

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 6

4:30pm Branden DeLuca

Requested by family

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, April 7

8:00am George Dumas

Requested by Kelli R. McNulty

10:00am Mass for the People

12:00NN Sr. Theresa Bisson, OP

Requested by John and Jane Estes

Monday, April 8

7:00am Marjorie Meehan

Requested by Jim and Susan Meehan

Tuesday, April 9

7:00am Kevin Foley

Requested by family

Wednesday, April 10

7:00am Rita and Tom O'Rourke and

Warren Behie

Requested by family

Thursday, April 11

7:00am Angelina Vieira

Requested by Barbara Smith

Friday, April 12

7:00am Kerri Bessette

Requested by family

Saturday, April 13

4:30pm Hilda Gilligan

Requested by family

Sunday, April 14

8:00am Kevin Foley

Requested by family

10:00am Susan Plante

Requested by Diane and Ed Rudegair

12:00NN Joseph & Marion Cappuccio

Requested by family



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, April 7

10:00am Al Marchand

Requested by Gerri & Al Marsocci

Sunday, April 14

10:00am Grace & John Carpinelli

Requested by family



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Edward Cooney. The sanctuary lamp at St. Romuald Chapel burns in memory of Mavis K. Phelan, Karen Davis, Louise H. Beaulieu, Harold Titcomb and John Monahan.

FOOD OF THE MONTH

The food and commodities needs for the month of April continue to be: juices, cereal, jelly, tomato sauce and pasta and paper towels. Thank you for your ongoing generosity.

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 through the school office to the diocesan Francis Ward Fund. Contact the school office for details.



CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL

2013 PARISH GOAL

\$103,000

Donations received as of Week 7:

\$64,601

63% of goal from 319 donors

PARISH SUPPORT— March 31

Weekly Support

	March 31
Budget envelopes used (387)	\$7,327.00
Loose Donations	\$2,420.00
Online Giving (24 donors)	\$ 490.00
Total Budget	\$10,237.00

Easter Collection

Envelopes used (370)	\$7,936.00
Other donations	\$ 1,295.00
Total Easter	\$9,231.00

Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

APRIL 7, 2013

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 want to thank our **Parish Youth Group under the leadership of Jacqui Bertrand and Dan Mahoney**, who prepared and lead the annual **Easter Egg Hunt** for the boys and girls of our parish. It was a beautiful morning, a good turnout of enthusiastic egg-hunters and a generous supply of eggs left by the Easter Bunny!! The children also had the opportunity to hear the **Story of Easter and how much Jesus loves us. It was truly a great success. Thanks to all who helped.**

Next weekend our parish **Social Outreach Committee** will sponsor our annual **Baby Shower** to benefit expectant mothers served by **The Gabriel Project, The Pregnancy Center of Westerly and Right to Life Services, Inc.** Please check the insert in this bulletin to see a list of items that are needed. There will be baskets to receive your unwrapped donations at the church and chapel entrances next weekend. I applaud the Social Outreach Committee for organizing this event and I hope many parishioners will make a donation.

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. I also make a special appeal 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.

Also relating to the Catholic Charity Appeal, someone submitted a donation envelope indicating a pledge of \$1,500 with monthly payments. However, this generous donor did not fill in their name or address. If you believe it could be your donation, please call the office to check with us.

Msgr. Theroux



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Sunday, April 7th

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

GRADE 7 (FGC)

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

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

Grade 6 (HBH)

GRADE 8 (HBH)

Monday, April 8

7:00pm Confirmation I Class (FGC)

Sponsor certificates due today

Wednesday, April 10

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

Last Class

7-8:15pm Gr. 7 & 8 (FGC)

Last Class

Sunday, April 14th there will be no classes for grades K-6 - **Spring Vacation**

**Religious Education Office
is closed April 14th-20th.
Classes resume on April 21st.**



This Week

Sunday, April 7

7:00pm AA (HBH)

Monday, April 8

7:00pm Confirmation I Class (FGC)

7:00pm Baptism Prep. Class (HBH)

Tuesday, April 9

7:45am Finance Council Mtg. (MCCR)

7:00pm Bible Study - (FGC)

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (loft)

Wednesday, April 10

4-5pm Gr 3-6 Rel Ed Classes-

Last Class

7-8:15pm Class Grades 7 & 8

Last Class

Thursday, April 11

1:30pm Mass at South Bay Manor



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

We will celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday TODAY Sunday, April 7th at St. Romuald Chapel.

