

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



Mass Intentions

The
Season
of
Lent



Saturday, February 24

4:30 †Wanda Cinquegrana

Requested by Husband

Sunday, February 25

8:00am †James Flynn

Requested by Kathleen & James Carney

10:00am †Virginia Hourigan & Christine McPherson

Requested by Peggy McLoughlin

12:00nn

Monday, February 26

7:00am †Mary & Sam Johnson

Requested by Family

Tuesday, February 27

7:00am Special Intention

Wednesday, February 28

7:00am Mass for the People

Thursday, March 1

7:00am †Marcia Signorelli

Requested by Cousin

Friday, March 2

7:00am †Rita & Tom O'Rourke & Warren Behie

Requested by Family

Saturday, March 3

4:30 †Lynn Holland

Requested by Ed & Kathleen Puchalla

Sunday, March 4

8:00am †Dr. Domenic Coppolino

Requested by The Sciola Family

10:00am †Neal Fiorio

Requested by Family

12:00nn †Lou Albergaria

Requested by The Shaw Family



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 25

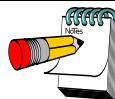
10:00am †Walter & Madeline Johansen

Requested by Jude

Sunday, March 4

10:00am †Linda Guernon

Requested by Family



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of James Flynn.



Lenten Parish Mission

**PARISH LENTEN MISSION:
ANCIENT PRACTICES FOR A MODERN WORLD
BEGINS NEXT WEEKEND, MARCH 3RD & 4TH**

Come Join Father Stephen Battey as he presents our 2018 Lenten Mission titled, **ANCIENT PRACTICES FOR A MODERN WORLD**

- **Saturday-Sunday, March 3rd & 4th**—Fr. Battey will preach at all weekend liturgies at St. Francis Church.

- **Monday, March 5th—7pm: Pray Without Ceasing:** Every year, people in our world work more, have additional obligations placed on them, and are bombarded by more noise. This evening the homily will explore the ways in which we can pray in & through our daily activities. By turning to God simply but frequently throughout the day, we can ensure that our relationship with God continues to grow regardless of the demands of school, work, or the daily rigors of life.

- **Tuesday, March 6th—7pm: Fasting: More than the Catholic Diet:** For our second night, we will explore the true purpose of fasting using resources from the ancient Church. How do we flee to the desert with our Lord in an age of super abundance? (**Confessions heard 6-6:45pm**)

- **Wednesday, March 7th—7pm: Giving everything to Christ...Prudently:** We've all experienced it, we give alms to someone in need only to discover they are a scam artist. How do we continue the work of giving to others as if to Christ Himself when so many are determined to take advantage of our generosity? Our final night will focus on giving in a spiritual but responsible way. (**Confessions heard 6-6:45**)

PARISH SUPPORT

<u>Weekly Support</u>	<u>February 18</u>
Budget envelopes used (225)	-\$5,845.50
Loose Donations	-\$1,038.00
Online Giving (# of donors-61)	-\$2,014.00
Total Budget	-\$8,897.50

<u>Second Collection (Ongoing Maintenance)</u>	
Budget envelopes used (138)	-\$1,684.00
Loose Donations	-\$ 344.00
Total	-\$2,028.00

Ash Wednesday Collection: \$1,831.00

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

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

FEBRUARY 25, 2018

This past Thursday, we celebrated the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter and I thought I would share with you the following reflection from the Dominican Father Romanus Cessario, who teaches theology at St. John's Seminary in Boston –Fr. Bodah

A glance at American Church history reveals that popes have not always received public admiration. In Boston, for example, disparaging caricatures of the pope appeared throughout the early 19th century in the city's newspapers. Among other reasons, people who did not share the Catholic Faith harbored suspicions about what a transnational religious leader might do. Today, most citizens of the world's free democracies no longer entertain negative views of the pope, whom they mainly regard as an optional religious leader among many.

Catholics, however, cherish the pope for reasons beyond his representational role as leader of their more than billion coreligionists who dwell on planet earth. For Catholics, the pope embodies the unity of the Church. He builds up this unity by fulfilling his God-given responsibilities to teach, to govern, and to sanctify. Where these ministries fail to reach effectively, we find division, not unity. Where what the pope teaches, commands, and bestows bears fruit, we discover a unity that transcends national borders.

Although Catholic truth about the Chair of Peter allows few ambiguities, some Catholics wrongly see the Church as a democracy. The Chair of Peter acknowledges that the pope's place within the Church comes not from below but from Christ himself. So Catholics should accept what the pope teaches, submit to his governance, and embrace the graces that flow from Peter's Chair.

