THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions



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 Monday, January 29 7:00am Special Intention **Tuesday, January 30** 7:00am Mass for the People Wednesday, January 31 7:00am†Rev. Charles J. Burns 3rd Pastor-117th Anniversary Thursday, February 1 7:00am †Regina Schwab McCourt *Requested by Family* Friday, February 2 7:00am †Fern Ottomano Requested by Jim & Susan Meehan 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



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 28 10:00am †Donald Baker Requested by the Chase & Daniels Families Sunday, February 4 10:00am *†*Lorraine McNally

Requested by Anne Cooney



For Your Information



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.

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 1 John 4:9

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.

PARISH SUPPORT

| Weekly Support Budget envelopes used (220) Loose Donations Online Giving (# of donors-62) Total Budget | - - - | January 21 \$5,635.50 \$ 752.00 \$1,966.00 \$8,353.50 |
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| Second Collection (Catholic Univ Budget envelopes used (125) Loose Donations Total | <u>versity)</u> - - - | \$1,324.00 <u>\$ 643.00</u> \$1,967.00 |

This week's second collection is for Latin America. Next week's second collection is the Monthly Collection.

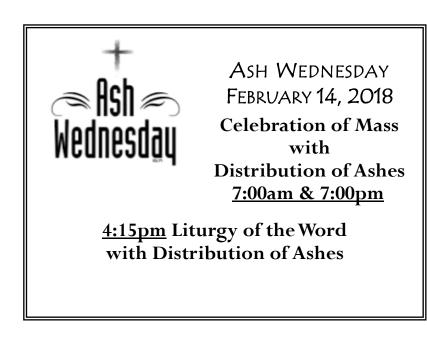
As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

JANUARY 28, 2018

From the Pastor,

One of the differences between being a pastor and not, is that a pastor has to worry about the financial health of the parish. As you know, the diocese is having a major campaign to help ensure the financial future of the Catholic presence in our state and our parish has been assigned to the group for the fall of this year. In preparation, I was afraid that if we did an increased-giving campaign last fall, it would increase our goal for the diocesan campaign. As it turned out, the goals have been set at 110% of the weekend collections of the fiscal year 2015-2016. Ah well. Sooner or later our parish, like all the others, is going to have to address the decline in giving by those registered as parishioners. In the meantime, one thing I will not do is cut back on our contributions to the diocesan office of Catholic Social Services, located in the lower level of the church. Although this is not a parish ministry, this office does so much good in the area that I am honored that they are located here. Our parishioners are generous to local charities, but I should like to see our contribution as a parish corporation to the Social Services office and to Welcome House and the Jonnycake Center in Peace Dale increase. What do you think? Let me know.

Fr. Bodah





RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Sunday, January 28th 8:55-9:50am Grades K, 1 & 2 (FGC) 10:00am Mass-Celebration of Listening to God's Word. Coffee 'n to follow in HBH all are invited 10:55-11:50am Grades 3-6 (FGC) Grade 7 (FGC)

Wednesday, January 31st 4:15-5:15pm Grades 3-6 (FGC) 7-8:15pm Grades 7 & 8 (FGC)

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Permission slips/fee for our Confirmation retreat led by NET Ministries **is**



due by <u>Monday, February 5th</u>. 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 11^{th} . If you did not receive it, please contact the religious education office as soon as possible.



February High School Youth Night

Our next high school youth night will be held on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>February 3^{rd} at Fr.</u>

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!

This Week



Monday, January 29 7:30am Adoration (SF) 7:00pm Pastoral Council Meeting (MCCR) Tuesday, January 30 7:40am Finance Council Meeting (MCCR) 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (SF) 7:00pm Bible Study (FGC) **Thursday, February 1** NO PRAYER SHAWL MEETING 9:00-10:30am Staff Meeting (Office closed during this time) 7:00pm RCIA (MCCR-at rectory) 7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (*JFGC*-Fover)



"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.



This weekend is the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Manv people in Latin America and Caribbean do not have access to church programs and ministries because of rural terrain and a lack of ministers. Your generosity makes it possible for them to share in the life

of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous to the second collection! To learn more, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

Thank you for your generous contributions to last week's special second collection for The Catholic University of CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY America! Your support enables Catholic University to provide an education based in the Catholic intellectual tradition to the next generation of leadership for our Church and nation.



You can learn more about your impact, and the University, at: collection.cua.edu.

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)

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

BABY SHOWER This is the final weekend for the Social Outreach Committee Baby Shower 2018. Please place unwrapped items such as diapers, toiletries, sleepers & toddler clothes at entrance of the 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. Thank you for your support.

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