

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



Mass Intentions

Know Jesus

**in the breaking
of the bread....**



Saturday, April 14

4:30 †Bruno Calvitto

Requested by his Sister

Sunday, April 15

8:00am †Edith Boisclair

Requested by Family

10:00am †Helen Jensen

Requested by her Sister

12:00nn †Joseph & Marion Cappuccio

Requested by Family

Monday, April 16

7:00am †Tom McGair

Requested by his Wife

Tuesday, April 17

7:00am Special Intention

Wednesday, April 18

7:00am †Josephine & Thomas McGrath

Thursday, April 19

7:00am Mass for the People

Friday, April 20

7:00am †Michelle O'Neil

Requested by Jed & Candace Daly

Saturday, April 21

4:30 †Carmino M. "Cal" Calvitto

Requested by his Sister

Sunday, April 22

8:00am †Stamatia Dafoulas

Requested by the Currie Family

10:00am †Richard A. DeJoseph

(Birthday remembrance)

Requested by his Wife

12:00nn †Etelvina Muñoz

*Requested by Granddaughter,
Naitory Castillo*



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, April 15

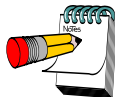
10:00am †Al Marchand

Requested by Gerri & Al Marsocci

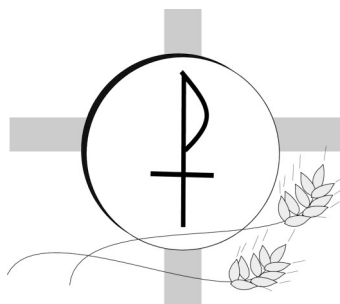
Sunday, April 22

10:00am †Robert W. Alarie

Requested by Jude



For Your Information



Beloved: Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him. In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith. Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ, not by water alone but by water and blood. The Spirit is the one that testifies, and the Spirit is truth.

—1 John 5:1-6

2018 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL

"Faith and Good Works"

OUR GOAL FOR 2018 IS: \$115,000.00

As of 4-6-18 the amount raised is: \$87,002.00

Total # of gifts: 313; % of Goal—75.65%;

% of Participation—15.43%

At the Saint Martin de Porres Center in Providence, 9,680 elders and low-income families are served annually. Thank you for your gift to the Catholic Charity Appeal.

PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (247)	-	April 8 \$7,011.80
Loose Donations	-	\$1,100.00
Online Giving (# of donors—64)	-	<u>\$2,254.00</u>
Total Budget	-	\$10,365.80

Second Collection (Monthly Collection)

Budget envelopes used (158)	-	\$2,046.00
Loose Donations	-	<u>\$ 573.00</u>
Total	-	\$2,619.00

Easter Flower Collection: \$2,176.00

There is no second collection this week. The second collection next week is for Ongoing Maintenance.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

APRIL 15, 2018

From the Pastor,

The presence of the religious orders in the Church is a challenge to all of us to remember the values of the gospel. Religious vows like poverty, chastity and obedience are traditionally known as “evangelical counsels.” Most of us need to maintain property, to educate children, to make some preparation for the future, and so forth. But the religious life is an attempt to imitate the early Christian community in which St. Luke tells us, “All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their property and possessions and divide them among all according to each one’s need.” (Acts of the Apostles 2:44-45)

The religious life remains a reminder to the rest of us to put things in perspective. The vow of poverty challenges us not to make money and material possessions the be-all and end-all of our lives. The vow of chastity calls us to the proper use of sexuality according to our state in life, whether married or unmarried. The vow of obedience is a challenge to us to consider whether we really need to have our own way in everything. Certainly, it calls all of us to consider the law of God when making decisions.

We are blessed in our parish with the presence of two religious orders: the Sisters of the Cross and Passion (CP), who used to staff our parish school, and the Sisters of Divine Providence (CDP), whose international mother house is here on Christopher Street.

There are also at least two other former parishioners who are members of other orders: Sister Pia Meehan, a Capuchin Sister of Nazareth, and Sr. Kelli Rose McNulty, who is now in formation to become a cloistered sister in the convent of the Order of the Visitation of Holy Mary.

This weekend, Sister Madeline Pucella, CP, a native of our parish, celebrates 70 years in the vowed life. We pray for her and her community and for all who have dedicated themselves to the service of God and his people in the religious life. We continue to pray for vocations to the vowed life and to the priesthood that the work of the Gospel may go forward for the good of society and the glory of God.

Fr. Bodah

ST. FRANCIS CEMETERY

Summer hours for the cemetery begin on May 1 with hours being 8am to 7pm. At this time we would ask that all winter decorations be removed. If you are interested in purchasing a plot or have any questions or concerns please contact the Cemetery Manager, Carol McDole at 782-2711.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

No Classes and No Children’s Liturgy of the Word -School Vacation. See you on the 22nd!

