

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 25

4:30 pm Domenic Capalbo, Jr.

Requested by Dennis & Anna DeLuca

Sunday, February 26

8:00am

10:00am Neal Fiorio

Requested by Family

12:00nn John (Jackie) Fallon

Requested by Honor Reposa

Monday, February 27

7:00am Aldora, Joao & Alberto DeSousa

Requested by the DaSilva Family

Tuesday, February 28

7:00am John Koza

Requested by Wife



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1 (ASH WEDNESDAY)

7:00am Mass for the People with Ashes

4:15pm Liturgy of the Word with Ashes

6:30pm Mass for the People with Ashes

Thursday, March 2

7:00am Jacqueline Carouso

Friday, March 3

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

Requested by Family

Saturday, March 4

4:30 pm Joseph Boragine.

Requested by Family

Sunday, March 5

8:00am

10:00am

12:00nn R. David Smith

Requested by Family



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

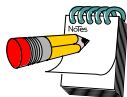
Sunday, February 26

10:00am

Sunday, March 5

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.



JOIN US ON A LENTEN JOURNEY

"Ponder with Padre..."

**Jesus' Passion: The Story of
Redemptive Suffering**

Father Henry Bodah will lead us through an introspective journey reflecting on Jesus' suffering on the

five Thursdays in March: March 2, March 9, March 16, March 23 & March 30 at 2:00pm in Father Greenan Center.



**ASH WEDNESDAY
MARCH 1, 2017**

**Celebration of Mass with
Distribution of Ashes
7:00am & 6:30pm**

**Liturgy of the Word with Distribution of Ashes
4:15pm**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Stations of the Cross with Benediction
will begin this Friday, March 3 and
continue for each of the six Fridays
of Lent at 7:00pm at St. Francis
Church.**



PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (222)	-	February 19 \$5,050.50
Loose Donations	-	\$1,088.00
Online Giving (# of donors-60)	-	\$1,549.00
Total Budget	-	\$7687.50

Ongoing Maintenance

Budget envelopes used (148)	-	\$1,847.50
Other Donations	-	\$ 366.00
Total Collection	-	\$2,213.50

Did you know that the expense at the Church & Chapel for snow removal thus far this year is \$12,960.00.

There is no second collection today. Next week's second collection is the monthly collection.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

From the Pastor

Lent is once again upon us. Please see the Lenten brochure that Jacki, our secretary, put together for the season, which has everything we could think of to help make this Lent spiritually profitable. The regulations for fasting and for abstinence from meat are outlined there as well as the schedule of the various offerings for the season.

I hope you can be with us for the parish mission running from Monday, March 13 through Wednesday, March 15. Mass with extended homily will be celebrated at 7 p.m. on each of those days, finishing by around 8 o'clock. Our guest preacher, Fr. David Thurber, the pastor of St. Teresa's parish in Pawtucket, will also be available for confessions from 6-6:45 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday of that week. Consult the Lenten brochure for more information on the themes of the various evenings.

Something a little different this year: each Thursday of Lent at 2 p.m. in the Father Greenan Center I'll be running a session on the meaning of the Passion of Christ. There is a guide book with Scripture passages and references to the Catechism of the Catholic Church. I envision this to be as much a discussion as a class, so we'll go wherever our interests take us. I wanted to try holding it in the afternoon for the sake of those who don't drive at night. I can't thank Christina Moynihan enough for suggesting this and putting the booklets together for this gathering.

Each Friday of Lent we'll gather for soup at 5:30 in the Greenan Center, followed by Stations of the Cross and Benediction at 7 p.m. in the parish church. Thanks to Kathleen Puchalla for coordinating the various groups who will be preparing the soups and hosting the various Fridays. Thanks, too, to Deacon Moynihan for being willing to lead the Stations on the Fridays of Lent on which he's available.

Thanks to Bill Harding, the chapel will be hosting a full round of devotions, which are listed in the Lenten brochure. This is especially helpful for those who don't drive at night or who live in the Matunuck area. Some of our parishioners have never been to the chapel; this might be a good time to visit this worship space so dear to those who regularly go there.

