

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Mass Intentions



Saturday, March 10

4:30 Mass for the People

Sunday, March 11

8:00am †George Szarka Sr.

Requested by Nick Szarka

10:00am †Dolly Gebhart

12:00nn

Monday, March 12

7:00am †Carol Meenan

Requested by Viola Card

Tuesday, March 13

7:00am Special Intention

Wednesday, March 14

7:00am †Joseph Paquette

Requested by Rick & Laura Skokowski

Thursday, March 15

7:00am †Mary Pendergast

Requested by Kathleen & Jeff Carney

Friday, March 16

7:00am Mass for the People

Saturday, March 17

4:30 †Victor & Catherine Signorelli

Requested by Family

Sunday, March 18

8:00am †John MacLane

Requested by Kathleen & Jeff Carney

10:00am †Christopher Meehan

Requested by Jim & Susan Meehan

12:00nn †Anthony Rose

Requested by Family



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 11

10:00am †Lorraine McNally

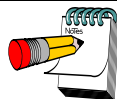
Requested by Rita Chace

Sunday, March 18

10:00am †Deceased Members of the

Monaghan & Thayer Families

Requested by David & Barbara Monaghan



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Mary Pendergast.

God

is rich in mercy



*Brothers & Sisters: God,
who is rich in mercy,
because of the great love
he had for us even when
we were dead in our*

*transgressions, brought us to life with Christ—by
grace you have been saved—, raised us up with him,
and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ
Jesus, that in the ages to come he might show the
immeasurable riches of his grace in his kindness to us
in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved
through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift
of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast.
For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus
for the good works that God has prepared in
advance, that we should live in them.*

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians

2018 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL

"Faith and Good Works"

OUR GOAL FOR 2018 IS: \$115,000.00

As of 3-2-18 the amount raised is: \$45,370.00

Total # of gifts: 170; % of Goal—39.45%;

% of Participation—8.09%

The 2018 Catholic Charity Appeal is more than just another collection. It is the way by which every Catholic shares in the work of our diocese and the mission of the Church. **Please don't forget to turn in your pledge. Every little bit helps!**

PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (222)	-	\$5,546.00
Loose Donations	-	\$1,028.00
Online Giving (# of donors—65)	-	\$2,079.00
Total Budget	-	\$8,653.00

Second Collection (Monthly Collection)

Budget envelopes used (142)	-	\$1,976.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 677.00
Total	-	\$2,653.00

The second collection this week is for Ongoing Maintenance. There is no second collection next week.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

MARCH 11, 2018

From the Pastor,

Last week (as I'm sure you recall) I wrote about the prayer crusade that we're about to begin here in our parish. Next week, the prayer cards will be handed out with the names of three families on each. Every adult will be asked to take one and pray each day for the families whose names are on his or her card. I can't image that anyone could be so crabbed or stingy as not to be willing to become a "prayer warrior" and say one prayer for fellow parishioners. They'll be praying for you.

Speaking of generosity, please don't forget to make a pledge to Catholic Charities. This effort does so much good in our state, and not just for our fellow Catholics. Not so many months ago, we had an unusually cold late fall and early winter. The Catholic Charities office downstairs in the church was able to help dozens and dozens of families keep their heat on thanks to our generous support of this diocesan collection. When I consider what people are willing to spend on their pets, I have every confidence that they will be willing to come to the aid of their fellow human beings as well. So please get your envelopes back to us as soon as possible. (If you give on line, please make sure that you indicate St. Francis of Assisi, Wakefield as your parish. We are listed as Wakefield, not South Kingstown, so it's possible to click by mistake on the parish next to ours on the drop-down menu, St. Francis of Assisi, Warwick.)

"So the, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who belong to the family of the faith." –The Letter of St. Paul to the Galatians 6:10.

Fr. Bodah

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. The final discussion will be **this Thursday, March 15 at 1:30pm** in Father Greenan Center.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Sunday, March 11th

8:55-9:50am GRADES K, 1 & 2 (FGC)
GRADE 7(FGC)

10:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation for Grades 5 & 6 during class time FGC

Wednesday, March 14th

4:15-5:15pm GRADES 3-6 FGC

No Classes for Grades 7&8 today

St. Francis of Assisi's

19th Annual Easter Egg Hunt

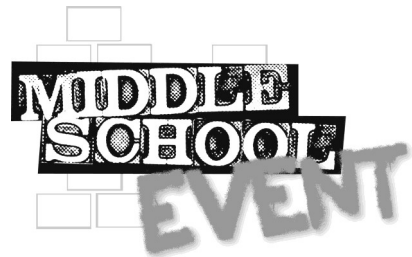
Saturday, March 31st

10:00 at Fr. Greenan Parish Center

Toddlers to Second Graders Welcome!!