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at 1:00PM, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed at 2:50PM (materials will be provided). The afternoon will conclude with a special Celebration of Mass at 3:00PM, the hour of mercy.

Please come and experience the healing power of Jesus' mercy, and tell others! Bring a friend!

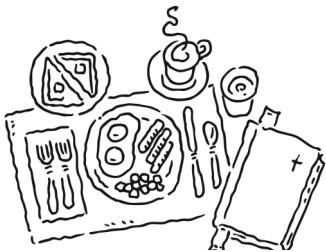
"Jesus, I Trust in You!"

20 WEEK CLUB

Don't miss out on a great opportunity to help your parish and chances to win some great prizes culminating with an enjoyable evening catered by Ginger of Belmont's Catering and live entertainment.

Tickets will go on sale after all Masses the weekend of April 27/28 and will be available through the parish office, Monday through Friday, 9am—4pm.

Please consider being a "Captain" by selling tickets to family, friends and parishioners. If interested, please call Jean McGair at 783-1633, Ellen Schwab at 789-7707 or Kelli in the parish office at 783-4411.

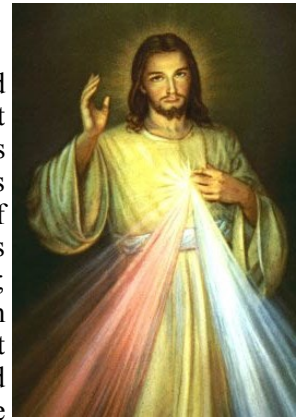


PORTUGUESE BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus will hold a Portuguese Breakfast at the Council Hall, 1265 Tower Hill Road, North

Kingstown, on Sunday, April 14th, from 7:30 to 10:30. Scrambled eggs, Massa (sweet bread), chourico, sliced potatoes, baked beans, hot and cold cereal, juice, coffee and tea will be served. The cost is \$9.00; \$5.00 for children 12 and under; children 6 and under are free. Please bring in a non-perishable donation for the NK Food Bank.

A Word on Divine Mercy



"Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; his steadfast love endures for ever" (Ps 118: 1). So the Church sings on the Octave of Easter, as if receiving from Christ's lips these words of the Psalm; from the lips of the risen Christ, who bears the great message of divine mercy and entrusts its ministry to the Apostles in the Upper Room: "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you.... Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained" (Jn 20: 21-23).

Before speaking these words, Jesus shows his hands and his side. He points, that is, to the wounds of the Passion, especially the wound in his heart, the source from which flows the great wave of mercy poured out on humanity. From that heart Sr. Faustina Kowalska, the blessed whom from now on we will call a saint, will see two rays of light shining from that heart and illuminating the world: "The two rays", Jesus himself explained to her one day, "represent blood and water" (Diary, Libreria Editrice Vaticana, p. 132).

Blood and water! We immediately think of the testimony given by the Evangelist John, who, when a soldier on Calvary pierced Christ's side with his spear, sees blood and water flowing from it (cf. Jn 19: 34). Moreover, if the blood recalls the sacrifice of the Cross and the gift of the Eucharist, the water, in Johannine symbolism, represents not only Baptism but also the gift of the Holy Spirit (cf. Jn 3: 5; 4: 14; 7: 37-39).

Divine Mercy reaches human beings through the heart of Christ crucified: "My daughter, say that I am love and mercy personified", Jesus asked Sr. Faustina (Diary, p. 374). Christ pours out this mercy on humanity through the sending of the Spirit who, in the Trinity, is the Person-Love. And is not mercy love's "second name" (cf. Dives in Misericordia, n. 7), understood in its deepest and most tender aspect, in its ability to take upon itself the burden of any need and, especially, in its immense capacity for forgiveness.

...It is not easy to love with a deep love, which lies in the authentic gift of self. This love can only be learned by penetrating the mystery of God's love. Looking at him, being one with his fatherly heart, we are able to look with new eyes at our brothers and sisters, with an attitude of unselfishness and solidarity, of generosity and forgiveness. All this is mercy! ..."

~Pope John Paul II, Homily for Divine Mercy Sunday 2005