

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 5

4:30pm Brandon DeLuca

Requested by family

Sunday, April 6

8:00am Vincent Catalozzi

Requestd by Alarie family

10:00am Patrick Dufficy

Requested by parents

12NN John "Jack" Cain & James Dware

Requested by Barbara Potter

Monday, April 7

7:00am David Edwards

Requested by Peter and Joyce Reilly

Tuesday, April 8

7:00am Marjorie Meehan

Requested by Jim and Susan Meehan

Wednesday, April 9

7:00am Walter DiPrete

Requested by Dolores DiPrete

Thursday, April 10

7:00am Mass for the People

Friday, April 11

7:00am Rita & Tom O'Rourke and
Warren Behie

Requested by family

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



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, April 6

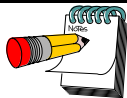
10:00am John & Grace Carpinelli

Requested by family

Palm Sunday, April 13

10:00am Al Marchand

Requested by Gerri & Al Marsocci



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Jack Cain.



LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please join the seventh grade religious education classes as they reverently reenact the Stations of the Cross on Wednesday, April 9th at 7pm in St. Francis Church.

DIVORCED OR SEPARATED?

The Finding Hope Support group for divorced/separated Catholics is being offered by the Office of Life and Family each Wednesday, 7-8:30pm, April 9 through May 28th at St. Patrick Church, 244 Smith Street, Providence (right parking lot entrance). This free support group embraces our Catholic faith, and provides a peaceful environment to share thoughts/feelings and topics related to separation/divorce. For more information/registration, contact Peter Magnotta at 421-7833, x. 217.

BAPTIZED INTO GOD'S FAMILY ... Congratulations to the proud parents and godparents of Jamie Ramon Catanach-Colon, Sophia Marie Giordano, Derek Tyler Moffat and Dillon Matthew Moran who were baptized recently at St. Francis Church. Your parish family rejoices with you.



Praise to you, Lord Je-sus Christ, King of end-less glo - ry!



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:
\$46,634.00

**Faith
AND
GOOD
WORKS**

PARISH SUPPORT— March 30, 2014

Weekly Support

	March 30
Budget envelopes used (288)	- \$ 6,101.00
Loose Donations	- \$ 1,444.00
Online Giving (# of donors 36)	- \$ 855.00
Total Budget	- \$ 8,400.00

This weekend's second offering is the Monthly offering for April. Next weekend's second offering will be Catholic Relief Services/Operation Rice Bowl Collection.
Thank you for your continued generosity.

APRIL 6, 2014

From the Pastor...

I'd like to begin with a special word of thanks to our "Martha's Helpers," Jean McGair, Rosanna Jones and Maria Chianesi who organized the dinner last Saturday night to raise funds to assist our parish youth who will attend the Steubenville East Conference in July. The young people, along with adult leaders Jacqui Bertrand and Joe Clossick were great in assisting the preparation, service and clean-up. It was a great team effort that raised \$470.00. Thanks for a job well done!

Also last weekend, in spite of wind and rain, members of our youth group sold tubes of M&M's at the church entrances. This is also a fundraiser for the Steubenville Conference. As I am sure you remember, after enjoying the delicious M&M's, you are asked to insert a donation in the tube and return it to the church. This weekend there is a basket in front of the statue of St. Francis to receive your donation. If you haven't finished the candy yet, you can return it next week and just drop it in the parish collection. By the way, for the folks at St. Romuald's, we haven't forgotten you, we plan to sell the M&M's there later in the Spring.

Lent continues to speed by but there are still many ways to seek spiritual renewal. I particularly call your attention to the special opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Penance on Thursday evening from 5:00 to 7:30 PM. While we offered a Parish Penance Service during our mission, on Thursday we will have priests available for confessions during that time period and you can simply come at a time that is convenient for you. We will have two priests available at all times, one parish priest and one visiting priest. So if you haven't already done so during this season, why not stop by on Thursday evening and prepare for Easter through this sacrament of healing and forgiveness.

Next weekend we celebrate Palm Sunday as we mark the beginning of Holy Week. It has become a wonderful tradition here at St. Francis that each year on Palm Sunday we host a concert of sacred music given by the South County Chamber Singers under the direction of Dr. Enrico Garzilli. It is always an outstanding event and a great way to set the tone for the solemn week that follows. The concert is at 3:00 PM in church and a free will offering will be accepted. Plan to join us!

Msgr. Theroux



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

April 27th, 2014 at 3 O'Clock

MASS CELEBRATED BY FATHER NICHOLAS P. SMITH
AT SAINT ROMUALD CHAPEL, MATUNUCK

This will be a very special Divine Mercy Sunday as it's also the day that Pope Francis will canonize the Great Mercy Pope John Paul II and the Church's beloved Pope John XXIII. Come and celebrate The Divine Mercy and the Church's two new saints with us!



