

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions

*Jesus called...
and they followed.*



Saturday, January 20

4:30 †Branden DeLuca
(10th anniversary remembrance)
Requested by Family

Sunday, January 21

8:00am †Rose Gink
Requested by Barbara
10:00am †Deacon Joe Turcotte
(3rd Anniversary Remembrance)
Requested by Family

12:00nn

Monday, January 22

7:00am Mass for the People

Tuesday, January 23

7:00am Special Intention

Wednesday, January 24

7:00am †Leo Spirito
Requested by John O'Hale

Thursday, January 25

7:00am †Paul Caswell
Requested by Jean McGair

Friday, January 26

7:00am †Dr. Domenic A. Coppolino
Requested by the Pullano Family

Saturday, January 27

4:30 †William & Mary Apicerno
Requested by Family

Sunday, January 28

8:00am †Jean Krul
Requested by the Sciola Family
10:00am †Nicholas Duckworth
(Birthday Remembrance)
Requested by Family

12:00nn



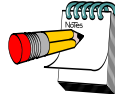
St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 21

10:00am †Mary Marchand
Requested by Gerri & Al Marsocci

Sunday, January 28

10:00am †Donald Baker
*Requested by the Chase & Daniels
Families*



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

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



The Office of Life and Family will offer the *Our Lady of Sorrows* Bereavement Support program at St Lucy Church, 909 West Main Rd, Middletown (Parish Center, main lot), each Thursday 7:00-8:30 p.m., from February 1 through March 22. This support group provides a peaceful place to share and learn about grief with the spiritual comfort of our Catholic faith. It is most appropriate for adults at least three months beyond their loss. There is no cost to attend!

For registration/information, contact: Peter A Magnotta at 421-7833, ext. 217.

THE CHOIR NEEDS YOUR VOICE!

All voice parts are welcome, but men's voices are especially needed.

The choir rehearses on Tuesday nights from 7:00 - 8:30PM and sings at the 10AM Mass on Sundays, as well as major feasts and celebrations throughout the year. No choral experience necessary - but if you have it, that's a plus!

There is no audition; however, you must be able to match pitch. If you are interested, call or email our choir director, Tony Romeo: 401-379-2355, tonybromeo@gmail.com. *Those who sing pray twice!*



PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (241)	-	January 14 \$8,366.50
Loose Donations	-	\$ 873.00
Online Giving (# of donors-61)	-	\$1,856.00
Total Budget	-	\$11,095.50

Second Collection (Ongoing Maintenance)

Budget envelopes used (153)	-	\$1,741.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 713.00
Total	-	\$2,454.00

This week's second collection is for Catholic University. Next week's second collection is for Latin America.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

WORDS FROM POPE FRANCIS' 2015 ENCYCLICAL LAUDATO SI'

When we fail to acknowledge as part of reality the worth of a poor person, a human embryo, a person with disabilities—to offer just a few examples—it becomes difficult to hear the cry of nature itself; everything is connected. Once the human being declares independence from reality and behaves with absolute dominion, the very foundations of our life begin to crumble, for “*instead of carrying out his role as a cooperator with God in the work of creation, man sets himself up in place of God and thus ends up provoking a rebellion on the part of nature*” (Pope John Paul II, Encyclical Letter *Centesimus Annus*, May 1, 1991)....

When the human person is considered as simply one being among other, the product of chance or physical determinism, then “*our overall sense of responsibility wanes*” (Pope Benedict XVI, Message for the 2010 World Day of Peace)....

Human beings cannot be expected to feel responsibility for the world unless, at the same time, their unique capacities of knowledge, will, freedom, and responsibility are recognized and valued....

Since everything is interrelated, concern for the protection of nature is also incompatible with the justification of abortion. How can we genuinely teach the importance of concern for other vulnerable beings, however troublesome or inconvenient they may be, if we fail to protect a human embryo, even when its presence is uncomfortable and creates difficulties? “*If personal and social sensitivity toward the acceptance of the new life is lost, then other forms of acceptance that are valuable for society also wither away*” (Pope Benedict XVI, Encyclical Letter *Caritas in Veritate*, June 29, 2009).