Donations of candy and plastic eggs
gratefully accepted.

Collection box located at the entrance to the church. Thank you for your support!



Middle School Retreat

Permission slip/fee for our middle school (grades 7 & 8) retreat led by NET Ministries is due by **Friday, March 16th**. The \$25 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. The retreat will be held in Helen Bouchard Hall promptly at 4:00pm and will end at 8:15pm. A light dinner (pizza, salad & desserts) will be provided as part of the evening.

This Week

Monday, March 12

7:30am Adoration (SF)

Tuesday, March 13

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (SF)

7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

Thursday, March 15

9:00-10:30am Staff Meeting (Office will be closed at this time)

1:30pm Ponder with Padre (FGC)

7:00pm RCIA (MCCR-at rectory)

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (↓FGC-Foyer)

Friday, March 16

5:30-6:30pm Lenten Soup Supper (FGC)

7:00pm Stations of the Cross (HBH)



Elementary School Tuition Aid

Now is the time to turn in tuition assistance applications for the **2018-2019** school year. If you have not yet received your forms from the school, please call the school and inquire about them.

Regarding Catholic School Assistance:

The Diocese of Providence urges all parishes to support Catholic Schools by giving aid, as far as possible, when parents request it. As a believer in the value of Catholic Schools, we are happy to do that, both to the fullest extent allowable, and to the extent that the parish can afford. Some things to note, however! Eligibility for consideration requires that families :

1. **Complete the Facts Form from the Catholic School Office. (No applications will be considered if the Facts Form has not been completed)**
2. **You must be registered parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi Parish & contributing members for at least a one year period.**
3. **Attend Mass regularly.**
4. **Be actively involved in St. Francis of Assisi parish life.**
5. **All requests are to be turned into the parish office, whether your child has been accepted or not, no later than April 30.**

Please submit your assistance request **by mail** to St. Francis of Assisi, 114 High St., Wakefield, RI 02879 . **NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE!** You must state in this request how you are active in this parish. **You will be notified by MAIL regarding your request! Thank you.**

Volunteer as an Usher at McVinney The commitment may be small, but the impact is great! Our ushers are integral in providing a welcoming experience to everyone who comes through the doors of McVinney. What you can expect: - Arrive 90 minutes before the event - Take tickets, guide patrons to their seats, or hand out programs - Assist any patrons in the theater during the event - Enjoy the event for FREE!

To learn more, email mcvinney@dioceseofprovidence.org or visit www.mcvinneyauditorium.com for more details. We hope to see you soon!

As we continue our **40 Days for Life Lenten Campaign** we would like to remind you to sign up on the 40 Days for Life calendar (40daysforlife.com/providence) to pray at Planned Parenthood for 1 hour during this time period up until Palm Sunday .

Captain Derek Borek from the State Police will be at Christ the King Church on Wednesday, March 21 at 6pm to meet with a few police officers from the parish to discuss issues surrounding active shooters & emergency situations. Anyone interested in joining this meeting are welcome.

Pizza Bingo Night at St. Francis of Assisi (Father Greenan Center) Save the Date! April 6



We will be hosting Pizza/Bingo night on **Friday, April 6 in Father Greenan Center from 5:00-7:00pm.**

Admission is \$10 per person and \$5 for children under 10. The fee pays for two bingo cards, two delicious pizza slices, beverage, salad & dessert. Prizes will be awarded.

Join us for a night of fun, fellowship and laughs. Tickets will be sold at the door.

REVEALED 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.

FOOD DONATIONS FOR THE JONNYCAKE CENTER: JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER

Please remember we are always in need of nonperishable food items (no glass or outdated items). Your donations may be placed in the baskets located at St. Francis or St. Romuald. These items will be donated to the Jonnycake Food Pantry in Peace Dale. Thank you for your generosity.



The 35th annual Good Friday Walk to “Feed the Hungry and Shelter the Homeless” will be held on March 30th, 2018. All proceeds from the four mile walk through Pawtucket and Central Falls will benefit the Dire Emergency fund at Project Hope/Proyecto Esperanza, Hospitality House Soup Kitchen, and Pawtucket Soup Kitchen. Walkers are to meet at St. John the Baptist, 69 Quincy Ave in Pawtucket at 9:00 a.m. for opening prayer. All participants are invited to a grilled cheese ‘n chowder lunch at the conclusion of the walk. For more information on how to participate or to sponsor a walker, contact Project Hope/Proyecto Esperanza at 728-0515. Sponsor sheets are available from the parish office.