

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER/DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



Mass Intentions



Saturday, April 7

4:30 †Branden DeLuca

Requested by Family

Sunday, April 8

8:00am †Jonathan Rossi

Requested by Jose & Venerina DaSilva

10:00am †Marjorie Meehan

Requested by Jim & Susan Meehan

12:00am †Edward Vallette

Requested by Family

Monday, April 9

7:00am †Mrs. Regina Branz Daly

Requested by Joseph Daly, Jr.

Tuesday, April 10

7:00am Special Intention

Wednesday, April 11

7:00am Mass for the People

Thursday, April 12

7:00am †Kerri Bessette

Requested by Mom, Dad & Scott

Friday, April 13

7:00am †John Salto

Requested by the Boyle Family

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

12:00am †Joseph & Marion Cappuccio

Requested by Family



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, April 8

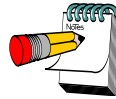
10:00am †Lynn Quirk Holland

Requested by Anne Cooney

Sunday, April 15

10:00am †Al Marchand

Requested by Gerri & Al Marsocci



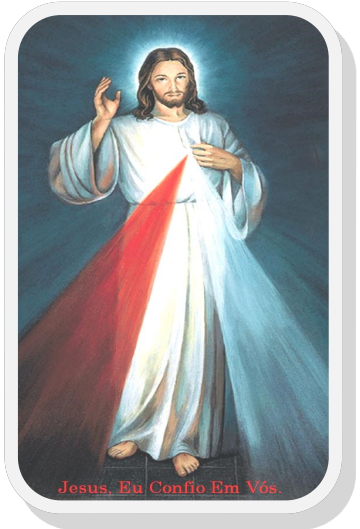
For Your Information

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

This Sunday, is Divine Mercy Sunday. Everyone is invited to a special Mass this Sunday at 3:00pm at St. Romuald Chapel celebrated by Fr. Nick Smith.

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 concludes with the Celebration of Mass at 3:00pm, the hour of mercy, celebrated by Fr. Nick Smith, our Pastor Emeritus.



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.

Refreshments will be served following this service.

2018 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL "Faith and Good Works"

OUR GOAL FOR 2018 IS: \$115,000.00

As of 3-30-18 the amount raised is: \$89,487.00

Total # of gifts: 301; % of Goal—77.81%;

% of Participation—14.77%

Because of you and your generosity to the annual Appeal, over 11,767 students and their families are served through the Catholic School Office. Thank you for your gift!

PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly Support		April 1
Budget envelopes used (239)	-	\$8,094.50
Loose Donations	-	\$2,086.00
Online Giving (# of donors—61)	-	\$1,844.00
Total Budget	-	\$12,024.50
Second Collection (Easter Collection for the Diocese)		
Budget envelopes used (272)	-	\$9,765.00
Loose Donations	-	\$1,632.00
Total	-	\$11,397.00

Collection for Good Friday: \$852.00

The second collection this week is the Monthly Collection. There is no second collection next week.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

FOOD THAT ENDURES FOR ETERNAL LIFE

It should not be surprising that Christ in his infinite divine love for people would find a way to come into them, and that this unity is accomplished by an act at once spiritual and physical.

He sees his beloved creatures wandering around aimlessly, yet inwardly locked up in their lonely egoism. Filled with compassion, he longs to enter into them, to comfort them, to let the heaven of his love lift up their spirits. Like a human lover, he cannot bear to see the one he loves bowed down with melancholy, but instead would give anything to be able to inject his own joy into her heart.

Just as one kiss does not suffice a lover, but he would come close to his loved one every day, so Christ offers himself to us in the intimacy of Communion every day, if we will. Each day we could live out of the unity of love, fed by the food of divine love, by the very being of Christ our Lover, who wants us to be part of him and, what is just as astounding, wants to be part of us.

For most of us, it is not a direct mystical experience to receive Communion, but rather an experience in faith. It is necessary to emphasize, however, that faith is an experience. It is not simply a blind decision to believe the incredible; it is a response to something not fully visible but still intimated. There are occasional valid moments in which a very vivid disclosure of this mystery is given, sometimes in the form of a strange longing for Communion, or a deep sense of loss when deprived of receiving, or a feeling of great peace after receiving.

As we become more and more opened by his love, the moments may become more frequent when the waters of that inner fountain overflow into consciousness. At such times it seems clear that this underground source has been slowly increasing throughout years of Holy Communions received in faith.

BY RONDA CHERVIN—*Ronda Chervin is a convert from Judaism, professor of philosophy and theology, and author of over fifty books.*

South County Young Adults is a newly formed Catholic young adult group for those in their 20s and 30s. It is open to Catholics and non-Catholics as a place to learn more about the faith, grow in relationship with God, and foster community. Their first gathering will be held on April 13th at St. Thomas More Parish from 7-9pm. Bring a friend with you!



