THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions



Saturday, February 3

4:30 †Robert Wilson

Requested by his wife Concetta Sunday, February 4

8:00am

10:00am†John McLoughlin

Requested by Family

12:00nn

Monday, February 5

7:00am †Élizabeth Brunero

Requested by Dan & Jeanne Thompson

Tuesday, February 6

7:00am Special Intention

Wednesday, February 7

7:00am Mass for the People

Thursday, February 8

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

Requested by Family

Friday, February 9

7:00am †Rev. Francis J. Tuite

2nd Pastor—102nd Anniversary

Saturday, February 10

4:30 †Jeannette DeLuca

Requested by Family

Sunday, February 11

8:00am †Mr. & Mrs. Thu Chi Tran & John

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Requested by Family

10:00am

12:00nn †Tara Higgins

(5th Anniversary Remembrance) Requested by Family



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 4

10:00am †Lorraine McNally

Requested by Anne Cooney

Sunday, February 11

10:00am †John Estes

(2nd Anniversary Remembrance) Requested by Family



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

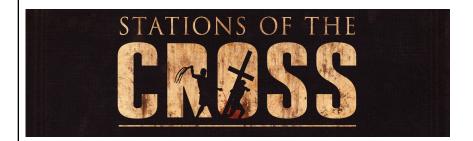
This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Domenic & Matilda Coppolino.



ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 14, 2018

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

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



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross with Benediction each of the Fridays of Lent at 7:00pm at St. Francis Church.

and

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed at St. Romuald Chapel on Wednesday afternoons of Lent at 12:30pm.

PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly Support Budget envelopes used (243) Loose Donations Online Giving (# of donors-61) Total Budget January 28 \$6,076.50 \$1,188.00 \$1,851.00 \$9,115.50

Second Collection (Latin America)

Budget envelopes used (145) Loose Donations \$1,420.00 \$ 418.00 \$1,838.00 Total

This week's second collection is the Monthly Collection. There is no second collection next week.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

FEBRUARY 4, 2018

From the Pastor,

The finance council meeting scheduled for this morning (Tuesday) has been postponed till next week because of the weather. So let me say something about a couple of other things going on in the parish. First of all, I could explain how we try to serve the patients at South County Hospital.

When patients are admitted to the hospital, they are free to indicate their religious background and which community or parish they belong to. The general pastoral care of patients is taken care of by the hospital chaplain, the Reverend Lyle Mook, a Protestant minister. He visits the patients and prays with them if they're open to it. He also communicates to the local clergy if there are congregants of theirs who might like to see them. There are seven Catholic priests in our area who are assigned to parish ministry and each of us takes a day of hospital duty each week. So there is always a priest on duty if someone needs the Anointing of the Sick. Let the hospital know and they will call the priest on duty that day. In addition, Fr. Gerald Harbour is a newly-retired priest who 35 years ago was an assistant pastor here at St. Francis and has moved back to this area. He goes to the hospital every Wednesday and visits the Catholic patients on a particular floor. Over and above the efforts of the local clergy, our parish has a cadre of 10 parishioners who take the Eucharist from the morning Mass to the hospital every day of the week. So we are trying our best to provide pastoral care for all patients.

Elsewhere in the news: the parish Pastoral Council met last night and discussed forming a prayer ministry that would involve praying for all the families of the parish. Each family who comes to Mass on the weekends would be given a copy of the parish prayer and the names of 3 or 4 families registered in the parish for whom they would promise to pray. I'll say more about this as we firm up the details.

Fr. Bodah

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Spiritual direction is a way appreciating and responding to your life's journey in the light of the Lord's life and love. As we mature it is often helpful to talk to someone about our life and prayer. You may be experiencing a spiritual hunger. You might be asking yourself, "How is God real for me now?" or, "How is my faith meaningful for me this situation?" These areas may point to the need for a spiritual companion.



Other areas that might be the focus of conversation with a spiritual director include: questions about religion, pondering your image of God, dealing with blocks to prayer, bringing God into important decisions in your life, and more.

