

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Mass Intentions

WE ARE GOD'S CHILDREN



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*

Monday, April 23

7:00am †Paul Kwangduk Kim & Lucia
Inshik Kim

Tuesday, April 24

7:00am Special Intention

Wednesday, April 25

7:00am †John Champion
Requested by Family

Thursday, April 26

7:00am †Theresa & Marie McGrath

Friday, April 27

7:00am Mass for the People

Saturday, April 28

4:30 †Norbert & Marguerite Jarbeau
Requested by Dan & Corinne McKinnon

Sunday, April 29

8:00am †Paul & Lucy Winter
Requested by Family

10:00am †Nicholas Baccari
Requested by Elaine & Tony Varrecchione

12:00nn †William B. Clarke
Requested by Family



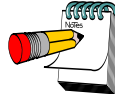
St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, April 22

10:00am †Robert W. Alarie
Requested by Jude

Sunday, April 29

10:00am †Daniel F. McKinnon
Requested by Dan & Corinne McKinnon



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of John Champion.



Celebrate your mother by celebrating life.....buy a rose or two at our 1st Annual Mother's Day Rose Sale to benefit The Westerly Pregnancy Center.

Roses will be sold after all Masses on Mother's Day Weekend, May 12/13. The cost is \$3.00 per rose or 2 for \$5.00.

2018 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL "Faith and Good Works"

OUR GOAL FOR 2018 IS: \$115,000.00
As of 4-13-18 the amount raised is: \$98,892.00
Total # of gifts: 345; % of Goal—85.99%;
% of Participation—17.00%

Your support of the Catholic Charity Appeal will enable the Interfaith Community Dire Emergency Fund to continue to serve 29,500 clients annually. Thank you!

PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (227)	-	April 15	\$5,851.00
Loose Donations	-		\$ 899.00
Online Giving (# of donors—63)	-		\$2,179.00
Total Budget	-		\$8,929.00

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

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

APRIL 22, 2018

From the Pastor,

Dear friends,

Over the last couple of years, we've spent \$55,000 on the parking lot and its drainage system at the church and nearly \$30,000 on a new boiler.

Last year we put a new roof on the chapel. I asked about 30 families from Matunuck to contribute \$1,000 apiece toward this project. I told them that anything we raised over the cost of the roof would go toward the new boiler in the church. As it turned out, the people of the chapel contributed over \$50,000, and a wonderful parishioner, the contractor Larry Leblanc, offered to do the work for nothing: we paid only for the material. So we were able to get the new boiler for the church without having to make a special appeal to the parishioners who attend Mass at St. Francis.

Now if you do attend Mass in St. Francis church, you have probably noticed that the paper on the ceiling over the altar is beginning to fall down. Thanks so much to Keith Lescarbeau who went up there with a (very long) ladder and attempted to repair the situation. But after trying twice to have it glued back, our custodian, Bobby Kelly, decided to cut off the piece that was peeling away and store it in the sacristy till a more permanent solution can be tried.

It cannot escape notice also that the walls over the registers are smudged with soot and that the ceilings are in need of--at minimum--a fresh coat of paint. I'd like to see the marks of the roofing nails covered over, which may take more than paint to accomplish.

The carpets, too, are getting worn and seedy, and the pews are looking rather the worse for 85 years of wear. Outside, the railings of the stairs and walkways are rusting and need to be replaced. And at the Greenan Center, the cement of the top step is breaking up and needs more than just a patch job. What you may not know is that the compressor for air conditioners in the lower level of the church gave out last year. We are in the process of getting bids for a system that will not be so expensive. But can the compressor for the church be far behind? This will cost at least a couple of scores of thousands to replace.

Ordinarily, we would have started a major capital campaign to address all these issues, but as you know, if you've been reading my columns, that the diocese has begun a major campaign and we're getting ready to have the kick off this fall for our part in this effort. Luckily, 40% of the funds we raise and 60% of everything we raise over goal will come back to the parish. So with God's help, we'll be able to begin, perhaps in January, to address the updating of the interior of the church. This time, let's see if the "church" parishioners can equal or even surpass the "chapel" people in their loyal and generous support of our worship space and our diocese.

Fr. Bodah



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Sunday, April 22nd

8:55-9:50am GRADES K, 1 & 2 (FGC)

10:00am Mass Children's Liturgy of the Word during Mass

10:55-11:50am GRADES 3-6 (FGC)

Our last class is next Sunday, April 29th

Wednesday April 25th

7:00pm Grade 7/8 Year End teacher meeting in FGC

Thursday, April 26th

7:00pm Pre-Confirmation makeup meeting for parent & child FGC 2nd floor.

Jesus, help me prepare my heart for you...

Thursday, April 26th Begin Family Novena for First Communion

First Holy Communion is Saturday, May 5th at 10:00 please continue to keep our Second graders in your prayers as they prepare their hearts to receive Jesus.



Another Pre-Confirmation meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 26th at 7pm on the second floor of Fr Greenan Center for **all grade 8 teens and parents who missed the original meeting** on April 11th. Our

Confirmation program will be explained in its entirety at this meeting. It is *important* to contact the religious education office to confirm your attendance!

Steubenville East Youth Conference

Spots are going fast! We have 4 spots left for the 2018 Steubenville East Youth Conference. Teenagers who are currently 8-12th grade students are eligible to attend. The conference will be held on July 13-15 at the University of Massachusetts, Lowell. If you are interested in participating in this powerful retreat, registration forms are available in the Religious Education Office or on our parish website, <http://stfranciswakefield.com/youth-ministry/>

This Week

Monday, April 23

7:30am Adoration (SF)

7:00pm Pastoral Council Meeting (MCCR)

Tuesday, April 24

7:40am Finance Council Meeting (MCCR)

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (SF)

7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

Thursday, April 26

9-10:30am Staff Meeting—Office closed during this time

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (↓FGC-Foyer)

Sunday, April 29

12NN Praise Mass



MAY MONEY MADNESS

*Tickets For May Money Madness are being 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



You are invited to attend the Wakefield Area Churches Pentecost Picnic on Sunday, May, 20th from 12NN to 3:00pm at Saugatucket Park (next to Wakefield School). Please bring food to share and

folding chairs!

For more information please contact Tasha Connor at 401-284-0102 or Father Bob at the Church of Ascension 401-783-2911.

Get **FORMED** Now! It's EASY and **FREE** to Register!

- Visit formed.org with a web browser
- Click on Register (lower right of page)
- Enter Parish Access Code: 876N29

Enter your email and create a password (you need this to login later)

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.

This weekend, April 21/22 is the final weekend for this drive. 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



Catholic Men's Conference
Roman Catholic Diocese of Providence

"Come Follow Me: Renewed in Christ"

Next 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. Admission tickets \$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.