

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



## Mass Intentions

The  
Season  
of  
Lent



### 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*

### Monday, March 19

7:00am Special Intention

### Tuesday, March 20

7:00am †Jean Krul  
*Requested by Barbara*

### Wednesday, March 21

7:00am Special Intention

### Thursday, March 22

7:00am Mass for the People

### Friday, March 23

7:00am †Rev. James E. Greenan  
*9<sup>th</sup> Pastor—66<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

### Saturday, March 24

4:30 †Reinaldo "Ray" Flores  
*Requested by Family*

### Sunday, March 25

8:00am †Ned Carney  
*Requested by Jeff & Kathleen Carney*  
10:00am †Alfred & Antoinette Scopa  
12:00nn †Jean Boisse  
(birthday remembrance)  
*Requested by Family*



## St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

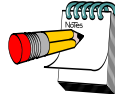
### Sunday, March 18

10:00am †Deceased Members of the  
Monaghan & Thayer Families

*Requested by David & Barbara Monaghan*

### Sunday, March 25

10:00am †Marguerite Sprague  
*Requested by her parents,  
Al & Mary Vitiello*



## For Your Information

### SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of John MacLane.



## Holy Week

### HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 29

7:00pm *Mass of the Lord's Supper*  
(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will continue until 11:00pm in  
Helen Bouchard Hall & at St. Romuald Chapel from 9-11pm)

### GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 30

3:00pm *Stations of the Cross*  
7:00pm *Celebration of the Lord's Passion*

### HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 31

*No 4:30pm Mass*  
Confessions from 3:00-4:00pm  
7:30pm *Solemn Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection*

### EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 1

8:00am, 10:00am and 12:00NN  
St. Francis Church  
10:00am  
St. Romuald Chapel

## 2018 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL "Faith and Good Works"

### OUR GOAL FOR 2018 IS: \$115,000.00

Due to early transmittal we did not receive the update this week!

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

Total # of gifts: 170; % of Goal—39.45%;  
% of Participation—8.09%

I would like to express my gratitude to those of you who have made a gift to the 2018 Catholic Charity Appeal. If you have not already contributed, please make your pledge today. **Every little bit helps!**

## PARISH SUPPORT

### Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (211)	-	\$5,649.50
Loose Donations	-	\$1,097.00
Online Giving (# of donors—63)	-	\$2,159.00
<b>Total Budget</b>	-	<b>\$8,905.50</b>

### Second Collection (Ongoing Maintenance)

Budget envelopes used (138)	-	\$1,672.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 413.50
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>\$2,085.50</b>

There is no second collection this week. The second collection next week is for Catholic Relief Services/Operation Rice Bowl.

**As always, thank you for your continued generosity.**

MARCH 18, 2018



RELIGIOUS  
EDUCATION  
CLASSES

*From the Pastor,*

Two requests to all our parishioners: First, please pray faithfully for your fellow parishioners whose names you received on the parish prayer card. *"Unless the Lord build the house, they labor in vain who build it."* Psalm 27:31. *"If you, wicked as you are, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him."* Luke 11:13. If you missed getting a prayer card, please let me know. As people are praying for you, so I'm sure you want to pray for them.

Second, please don't forget to contribute to Catholic Charities. It does so much good in our state. Some of the funds come back here because of the diocesan office downstairs in the church, which helps so many people in our area who are in need of help to pay their heating bills, etc. Remember the words of our Lord, *"Whatever you did for the least of my brothers and sisters, you did for me."* Matthew 25:40.

To change the subject: just a reminder to parents that we have to fast from all food for an hour before receiving communion. If you've brought snacks for younger children, please explain to your older ones that if they eat any of the food themselves during Mass, they may not go to communion. As the philosophers say, "Every choice involves a sacrifice."

Fr. Bodah



## Living Stations of the Cross

Please join the seventh grade religious education classes as they reverently reenact the Stations of the

Cross on Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in St. Francis Church.

**Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**

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

**9:00am** Final Parent Mtg for First Holy Communion in HBH. All children must be represented

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

**10:55-11:50am** GRADES 3-6 (FGC)  
GRADE 8 (FGC)

Join the children in grades 3-6 this morning for a special presentation of the stations called, Step Up Close to Jesus at 11:00 in FGC

**Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>**

**4:15-5:15pm** GRADES 3-6 Join us this afternoon at 4:15 in FGC for the second presentation of Step Up Close to Jesus

**Saturday March 24<sup>th</sup>**

Banner Making Workshop for First Communion families 10:00-11:30 in Helen Bouchard Hall. Bring your supplies and a refreshment to share.

**Hippity, Hoppity, Easter's  
on its way...**

**our 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Easter Egg  
Hunt is Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**

**10:00 at Fr. Greenan Hall**

**Come rain or shine!**

**Toddlers to Second Graders welcome!**

**Donations of CANDY are needed and are gratefully accepted. Collection box located at the entrance to the church and chapel. Thank you!**



**Wednesday, March  
21<sup>st</sup> 4-8:15pm (HBH)  
Middle School  
Retreat Grades 7 & 8**

If you haven't submitted your permission slip/\$25 fee please bring it with you. 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.

**Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> 4-5pm (Church) Grade 7  
Living Stations practice  
(Narrators, Jesus, Mary & Soldiers only)**

**Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> 4-6pm (Church) Grade 7  
Living Stations practice**

## This Week

### Monday, March 19

7:30am Adoration (SF)

7:00pm Pastoral Council Meeting (MCCR)

### Tuesday, March 20

5:00pm Respect Life Meeting (FGC)

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (SF)

7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

### Thursday, March 22

7:00pm RCIA (MCCR-at rectory)

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (↓FGC-Foyer)

### Friday, March 23

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 believers 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.**

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](http://40daysforlife.com/providence)) to pray at Planned Parenthood for 1 hour during this time period up until Palm Sunday.

Rosary for Life at the Rhode Island State House, Thursday, March 22 at 3:00 p.m. Please join us on Thursday, March 22nd at 3:00 PM for the annual "Rosary for Life" at the RI State House. Hear from local pro-life advocates and then join priests from around the Diocese who will lead us in the Joyful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary as we pray for an end to abortion.



## 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 35<sup>th</sup> annual Good Friday Walk to "Feed the Hungry and Shelter the Homeless" will be held on March 30<sup>th</sup>, 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.