If you are interested in considering Spiritual direction, you can contact Sister Ann Rodgers, CP at 401-270-9892. Sister Ann is a Sister of the Cross and Passion who recently was Program and Retreat Director at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat, Farmington, CT. Prior to that she was DRE at St. Francis of Assisi, Wakefield, RI and in ministry at Prout Memorial High School. She was certified in Spiritual Direction at Mercy Center, Madison, CT.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Sunday, Feb. 4th
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 7th
4:15-5:15pm Grades 3-6 (FGC)
5:20pm Catechist Lenten Mtg (FGC)
7-8:15pm Grades 7 & 8 (FGC)
Next Sunday-February 11th
First Communion Parent Meeting 9:00am (HBH)
All students must be represented at this meeting.

Saturday, February 10 10am-5:30pm (ending with 4:30pm Mass) CONFIRMATION RETREAT FGC



FEBRUARY HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH NIGHT

Our next high school youth night will be held on *Saturday*, *February* 3rd

at Fr. Greenan Center from 7-8:30pm. The markets are already decorated with Valentine's Day in mind. This evening we will explore just what true love is all about. All high school teens are invited to attend (this is a required meeting for the Confirmation candidates). Bring a friend!

Confirmation Retreat

Permission slips/fee for our Confirmation retreat led by NET Ministries is due by Monday, February 5th. The fee and permission slip can



be dropped in the collection basket (please indicate *Religious Education Office* on the envelope) or mailed to the Religious Education Office. Letters with the necessary paperwork were mailed on January 11th. If you did not receive it, please contact the religious education office as soon as possible.

This Week Monday, February 5

7:30am Adoration (SF)

Tuesday, February 6

7:40am Finance Council Meeting (MCCR)

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (SF)

7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

Thursday, February 8

7:00pm RCIA (MCCR-at rectory)

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

Friday, February 9

7:00pm Parenting Meeting (FGC)

"Faith and Good Works"

Have you given prayerful consideration to your gift for the 2018 Catholic Charity Appeal? Won't you help us by being the "Hands of Christ" in supporting the people and the work of the Diocese of Providence?



Many of you have responded to the Catholic Charity Appeal mailing from Bishop Tobin. On behalf of those served by the ministries and services funded by the Catholic Charity Appeal, we thank you for your gifts.

If you have not made a gift to this year's Appeal, you will be able to do so through our in-pew solicitation which will take place on the weekends of February 24/25 and March 3/4. Our parish goal is to attain 100% participation—a goal that can only be reached with your sacrificial help and support. All gifts, regardless of size, help to make difference in the lives of so many individuals.

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.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE



Lenten Kick-off Rally on Ash Wednesday, February 14

Join us for the 12:05pm Mass & Distribution of Ashes at the Cathedral of SS Peter & Paul

Following Mass and a "special blessing"...we will gather outside the Cathedral with the **Ancora Mobile Ultrasound Clinic** leading us on the walk to Planned Parenthood, 175 Broad Street for a short rally & meditation on the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary.

For more information contact the Office of Life & Family Ministry: Carol Owens/Director at 421-7833 ext. 218

40 Days for Life Website: 40daysforlife.com/providence

Retreat Morning for Young Adults! PRAY FAST GIVE

A Retreat Morning in Preparation for Lent. Saturday, February 10, 2018 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Welcoming Young Adults, single or married, in their 20s and 30s!

St. Philip Parish 622 Putnam Pike (Rt. 44) Greenville, RI 02828

Come join us for Mass at 8:00 AM followed by the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Coffee An', a couple of talks, Adoration and Benediction.

Given by: Rev. Ryan Simas, Spiritual Director for Young Adult Ministry and Assistant Pastor of St. Philip Parish.

There is no fee for this event. A free-will donation will be collected.

Sponsored by the Diocese of Providence Young Adult Ministry. For more information, visit www.discovercatholicfaith.org

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11th (7:30-10:30am) (Public Invited)



The Knights of Columbus will hold a Special Valentines Breakfast at the Council Hall, 1265 Tower Hill Road, North Kingstown, on Sunday, February 11th, from 7:30-10:30am.

Serving: Eggs (Scrambled or Fried), Toast, Home Fries, Sausage links, Belgian Waffles, Baked Beans, Chocolate dipped strawberries, Hot and Cold Cereal, Orange Juice, Coffee and Tea. The cost is \$10.00; children 6 & under are free.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS



On each of the six Fridays of Lent from 5:30-6:30 pm, 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.

FOLLOWING ARE THE DATES:

Friday, February 16 Friday, March 2 Friday, March 16 Friday, February 23 Friday, March 9 Friday, March 23