

SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY



Mass Intentions

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

Monday, April 28

7:00am Norbert & Marguerite Jarbeau

Req. by Dan and Corinne McKinnon

Tuesday, April 29

7:00am Daniel F. McKinnon

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Wednesday, April 30

7:00am John "Jack" Cain

Requested by Teresa and Rick Jordan

Thursday, May 1

7:00am Mass for the People

Friday, May 2

7:00am Nancy Caswell

Requested by Kelli

Saturday, May 3

4:30pm Dana Fanning

Requested by Yvonne Fanning

Sunday, May 4

8:00am Mass for the People

10:00am For the Souls in Purgatory

Requested by Divine Mercy Cenacle

12:00NN Manuel & Mary Caetano

Requested by family



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27

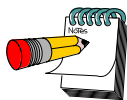
10:00am Al Marchand

Requested by Gerri & Al Marsocci

Sunday, May 4

10:00am Henry H. Thayer, Jr.

Requested by Thayer family



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week, the sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Helen Jordan. The sanctuary lamp at St. Romuald Chapel burns in memory of Barbara Keaney.

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.



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:

\$65,894.00



PARISH SUPPORT— April 20, 2014

Weekly Support

	<u>April 20</u>
Budget envelopes used (300)	- \$ 6,837.20
Loose Donations	- \$ 9,960.00
Online Giving (# of donors 39)	- \$ 1,321.00
Total Budget	- \$18,118.20

Good Friday

Donations	- Holy Land \$1,407.00
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Easter Offering

	<u>EASTER</u>
Offering Envelopes	- \$ 6,577.00
Other Donations	- \$ 1,221.00
Total Budget	- \$ 7,798.00

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

Thank you for your continued generosity.

APRIL 27, 2014

From the Pastor...

I must begin with a word of thanks to all the parishioners who participated in our Holy Week and Easter celebrations. The attendance was great and the ceremonies were beautiful. I again express my gratitude to Father Joe Upton, Deacon Iacono, Mimi Battey, Karen Graham, Bill Harding, and the many other people who were instrumental in contributing to the beauty and solemnity of our services.

I also wish to extend special thanks to the members of our **Parish Retreat Team who planned and presented our Coffee and Cameos program on Sunday mornings during Lent.** This was a new program this year and, thanks to their hard work and careful preparation, it proved to be very successful and much appreciated by all who participated. Thanks again for a job well done!

A few people have asked me about the new cement and construction by the side entrance of the church. I announced back in the fall that, thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor, we are getting a new statue of St. Francis of Assisi to be placed in that area. It was supposed to be completed before winter, but the bad weather set in faster than expected and it couldn't be done. Now the work has resumed and we hope to have the statue in place within the next couple weeks.

As you see elsewhere in this parish bulletin, we are gradually moving toward our goal in this year's **Catholic Charity Appeal.** My heartfelt thanks go out to those who have made their contribution. There are still a significant number of "regular donors" who have not yet given this year. I hope to hear from them soon. There are still envelopes for the Appeal at the entrances of the church that you can complete and return in the parish collection. Also, there will soon be another general mailing from the diocese with a pledge card that can be returned by mail. In either case, our parish will receive the credit for your donation. I make a special request to the many parishioners who have not given to the Appeal in recent years to consider making a donation this year. We all have a responsibility to contribute to the charitable works of the Church and every contribution, great or small, to the diocesan appeal makes a difference.

Msgr. Theroux

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS will be held on Friday, May 2nd at 6:30PM in St. Francis Church. One of our parish priests will be available during the First Friday Holy Hour to hear confessions from 6:30-7:15pm. *Simply use the door to the Reconciliation Room right by the elevator, so as to avoid walking through the sanctuary.* Please consider joining us for Eucharistic Adoration, readings, prayers and hymns which constitute the devotions and will conclude with Benediction.



Religious Education

RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES

Sunday, April 27th

FINAL DAY OF SUNDAY CLASSES
8:50-9:50am GRADES 1 & 2 (FGC)
9:50-10:50am GRADE K (HBH)
10:50-11:50am GRADES 3-5 (FGC)
GRADE 6 (HBH)

Monday, April 28th

6:00pm First Communion Rehearsal for **1PM Ceremony**
All students and parent(s) please report to the lower church no later than 5:50pm

Tuesday, April 29th

6:00pm First Communion Rehearsal for **10AM Ceremony**
All students and parent(s) please report to the lower church no later than 5:50pm

Wednesday, April 30th Teacher Meeting grades 7&8 FGC

Saturday, May 3rd

First Holy Communion
Masses at 10:00AM and 1:00PM

Sunday, May 4th

10am Mass May Crowning



This Week

Sunday, April 27

FINAL CLASSES REL. ED.
12:00nn Adult Confirmations at the Noon Mass
7:00pm AA (HBH)

Monday, April 28

6:00pm Rehearsal for 1st Communion (1pm Ceremony) SFC

Tuesday, April 29

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (loft)

Wednesday, April 30

6:30pm Praise! Rehearsal (loft)
7pm Catechist Mtg (FGC)

Thursday, May 1

2:00pm Mass at Scallop Shell
6:30pm Prayer Shawl Mtg.

Friday, May 2

7pm Parenting Group (Upper Room)

Saturday, May 3

10am & 1pm First Communion (SFC)

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

TODAY, 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.



FAMILY LITURGY: MAY CROWNING



Please join us next Sunday, May 4th, at the 10:00AM Mass in Saint Francis for our monthly Family Liturgy. Our First Communion students will participate in a special procession and traditional crowning in honor of our Blessed Mother Mary. All children present will be invited to join the First Communicants in the sanctuary for a special homily exploring the important role of Our Lady in our faith and in our lives as disciples.

Please join us for this special Mass!

Helping Hands Meal Packing Event

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

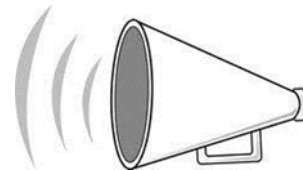
Volunteers needed for 1.5 hour shifts to pack nutritious meals. Make it a family event. School-aged children through adults are welcome. Pre-registration is required.

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.

CALLING ALL ADULTS AND TEENAGERS



We need you to help lead Vacation Bible School for the young children of our parish.

We have all the materials for a fun – faith - filled week of VBS – the only thing missing is YOU!

IF you have musical and/or dance talent we could use your help leading the young children in song each day.

IF you are artistic, we could use your help decorating the halls and painting large murals.

IF you like to act/perform, we could use your help leading skits for the young children.

IF you love working with young children, we could use your help in organizing and running games each day, helping with snack preparation or being a leader for a small group of children.

IF you are interested, please contact Mrs. Cullen or Mrs. Castro at 792-8684.

VBS dates are June 26th, 27th, 30th July 1st and 2nd!



**FOOD/COMMODITY
FOR THE MONTHS** of April/May is: fruit juices, snacks, crackers, P&J. As always thank you for your continued generosity to those in need.

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 call the Religious Ed Office (792-8684) and let us know!