Religious Education

RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES

SUNDAY, APRIL 6TH

8:50-9:50am GRADES 1 & 2 (FGC)
GRADE 8(FGC)

9:50-10:50am GRADE K (HBH)

10:00-11:00am Family Mass *Looking ahead to Holy Week*

10:50-11:50am GRADES 3-5 (FGC)
GRADE 6 (HBH)

GRADE 7 (FGC)

First Communion Banners are due today

MONDAY, APRIL 7TH

5-7 pm Grade 7 Dress Rehearsal for
Living Stations (Church)

7-8:30pm Confirmation II – Dinner &
Guest Speaker - FGPC

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9TH

4:00-5:00 pm GRADES 3- 6

6:30-8:00pm Grade 7 meet in HBH

7:00-8:00pm Grade 8 Living Stations
meet in Church



This Week

Sunday, April 6

9:00am Coffee N Cameos (HBH)

10:00am Family Liturgy

5:30-7pm PRAISE! Rehearsal (FGC)

7:00pm AA (HBH)

Monday, April 7

7:30am -12:00nn Adoration (SFC)

5-7pm Living Stations Rehearsal (church)

7:00pm Baptismal Prep Class (HBH)

7:00pm Confirmation I Class (FGC)

Tuesday, April 8

6:30pm Adoration & Evening Prayer (SRC)

7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

7:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (loft)

Wednesday, April 9

12:30pm Stations of the Cross (SRC)

4-5pm Class Grades 3-6 (FGC)

5-6:15pm Child's Choir Rehearsal (loft)

7:00pm Living Stations of the Cross (SFC)

Thursday, April 10

1:30pm Mass at South Bay Manor

5-7:30pm Lenten Penance Service (Church)

6:30pm Adoration w/Evening Prayer (SRC)

7:00pm St. Francis Women's Club (FGC)

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (FGC)

Friday, April 11

7:00pm Stations of the Cross (SFC)

Saturday, April 12

9:30-11:30am Fra Angelico Institute
Workshop (HBH)

12-2:30pm So. Co. Chamber Singers
Rehearsal (church)

Lent

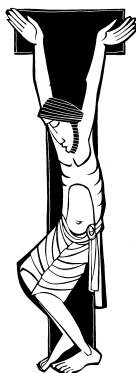


ADORATION w/EVENING PRAYER

Join us each Tuesday and Thursday evening during the Lenten Season for Adoration w/ Evening Prayer at 6:30PM at Saint Romuald Chapel, Matunuck.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross with Benediction will be offered on the **Friday evenings of Lent at 7PM in St. Francis Church**. The "Living Stations," presented by our seventh graders, will be offered this coming Wednesday, April 9th at 7PM in St. Francis Church. **Saint Romuald Chapel** offers an afternoon opportunity to pray the **Stations on Wednesdays throughout Lent at 12:30PM**.



COFFEE & CAMEOS: PLEASE JOIN US!



Today, **April 6 at 9:00am**, we will gather in Helen Bouchard Hall (lower St. Francis Church) for a presentation on **Mary Magdalene**. Next Sunday, **April 13**, we will gather for a presentation on **The Two Thieves**. Please join us for Coffee and Cameos as we explore the characters that are often overlooked in the passion narratives!

PALM SUNDAY SACRED CONCERT

On April 13th, South County Chamber Singers will present their traditional Palm Sunday Concert at St. Francis of Assisi Church. The concert begins at 3pm with selections from Mendelssohn's *Elijah*, Artistic Director Garzilli's *Pie Jesu* and Mark Hayes' *To Love Our God*. Featured soloists are Georgette Hutchins, *mezzo-soprano* and Tim Hoyt, *baritone*. The second half of the program consists of one piece, Whitbourn's *Mass for the Son of God*. With its contemporary idiom and challenging soprano saxophone solos, the Whitbourn caps a program that is a fitting musical portal to Holy Week. Featured soloist is Stephen Grueb, *soprano saxophone*. South County Chamber Singers are accompanied by Jean Maxon Carpenter on the keyboard and directed by Dr. Enrico Garzilli, conductor and composer. The opening prayer will be sung by Fr. John Unsworth and Fr. Joseph Upton. A free will offering will be accepted.

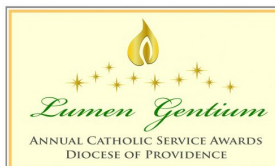
A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU

It has been my experience that I have quite often said thank you to our cleaning teams and altar servers, to those special volunteers who have reshaped and even stained the wood with a special sealer, painted the trim, made and replaced the "white cross" atop the chapel and one who developed and made the beautiful information sign that hangs outside the chapel. These are only a few of the many who help to make our quaint little chapel such a warm and welcoming community.

And now I must thank all who have sent in letters recommending me for the diocesan Lumen Gentium service award.

It is truly a humbling experience to be so highly regarded and rewarded for volunteering at a chapel that I love. In saying thank you it is my hope that you will always find a place of peace and a special encounter with our Divine Savior when you come to St. Romuald Chapel. I pray that your kindness will be rewarded a hundred fold.

Respectfully and sincerely yours,
Bill Harding, Oblate / CAM



WHAT IS THE LUMEN GENTIUM AWARD?

It is an award given to individuals and or groups within the Diocese of

Providence who work tirelessly in support of the work of the Church in their parishes. Often, doing so without compensation or acclaim, yet because of their devotion to the Church, they 'toil in the vineyard' in service to the Lord and to those in greatest need. Bishop Tobin in 2013 established the *Lumen Gentium* Awards to formally recognize these dedicated individuals and groups. Our own Bill Harding is one of this year's recipients. **Congratulations, Bill! ... and thank YOU!**

Remaining opportunities for Confession before Easter:

**Thursday, April 10th
from 5-7:30PM**

at Saint Francis Church

(An outside priest will be available.)

and on

Saturday, April 12th at 3:30PM