Schedule for the evening: Adoration - 7:00-7:30PM
Fellowship and Formation - 7:30-8:30pm
The Bike Shop (Restaurant) 8:30-?



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Sunday April 8th

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

First Communion Banners are due today

8:50-9:50am last Sunday class for Grade 7

10:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word

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

10:50-11:50am last Sunday class for Grade 8

6-7pm (FGC) for all teens and their parents who will be attending the 2018 Steubenville East Youth Conference this summer.

7-8:30pm (FGC) HS Youth Night: This is a required gathering for all Confirmation candidates but is open to all high school teens!

Wednesday, April 11th

4:15-5:15pm GRADES 3-6 FGC This is our Last Wednesday Class

7-8:15pm (FGC) Grade 7 & 8 last class

7-8:15pm (FGC 1st floor) Pre-Confirmation meeting for all grade 8 teens and parents. Our Confirmation program will be explained in its entirety to you and your child at this meeting

Thursday, April 12th

4:00pm Blessing Cup painting event for First Communion Families hosted by Create! Color Art Studio, will take place in Fr. Greenan Ctr.

No Classes the week of April 15th-School vacation
Sunday classes resume April 22nd

Msgr. Clarke 8th grade students

If you are currently an 8th grade student at Msgr. Clarke School, please contact the religious education office at 792-8684 or by emailing castro_stfrancis@verizon.net to register for our Confirmation program.

Our next **HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH NIGHT** will be

held **tonight** from

7-8:30pm in Fr. Greenan

Center. **This is a required**

gathering for all Confirmation candidates
but is open to all high school teens!



Thank you to all the seventh graders and their families for leading our parish in a beautiful reflection of Christ's passion and death in the Living Stations of the Cross held on Wednesday, March 28th. A special thank you goes out to Megan Brock, Susan Clarke, Barbetta Cullen, Linda Keegan and Jacy Northup for helping the students prepare for this event.

This Week

Monday, April 9

7:30am Adoration (SF)

Tuesday, April 10

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (SF)

7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

Thursday, April 12

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

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (↓FGC-Foyer)



MAY MONEY MADNESS

Tickets For May Money Madness will be sold beginning this weekend after masses and 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.



THE DEBORAH K. FALLACARO PREGNANCY CENTER OF WESTERLY

I would like to thank you and your parish for your continued generosity and support you have shown to the Deborah K. Fallacaro Pregnancy Center of Westerly. The baby items

collected during the month of January were much needed and appreciated.

The Pregnancy Center continues to grow. We saw 35 new clients in 2017 in addition to our established clients. We are able to provide new cribs, new car seats, strollers, other baby equipment, clothing, diapers and info on medical and spiritual resources. We offer free pregnancy testing. We are also offering free pregnancy ultrasounds on the Ancora Mobile Ultrasound Van the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. We provide confidential and caring support along with information to help them make life affirming choices.

I appreciate your ongoing support. Please keep me and all who come into the Pregnancy Center in your prayers. Please be assured of my prayers for you and your parish.

Valerie Sistare, RN/Director

K of C PORTUGUESE BREAKFAST (PUBLIC INVITED)

The Knights of Columbus will hold a Portuguese Breakfast at the Council Hall, 1265 Tower Hill Road, North Kingstown, on Sunday, April 15th, from 7:30 to 10:30.

Eggs-Scrambled or Fried, Portuguese-Style Potatoes, Linguica, Baked Beans, Massa-Traditional Portuguese Sweetbread, Grilled Hash, Orange Juice, Coffee and Tea will be served.

The cost is \$10.00, children 6 and under are free.

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

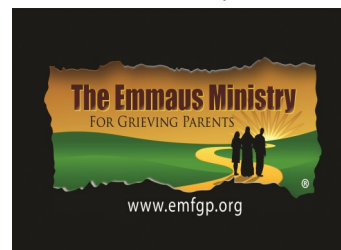
The Social Outreach Committee is again sponsoring a food drive to benefit The Jonnycake Center of Peacedale's Vacation Breakfast and Lunch Program. The food drive will be running for two



FEED THE HUNGRY

weekends: **April 14/15 & 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.

St. John Vianney Church



Serving the Spiritual Needs of Grieving Parents

A ministry for parents whose children
of any age have died by any cause
no matter how long ago.

Losing a child under any circumstance is horrific.
Focusing on the spirituality of the grieving process
can help tremendously.

Please join us. All are welcome.

**Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents
At St. John Vianney Church, Cumberland, RI
One-Day Spiritual Retreat
April 28, 2018
9:30 am-7:30 pm**

Pre-Registration by April 21 is requested.

To register, visit www.emfgp.org
or contact Denise, Nicholas' Mother, at
sjvdenise@gmail.com or (401) 480-3330.