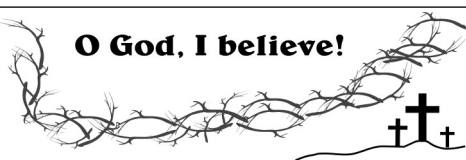


PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



Mass Intentions

O God, I believe!



Saturday, April 8

4:30 pm †Branden J. DeLuca

Requested by Family

Sunday, April 9

8:00am †Laura Webb

10:00am †Edward Vallette

Requested by Family

12:00nn †Fred Martella

Requested by daughter, Mary

Monday, April 10

7:00am †Tom McGair

Requested by Jean

Tuesday, April 11

7:00am †Michael Laffey

Requested by John Stevens

Wednesday, April 12

7:00am †Kerri Bessette

Requested by Mom, Dad & Scott

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 13

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

*Followed by Adoration at the Altar of Repose
until 11:00pm*

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 14

3:00pm Stations of the Cross

7:00pm Service of Our Lord's Passion & Death

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 15

7:30pm Easter Vigil Mass

For the Parish

**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF
THE LORD, APRIL 16**

8:00am †Edith Boisclair

Requested by Family

10:00am †Robert T. Connaughton

Requested by Family

12:00nn †Joseph & Marian Cappuccio

Requested by Family



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, April 9

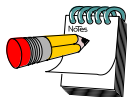
10:00am †Al Marchand

Requested by Gerri & Al Marsocci

Sunday, April 16

10:00am †John H. Duffy

Requested by Roger & Mary Grace Hood



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Domenic Coppolino, Jr.



*The Lord has given me a well
trained tongue that I may
know how to speak to the
weary a word that will rouse
them... The Lord God is my
help, therefore I am not
disgraced, I have set my face
like flint, knowing that I
shall not be put to shame...
Rather he emptied Himself."*

*A reading from the Book of
the Prophet Isaiah*

**THE PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED GOOD FRIDAY,
APRIL 14TH AND EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 17TH.**

2017 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL

"Faith and Good Works"

OUR GOAL FOR 2017 IS: \$110,000.00

As of 3-31-2017 the amount raised is: \$66,035.00

Total # of gifts: 296; % of Goal—60.03%; % of Participation—14.49%

Your gift to the annual Catholic Charity Appeal supports over 21,000 individuals who received assistance and referrals from Project Hope. Thank you for your support.

Please don't forget to turn in your pledge. Every little bit helps!

PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (239)	-	\$7,081.50
Loose Donations	-	\$1,096.00
Online Giving (# of donors—66)	-	\$1,824.00
Total Budget	-	\$10,001.50

Second Collection (Monthly Collection)

Budget envelopes used (158)	-	\$1,997.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 355.50
Total	-	\$2,352.50

The second collection this week is Catholic Relief Services/Operation Rice Bowl. Next week's second collection is the Easter collection.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

APRIL 9, 2017

RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION CLASSES



From the Pastor

We have begun the Holy Week observances. Palm Sunday leads to the Sacred Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil of Saturday night. Here's a reflection from the Dominican Father Romanus Cessario on the betrayal of the Lord that took place on Holy Thursday.

No one wants to experience betrayal, especially when the betrayer is a close companion. Betrayal ruptures friendship. Friends constantly wish each other some good. Friendship indeed can only flourish when it is based on a shared good thing, like the pleasure of visiting a museum, or the utility of a valued assistant, or—in friendship's best expression—the person who is our friend. The betrayer exchanges good for bad, and so reveals himself as an enemy, not a friend.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus confronted his enemy. As the New Testament makes plain, Jesus knew the one *who would betray him*. Still, he washes the feet of Judas, son of Simon the Iscariot. In this ritual foot washing, Jesus enacts his own commandment: *I say to you, love your enemies...that you may be children of your heavenly Father* (Mt 5:44a, 45a). Jesus also offers the promise of forgiveness to his betrayer. Sadly, Judas missed the cue.



Each time we sin, we betray the love of friendship that unites us to God. Venial sins—those everyday human weaknesses—weakens the gift of divine friendship, whereas mortal sins destroy it. On Holy Thursday, Christ ordains the first priests. He gives them the sacred power and the authority to forgive sins. From that moment on, we sinners never need fear dying at enmity with God.