Fr. Bodah

CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL 2017

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.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Sunday, February 26th

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

9:50am 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)
GRADE 7 (FGC)

12:00 Catechist Lenten Mtg Gr. 3-6

Wednesday, March 1st

4:15-5:15pm GRADES 3-6 (FGC)
Classes are to attend Ash Wednesday service with their families at **4:15pm** and then go to FGC for class until **5:15pm**

6:30pm Grades 7 & 8 to attend **Ash Wednesday Mass** with family. Classes will follow immediately in FGC until **8:15pm**

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED for NET Ministry Team

NET Ministries, a national evangelization team consisting of 12 young adults will be leading our Confirmation Retreats again this year. They will be in our diocese for the week from March 24-31 leading retreats. Our parish is responsible for providing lodging during their stay in Rhode Island. Team members travel with their own sleeping bag so they are just looking for floor space, hot showers and a meal. Spending time with these young adults is a real blessing! If you are interested in hosting some of them, please contact Diane Castro at our Religious Education Office by phone (792-8684) or email (castro_stfrancis@verizon.net).

Steubenville East Youth Conference

Spots are going fast! We have registered for 6 spots left for the 2017 Steubenville East Youth Conference. Teenagers who are currently 8-12th grade students are eligible to attend. The conference will be held on July 14-16 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/>

**CALL BARBETTE CULLEN OR DIANE CASTRO
AT 792-8684 FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

This Week

Monday, February 27

7:30am Adoration (SF)

Tuesday, February 28

7:00pm Bible Study (JFGC)

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (loft)

Wednesday, March 1

Ash Wednesday

1:00pm & 7:00pm Women's Group (Rector)

5:30pm Bereavement Group (Rector)

Thursday, March 2

2:00pm Pondering with Padre (FGC)

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (FGC-Foyer)

Friday, March 3

5:30pm Lenten Soup Suppers (FGC)

7:00pm Stations of the Cross (Church)



PARISH LENTEN MISSION: TO KNOW, LOVE
AND SERVE GOD

BEGINS ON WEEKEND OF MARCH 11TH & 12TH

Father David Thurber will present our 2017 Lenten Mission titled, **To Know, Love and Serve God**.

- **Saturday-Sunday, March 11th & 12th—Fr. Thurber** will preach at all weekend liturgies at St. Francis Church.

- **Monday, March 13th—7pm: To Know God:** How can we know God that is so much greater than us? Is it possible and if so how?

- **Tuesday, March 14th—7pm: To Love God:** How can we love a God who loves us so immensely? (Confessions heard 6-6:45pm)

- **Wednesday, March 15th—7pm: To Serve God:** We are called to put our love in action and serve the God who made us. (Confessions heard 6-6:45pm)

KEEP
CALM
it's
YOUTH
NIGHT

Our next High School Youth night is on Sunday March 5th from 7-8:30pm in Fr. Greenan Center. All high school students are welcome to come. Confirmation candidates are required to attend.

THE PASTORAL ASSISTANT NEEDS YOUR HELP!!

I am compiling a list of all of our parishioners who are unable to attend our services— whether it be for short term or a long time.



If you know of someone who is in a *convalescent home or who is homebound*, please call the office and give us the information.

We want to reach out to and stay connected with all of our community members. **Thank You in Advance...**
Christina Moynihan, 783-4411 ext. 14

DAYS OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

Church discipline requires that Ash Wednesday and Good Friday be observed as days of fasting. Those between the ages of 18 and 59 should take only one full meal on those days, without taking solid food between meals. Abstinence from meat is also required on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent. Those with serious health conditions are excused from these requirements.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Beginning this Friday and for each of the six Fridays of Lent **from 5:30-6:30pm**, a simple meatless meal of homemade soup, bread and water will be prepared and offered to all. Although there is no charge for this Lenten Supper a basket will be available to accept free will donations. These donations are given to the Diocesan Outreach Office for distribution to needy families in our area. ***So come and join us for soup on Fridays during Lent in Father Greenan Center! Bring a friend....it is a wonderful lead into Stations of the Cross here at St. Francis at 7:00pm.***



LAST CALL for tickets for the
St. Francis of Assisi
Faith and Family Night with the URI
Rams
Men's Basketball Game Rhode Island
vs Davidson
Saturday March 4th at 6pm

Specially priced tickets just \$20 per person for their last home game of the season! Payment holds your ticket. Submit ticket request which can be found at the entrances to the church and on our parish website to the Religious Education Office by 2/27/17. Make checks payable to *St. Francis of Assisi Church*.

Catholic media CDs are now available at the side entrance (parking lot side) in the main church and at the chapel. These CDs are inspirational especially leading us into the Lenten Season. Please be sure to take a moment to look them over.