Wednesday classes have ended; our last Sunday class is April 29th



EASTER EGG HUNT

On Holy Saturday morning 30 children gathered in Fr. Greenan Parish Center to hear the Easter story before venturing out to hunt for Easter eggs. Eggsactly 1,000 candy filled eggs transformed the yard into a colorful carpet of yellow, pink, purple, blue and green...the children’s Easter bags were bursting with eggs!

Thank you to Thomas Bollentin and his team: Riley Benjamin, Olivia Barber, Helene Cummings and Hannah Gurnon for orchestrating this exciting morning. *It was a great time!*



A Pre-Confirmation meeting for all grade 8 teens and parents was held on April 11th. Our Confirmation program was explained in its entirety at this meeting. ***If you and your child could not attend that meeting, it is important to contact the religious education office to schedule an appointment as soon as possible.***

This Week

Monday, April 16

6:30am Event Committee Meeting (FGC)

7:30am Adoration (SF)

Tuesday, April 17

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (SF)

7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

Thursday, April 19

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (↓FGC-Foyer)



Catholic Men's Conference Roman Catholic Diocese of Providence

**"Come Follow Me: Renewed
in Christ"**

**Saturday, April 28, 2018
8:00 AM to 2:00 PM Keynote
Speakers Jon Leonetti
and Damon Owens**

The day begins with Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop Robert. C Evans and will include inspiring talks for men, live music, prayer, morning coffee, and a catered lunch. The Men's Conference will be held at the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul. Early. Admission tickets are \$40.

For more information and to register, please visit
www.discovercatholicfaith.org/mens-conference,
or call the Diocesan Office of Faith Formation at
401-278-4646. Deadline to register is April 23rd.

SPAGHETTI DINNER TO BENEFIT SEMINARIAN, DAN MAHONEY

The Knights of Columbus will host the 3rd Annual Spaghetti Dinner to support a seminarian at SS John & James Parish at 20 Washington St. in West Warwick (school cafeteria). ***This year the proceeds will be going to Seminarian Dan Mahoney.*** The event will be held on Saturday, April 21 from 5-8pm. Cost is \$10—Adults; Children under 12—\$5 and children under 3 are free. For tickets (or to make a donation) call Mike Osenkowski at 439-6264 or the parish office at 821-7661.



Spaghetti Dinner

Just a reminder that there are inspirational ***Catholic media CDs*** available at the side entrance (parking lot side) in the main church and at the chapel. Please be sure to take a moment to look them over.

MAY MONEY MADNESS

Tickets For May Money Madness will be sold beginning after masses every weekend in April. The last day to buy a ticket is April 30th. Ticket prices are: \$10 each, 6 for \$50 or 12 for \$100. A fun parish event with prizes awarded daily throughout the month of May.



Drawing Prizes: Monday thru Saturday—\$50; Sunday—\$100; May 31st drawing—\$500.

Fill out the form below.

**Return through weekly offertory or mail to:
May \$ Madness, St. Francis Church, 114 High St.,
Wakefield, RI 02879**

Tickets will be forwarded to you.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No. _____

No. of Tickets: ____ \$10 each ____ 6 for \$50 ____ 12 for \$100

APRIL 2018 FOOD DRIVE

The Social Outreach Committee is again sponsoring a food drive to benefit The Jonnycake Center of Peacedale's Vacation Breakfast and Lunch Program. The food drive will be running for two weekends: ***this weekend, April 14/15 & next weekend April 21/22.*** This program benefits client's children who participate in school nutrition assistance programs. Your generous donations will go toward helping these children enjoy healthy meals and snacks throughout their school vacations and their entire summer break. Foods needed are juice boxes, jelly, cereal, peanut butter and healthy snacks. Please place donations in receptacles by the St. Francis statue in the church and by the front entrance at St. Romuald Chapel. Our St. Francis of Assisi parish family has always been generous when called upon to help those in need and we thank you for your continued generosity.



**FEED THE
HUNGRY**

"Last Friday night Fr. Greenan Hall was full of excitement awaiting the start of the bingo games!!! Everyone enjoyed pizza, salad, drinks and desserts (all of which were donated). The games began and the prizes awaiting the winners were fabulous!!! ***Sincere thanks to Pam Lavallee for chairing this fun-filled family event - her work was outstanding.*** Also, a special thanks to all the teens who helped out, to all our volunteers and to all who came - it was a great night for St. Francis of Assisi parish."