Fr. Bodah

Sunday, April 9th

8:50-9:50am GRADES K, 1 & 2 (FGC)
9:50 St. Francis' Little Friends Child Care in HBH
10:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word during Mass
10:50-11:50am GRADES 3-6 (FGC)
Sunday classes resume on April 23rd
GRADE 7 (FGC-Upper Room)—**THIS WILL BE THE LAST CLASS.**

Wednesday, April 12th

LAST DAY FOR WEDNESDAY CLASSES

4:15-5:15pm GRADES 3-6 FGC
6:30pm Grade 7 meet in HBH
7:00pm Grade 8 meet in Church for the Living Stations—Evening will end at 8:15pm in FGC



Hippitty, Hoppitty, Easter's on its way...

Our 19th Annual Easter Egg Hunt is this Saturday, April 15th from 10:00-11:00 at Fr. Greenan Hall. Come rain or shine! Toddlers to Second Graders welcome!

Donations of CANDY are needed and are gratefully accepted. Collection box located at the entrance to the church and chapel. Thank you!

Summer Confirmation Classes

Registration for our summer Confirmation program is ongoing.

Classes will be held as follows:

Summer Session One: Monday, July 17th – Friday, July 21st from 9am-12:30pm
Summer Session Two: Monday, August 7th–Friday, August 11th from 9am-12:30pm

Registration forms can be found on our parish website under the Confirmation tab.

This Week

Monday, April 10

7:30am Adoration (SF)

Tuesday, April 11

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (loft)

7:00pm Bible Study (JFGC)

Wednesday, April 12

7:00pm Living Stations (Church)

Thursday, April 13

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper (Church)

Friday, April 14

PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED

3:00pm Stations of the Cross (Church)

7:00pm Service of Our Lord's Passion & Death (Church)

Saturday, April 15

3:00-4:00pm Confessions (Church)

7:30pm Easter Vigil



One Extra Thank You

As noted in a previous bulletin, many people attended the lecture by Dr. Sandra Keating on the topic of Islam. While giving thanks to many who had assisted with this event we neglected to give thanks to the Knights of Columbus who printed Dr. Keating's book and who provided copies of this book for our event that evening. We are sincerely thankful for all of your help.

Diocesan Men's Conference:

Are You in a Battle? Draw Your Strength from the Lord

Saturday, April 29, 2017: 8:30 am-3:00 pm

Cathedral of SS. Peter & Paul & Bishop McVinney Auditorium.

Holy Mass at 8:30am celebrated by The Most Reverend Thomas Tobin, followed with presentations by Rev. Matthew Williams, Director, Office of Faith Formation of Youth and Young Adults, Archdiocese of Boston and by Ken Yasinski, Face to Face Ministries, Lighthouse Catholic Media speaker, author and songwriter.

The conference is sponsored by the Diocese of Providence Office of Faith Formation, the Men of Saint Joseph International and the Rhode Island Knights of Columbus Councils.

Please consider attending or share the information with any men that you think may be interested.

REGISTER at::

<https://www.discovercatholicfaith.org/mens-conference>



WOULD YOU LIKE TO DEVELOP A
DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF THE
READINGS FOR THE SUNDAY
LITURGY?

THURSDAY, APRIL 20TH AT 6:30PM
IN HELEN BOUCHARD HALL

*Join us for a journey through prayer
and insights for the Sunday Readings as shared with us
through the Catholic online gateway called Formed.org.....*

You will be presented with short videos which encourage group discussions that lead to personal faith formation! All are welcome! Refreshments will be provided.

PIZZA/BINGO

Pizza/Bingo is back this **April 21**
from 4:30-7:00pm in Fr. Greenan
Center!



Please help support our second annual night of fun with family and friends by donating an item (or items for either an adult or child). Donations will be welcome through April 20.

Tickets are now available either after all masses, before or after CCD classes, or at the rectory from 9am to 4pm Monday through Friday. The cost of tickets are \$5 (9 years old and under) or \$10 for adults.

Come join the fun on April 21!

MAY MONEY MADNESS



Tickets will be sold after all masses for May Money Madness. *Tickets will only be sold throughout the month of April* and will be sold after weekend masses.

Tickets will also be available at the parish office Monday-Friday from 9am-4pm. *A fun parish event with prizes awarded daily throughout the month of May.*

Ticket prices are: \$10 each, 6 for \$50 or 12 for \$100



We are glad that you are here with us this morning. Whether you moved here a while ago or are just here for a brief stay, we welcome you.

If you would like to become a part of this wonderful community, registering in the parish is a quick process that will take about five minutes over the phone (783-4411) or you can see Father Bodah after Mass to inquire about registering. Again, welcome and God bless!