and Right to Life Services, Inc. The items we are requesting this year are: disposable diapers all sizes including large, various baby/toddler toiletries, onesies size 0-3 months, boys clothing in toddler sizes 2T-4T, and as always cash donations are gratefully accepted. Please place unwrapped donations in the receptacles available in the church and chapel.

Thank you for your continued support.

For additional information, please contact Judy Smail at 932-9550.



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:
\$59,204.00



PARISH SUPPORT— April 13, 2014

Weekly Support

	<u>April 13</u>
Budget envelopes used (377)	- \$ 7,593.00
Loose Donations	- \$ 1,649.00
Online Giving (# of donors 39)	- \$ 1,162.00
Total Budget	- \$10,404.00

CRS/Rice Bowl Support

	<u>CRS/Rice Bowl</u>
Offering Envelopes	- \$ 3,260.80
Other Donations	- \$ 908.10
Total Budget	- \$ 4,168.90

This weekend's second offering is the Easter offering. Next weekend's second offering will be the Ongoing Maintenance fund offering for April.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

APRIL 20, 2014

From the Pastor...

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

I wish a very happy and blessed Easter to all who join us in prayer and worship this weekend at St. Francis Church and St. Romuald Chapel.

We have completed the Lenten season of renewal and now we begin a time of celebration and Easter joy. For Catholic Christians, Easter is not just a day; Easter Sunday and the eight days following it (the "Octave" of Easter) are celebrated by the Church as one continuous Easter day. Also, the Easter Season extends for forty days until the celebration of the Lord's Ascension into heaven and even beyond that for ten more days until Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the apostles. For that matter, every Sunday of the year recalls and celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus. So Easter is truly a great feast!

There are many people deserving of thanks for having helped our parish to prepare for Easter and celebrate the feast with such beauty and solemnity. First, I am grateful to **Father Joe Upton** who was instrumental in preparing and coordinating our Lenten programs and our Holy Week and Easter liturgies. I also thank **Deacon Iacono** for assisting us with various devotions and ceremonies during Lent and Holy Week. Special thanks to **Mimi Battey, musicians, cantors and choir at St. Francis Church** as well as **Karen Graham and the choir at St. Romuald Chapel** who contribute so much to the beauty of our celebrations not only at Easter, but throughout the year. I am also grateful to **Bill Harding**, who does such a great job maintaining St. Romuald Chapel and coordinating our celebrations there. I must also thank **Stephen Battey and Dan Mahoney, our parish seminarians** who assists us regularly, **J. P. McGrath, our weekend sacristan**, as well as our **extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, readers, servers, those who helped with flowers and decorations, and anyone else who contributed in any way to our Easter festivities**. I also can't forget to mention our **religious education coordinators and teachers** who worked with our children for special Lenten events as well as our **youth ministry program for assisting with the Easter Egg Hunt** for the little ones. I know I speak for all our parishioners in extending heartfelt thanks for all the service so well done!

Next weekend we will observe **Divine Mercy Sunday** with adoration and a special Mass at St. Romuald Chapel. You will find further information about this observance as well as a schedule of events elsewhere in this parish bulletin. It is a great way to continue our celebration of God's mercy and the new life of Easter.

Msgr. Theroux



Religious Education

RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES

Sunday, April 20th

Happy Easter

No Classes this week.

Last class for Grades 3-6 on April 27th

Thursday, April 24th

Begin Family Novena for First Holy Communion

Sunday, April 27th

No 12noon Youth Mass



This Week

Sunday, April 20

7:00pm AA (HBH)

Monday, April 21

NO ADORATION

ALL PARISH OFFICES CLOSED.

Tuesday, April 22

7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

Thursday, April 24

2:00pm Mass at Brightview Commons

Saturday, April 26

9:30-11:30am Fra Angelico

Workshop (HBH)



*In 2000, John Paul II canonized Maria Faustina Kowalska and established Divine Mercy Sunday on the first Sunday after Easter. A year later he said, "Jesus said to Sister Faustina one day: 'Humanity will never find peace until it turns with trust to Divine Mercy.' **DIVINE MERCY! This is the Easter gift that the Church receives from the risen Christ and offers to humanity.**"*

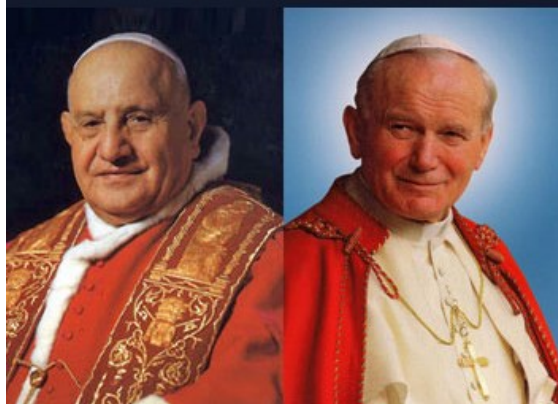


DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

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.

CANONIZATION OF POPE JOHN XXIII AND POPE JOHN PAUL II



27 APRIL 2014

It is fitting that John Paul II and John XXIII will be canonized on Divine Mercy Sunday because both men brought such mercy into the world. They were a living example of God's immense love for us all and demonstrated a way of humble leadership that can transform the world. Let us pray that through their intercession as saints, the heavens will open wide and even the most hardened hearts will accept God's gift of Divine Mercy.

Lord, we thank You for the holy examples of Pope John XXIII and Pope John Paul II. Through their intercession, may we be led ever deeper into the fullness of Your love, so that we can reflect that love to all Your children here on Earth, and eventually be united with You and all the saints in heaven. Amen.

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.

Helping Hands Meal Packing Event

Saturday, May 3rd, 2-5pm
Msgr. Clarke School Gym



Volunteers needed for 1.5 hour shifts to pack nutritious meals. Make it a family event. School-aged children through adults are welcome. Pre-registration is required.

Visit <http://helpinghands.crs.org/>

Catholic Relief Services and Stop Hunger Now is holding a meal packing event to benefit programs for vulnerable men, women and children in Burkina Faso. CRS programs in Burkina Faso teach basic skills such as how to grow a healthier garden, make clothes and raise livestock.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:



Marvelous Mystery: The Mass Comes Alive! will be held June 26th, 27th 30th and July 1st and 2nd from 8:30-11:30. We will spend a week discovering more about the Mass and deepening our love for Jesus in the Eucharist through

faith teachings, music, games, crafts, snacks and more! Mark your calendars. More information to come!! If you would like to help volunteer to help call the Religious Ed Office (792-8684) and let us know!