

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



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

Monday, March 26

7:00am Mass for the People

Tuesday, March 27

7:00am Special Intention

Wednesday, March 28

7:00am †Jeannette DeLuca

Requested by Family



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

7:30pm Solemn Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 1

8:00am †For the Members of the Perpetual Mass Association

10:00am †Patrick Sullivan Dufficy
Requested by Mom & Dad

12:00nn †Lloyd Eden

Requested by Mark & Diane Castro



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 25

10:00am †Marguerite Sprague

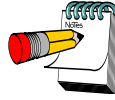
Requested by her parents,

Al & Mary Vitiello

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 1

10:00am †David Tyrell

Requested by Family



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Gloria & Edward Carney.

Dr. Scott Hahn coming to McVinney Auditorium. Dr. Scott Hahn will be at McVinney Auditorium, 43 Dave Gavitt Way, Providence, on Saturday, April 7 beginning at 9:00 am for a morning discussing the importance of our Catholic faith, topics include "The First Society: The Miracle of Mercy in Marriage" and "The Fourth Cup: The Miracle of Mercy in the Eucharist." Register at www.mcvinneyauditorium.com – please know that this event is anticipated to be a sellout. Sponsored by the St. Paul Center and hosted by the Diocese of Providence's Office of Faith Formation and McVinney Auditorium.

PBS star Ethan Bortnick in concert at McVinney. 16-year-old international music sensation, singer, songwriter, pianist, composer, actor, philanthropist and PBS star, Ethan Bortnick, will be live in concert at McVinney Auditorium, 43 Dave Gavitt Way, Providence, for just one night, Saturday, April 28th at 7:00pm, with his newest PBS special, "Generations of Music!" Special guest Assia Ahhatt, classically-trained violinist & Eastern European star. Tickets at www.mcvinneyauditorium.com.

Narragansett Bay Symphony Community Orchestra's Spring Concert. Come to McVinney to enjoy an afternoon of beautiful music from the Narragansett Bay Symphony Community Orchestra, featuring Shostakovich: Violin Concerto no. 1 (Katherine Winterstein, violin) and Schumann: Symphony no. 2 on Sunday, June 10 beginning at 1:00pm, 43 Dave Gavitt Way, Providence. Tickets at www.mcvinneyauditorium.com.

2018 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL

"Faith and Good Works"

OUR GOAL FOR 2018 IS: \$115,000.00

As of 3-16-18 the amount raised is: \$57,305.00

Total # of gifts: 218; % of Goal—49.83%;

% of Participation—10.43%

If you have never needed to use one of the countless services provided by the Catholic Charity Appeal, consider yourself fortunate! Each year thousands of people in need utilize services provided by the Catholic Charity Appeal.. **Every little bit helps!**

PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (225)	-	March 18 \$6,564.00
Loose Donations	-	\$1,383.50
Online Giving (# of donors—63)	-	\$2,054.00
Total Budget	-	\$10,001.50

The second collection this week is for Catholic Relief Services/ Operation Rice Bowl. Next week's second collection is the Easter Collection for the Diocese.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

MARCH 25, 2018

From the Pastor,

As you all know, we've begun a great prayer crusade to awaken our sense of God's presence in our lives and to give us the courage to bear witness to Christ, especially to our fellow Catholics, but even to people who do not share our faith. As of this writing there are only 7 prayer cards left, and I hope that by the time you read this, they have all been taken. Please continue to pray every day for the families whose names you received; I know it will bear much fruit in our lives as well as in theirs.

This week we're happy to welcome back to Wakefield Fr. Nathan Ricci, who was here for the summer and is now home again from Rome for a short break before he returns to complete his studies in Canon Law. He'll be here this week and next and has generously agreed to help with Masses while he's home. It's a blessing to have him back among us again.

This weekend we begin the celebration of Holy Week with the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem and climaxing with the Last Supper, the Agony in the Garden and betrayal, his Passion, Death, Burial and Resurrection. Please make plans to attend at least some of the services this week as they are the central celebrations of the whole year. Although there will be no baptisms at this year's Easter Vigil, it a great renewal of baptism for all of us and the solemn commemoration of our Lord's Passover through death to the glory of resurrection. This is our destiny too, if only we remain faithful to his example of obedience to the will of the Father.

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 28th at 7pm in St. Francis Church



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Sunday, March 25th

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, March 28th

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

6:30pm Grade 7 meet in the lower level of the church

7:00pm Grade 8 meet in Church for the Living Stations

Msgr. Clarke 8th grade students

If you are currently an 8th grade student at Msgr. Clarke School, please contact the religious education office at 792-8684 or by emailing castro_stfrancis@verizon.net to register for our Confirmation program.



Staubenville East Youth Conference attendees & parents

A meeting will be held on *Sunday, April 8th from 6-7pm in Fr. Greenan Center* for all teens (and their parents) who will be attending the 2018 Staubenville East Youth Conference this summer. Fund raising plans and general conference information will be discussed. It is important that you attend.

Hippitty, Hoppitty, Easter's on its way...

our 19th Annual Easter Egg Hunt is this Saturday, March 31st

10:00 at Fr. Greenan Hall

Come rain or shine or Snow!

Toddlers to Second Graders welcome! An Easter bag will be given to each child to collect eggs. Donations of CANDY are needed and are gratefully accepted. Collection box located at the entrance to the church and chapel. Thank you!



This Week

Monday, March 26

7:30am Adoration (SF)

Tuesday, March 27

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (SF)

7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

Thursday, March 29

9:00am Staff Meeting—office closed during this time

Friday, March 30

GOOD FRIDAY—OFFICE CLOSED

Monday, April 2

OFFICE CLOSED—NO ADORATION



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 :

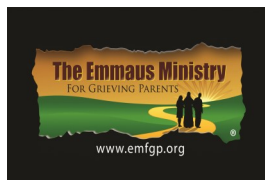
1. **Complete the Facts Form from the Catholic School Office. (No applications will be considered if the Facts Form has not been completed)**
2. **You must be registered parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi Parish & contributing members for at least a one year period.**
3. **Attend Mass regularly.**
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.**

St. John Vianney Church

Serving the Spiritual Needs of Grieving Parents

A ministry for parents whose children of any age have died by any cause no matter how long ago. Losing a child under any circumstance is horrific. Focusing on the spirituality of the grieving process can help tremendously. Please join us. All are welcome.



**Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents
At St. John Vianney Church, Cumberland, RI
One-Day Spiritual Retreat
April 28, 2018
9:30 am-7:30 pm**

Pre-Registration by April 21 is requested.

To register, visit www.emfgp.org
or contact Denise, Nicholas' Mother, at
sjvdenise@gmail.com or (401) 480-3330.

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.

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.



ST. FRANCIS CEMETERY

Summer hours for the cemetery begin on May 1 with hours being 8am to 7pm. At this time we would ask that all winter decorations be removed prior to Easter Sunday, April 1. If you are interested in purchasing a plot or have any questions or concerns please contact the Cemetery Manager, Carol McDole at 782-2711.