JOIN US ON A LENTEN JOURNEY

**“Ponder with Padre...”
“A Lent to Remember”**

Father Henry Bodah will discuss *A Lent to Remember*. This series explores the ways God reaches out to each of us with his mercy. Through Christ's suffering on the cross in the Paschal Mystery and his perpetual reception of his people in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God makes his love, his very self, present to us in the world. By reflecting on the Paschal Mystery and making a step-by-step examination of the Rite of Confession, *A Lent to Remember* communicates God's invitation to each one of us to come experience his indescribable love this Lent. These discussions will be on **Thursday March 1, March 8, March 15 at 1:30pm** in Father Greenan Center.



**RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION
CLASSES**

Sunday, February 25th

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

Grade 7 (FGC)

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

10:55-11:50am GRADES 3-6 (FGC)
GRADE 8 (FGC)

Wednesday, February 28th

4:15pm planning meeting for Living Stations in the church (FGC-Library)

7:00pm 7th & 8th grade Confessions—meet in church

REVEALED

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1 John 4:9
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*Steubenville East Youth
Conference Registration is now
open*

“In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him.” – 1 John 4:9 Registration for the 2018 Steubenville East Youth Conference to be held on July 13-15, at the University of Massachusetts, Lowell Campus is now open. We have reserved 25 spots for our teenagers who are currently in grades 8-12. 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/>. Complete the form and submit it along with the \$100 deposit to the religious education office to secure your spot.

This Week

Monday, February 26

7:30am Adoration (SF)
6:30pm Event Committee Meeting (FGC)
7:00pm Pastoral Council Meeting (MCCR)

Tuesday, February 27

5:00pm Respect Life Meeting (FGC)
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (SF)
7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

Wednesday, February 28

12nn Lenten Ecumenical Service/Luncheon (Church/FGC)

Thursday, March 1

9-10:30am Office Staff Meeting (office closed during this time)
1:30pm Ponder with Padre (FGC)
7:00pm RCIA (MCCR-at rectory)
7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (↓FGC-Foyer)

Friday, March 2

5:30-6:30pm Lenten Soup Supper (HBH)
6:15pm Marriage Prep (FGC)
7:00pm Stations of the Cross (SF)

Saturday, March 3

8am Marriage Prep (FGC)



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.

2018 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL

"Faith and Good Works"

OUR GOAL FOR 2018 IS: \$115,000.00

As of 2-15-18 the amount raised is: \$29,080.00

**Total # of gifts: 115; % of Goal—25.29%;
% of Participation—5.38%**

Your gift to the 2018 Catholic Charity Appeal reaches out to countless people in need throughout our diocese. No matter where you turn, you find someone who will benefit from your kindness. Please consider pledging your support to this worthwhile endeavor. **Please don't forget to turn in your pledge. Every little bit helps!**

THE HOSPITALITY GROUP

The Hospitality Group is a loosely organized group of parishioners who have hosted and baked for Parish receptions over the past few years. The purpose of this group is to be of service to our Pastor and to extend the hospitality of St. Francis Parish by organizing and hosting receptions, coffees and social hours as needed. We hope also to extend this hospitality to grieving families who hold funeral collations in our hall.



It has become evident that we need to grow as a group. If you love to bake, make soup or sandwiches and if you would like to host and welcome others to our Parish—we need you! Please call the parish office at 783-4411 to volunteer. Thank you!

FAITH FORMATION CONVOCATION

*You are invited to attend the:
51st Annual Diocesan*

Faith Formation Convocation

Saturday, March 17, 2018 from 8:30am-5:00pm
at Bryant University

To purchase tickets, for more information and for a list of speakers visit: www.DiscoverCatholicFaith.org/convocation

LENTEN ECUMENICAL SERVICE/LUNCHEONS

On Wednesdays during Lent, area Christian churches get together to pray and listen to God's word before enjoying a delicious home made soup lunch provided by the host parish. On Wednesday Feb. 28, St. Francis of Assisi Parish will host that week's Ecumenical service and luncheon beginning at 12 noon. Father Eugene McKenna will welcome Rev. Shinkwang Kim, Pastor of Christ United Methodist Church who will be our speaker. All are welcome to join us on the 28th for this Lenten service and luncheon.

DEFIBRILLATOR ORIENTATION

There will be a verbal orientation directed by Bill Harding following all masses (8am, 10am & 12NN) regarding the location and function of our new defibrillators (AEDs) that are now available at St. Francis Church, Father Greenan Center and St. Romuald Chapel. If you are interested please stay in the pews following the mass.

RESPECT LIFE MEETING

There will be a Respect Life Meeting on Tuesday, February 27 at 5:00pm in Father Greenan Center. All are welcome!