We need to develop a new synthesis capable of overcoming the false arguments of recent centuries.

Just a reminder to the **Saint Francis knitters**: Please bring your infant red hats for the South County “Heart Health Month” to the rectory by January 26th. Thank you for your help with this cause. God bless!



OPEN HOUSE

Monsignor Clarke School will be having an Open House on Sunday, January 28, 2018 from 12- 2PM. We welcome students of all faiths from 18 months to grade 8. If you are interested in learning more about the school, please visit www.monsignorclarkeschool.org or call Sara Marshall (401) 789-0860.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Sunday, January 21st

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

Grade 7 (FGC)

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

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

Grade 8 (FGC)

Wednesday, January 24th

4:15-5:15pm Grades 3-6 (FGC)

7-8:15pm Grades 7 & 8 (FGC)

Next Sunday's 10AM Mass: Celebration of *Listening to God's Word*. Our children preparing for First Holy Communion will be attending with their class and following the Mass, a reception for all will be held downstairs in Helen Bouchard Hall.

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 February 6-14, 2018 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.



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH NIGHT

Have you ever found yourself in the middle of a conversation with someone when they ask you a question about your Catholic faith that you can't answer? Or you've been challenged to defend your faith in school, on the field or where you work. If you're like most Catholics, you have—at least at one time or another. Seniors, as you enter college you may find your faith is challenged in a way you did not anticipate. *Join us this Sunday, January 21st from 7-8:30pm at Fr. Greenan Center to find out just how to defend your faith! Invite a friend to join you!*

This Week

Monday, January 22

7:30am Adoration (SF)

6:30pm Event Committee Meeting (FGC)

Tuesday, January 23

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (SF)

7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

Thursday, January 25

7:00pm RCIA (MCCR-at rectory)

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (↓FGC-Foyer)

Sunday, January 28

12nn Praise Mass



**2018 CATHOLIC
CHARITY APPEAL**

"Faith and Good Works"

The start of the 2018 Catholic Charity is fast approaching. Parishioners will soon be receiving a mailing from Bishop Tobin asking for support of the 2018 Appeal. For your convenience, a pledge card will be enclosed within

this mailing. **Please be assured that our parish will receive credit for the gift that you make through the mail.** Your gift to the 2018 Appeal reaches out to countless people in need throughout the diocese. No matter which way you turn, you will find someone who will benefit from your kindness. Please give generously to the 2018 Catholic Charity Appeal. Thank you and God bless!



Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America and Caribbean. Rural terrain and a lack of ministers are obstacles to practicing their faith. Your support to the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, as well as other

programs to help share our faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

**Steubenville East
Youth Conference
Registration is now
open**

REVEALED

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1 John 4:9
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"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.

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)

CALLING ALL MEN!

Please mark your calendar for Thursday, February 22, 2018 at 6:30pm in McVinney Auditorium, 43 Dave Gavitt Way, Providence (adjacent to the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul) for the annual Courageous Men's Movie Night. This diocesan-wide event is open to all "men of good will" - - of Confirmation age and older - - throughout the state of RI and beyond. More details will be forthcoming...but please mark your calendars now!

To reserve your tickets now, visit mcvinneyauditorium.com/events. For more information, contact Keith Kline at leeleejack@aol.com.

This evening is sponsored by the Men of St. Joseph International and the Knights of Columbus.

BABY SHOWER

The Social Outreach Committee continues the **Baby Shower 2018** for the month of January. Please bring unwrapped items such as diapers, toiletries, sleepers & toddler clothes. Please place donations at the entrance of the church and chapel. The agencies benefitted are: The St. Gabriel Call, The Pregnancy Center of Westerly, and Right to Life Services. Any questions, please contact Anne Cooney at 783-7034.



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