

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



### Mass Intentions



#### Saturday, March 3

4:30 †Lynn Holland

*Requested by Ed & Kathleen Puchalla*

#### Sunday, March 4

8:00am †Dr. Domenic Coppolino

*Requested by The Sciola Family*

10:00am †Neal Fiorio

*Requested by Family*

12:00nn †Lou Albergaria

*Requested by The Shaw Family*

#### Monday, March 5

7:00am †Joseph Boragine

*Requested by Family*

#### Tuesday, March 6

7:00am †Lorraine McNally

(birthday remembrance)

*Requested by Susan & Jim Meehan*

#### Wednesday, March 7

7:00am Special Intention

#### Thursday, March 8

7:00am †Richard Porter

*Requested by Susan & Jim Meehan*

#### Friday, March 9

7:00am †Gloria Carney

*Requested by Jeff & Kathleen Carney*

#### 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



### St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

#### Sunday, March 4

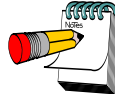
10:00am †Linda Guernon

*Requested by Family*

#### Sunday, March 11

10:00am †Lorraine McNally

*Requested by Rita Chace*



## For Your Information



## Lenten Parish Mission

### PARISH LENTEN MISSION: ANCIENT PRACTICES FOR A MODERN WORLD BEGINNING THIS WEEKEND

**Father Stephen Battey** presents our 2018 Lenten Mission titled,  
**ANCIENT PRACTICES FOR A MODERN WORLD**

• **Saturday-Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>**—Fr. Battey is preaching at all weekend liturgies at St. Francis Church.

• **Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup>—7pm: Pray Without Ceasing:** Every year, people in our world work more, have additional obligations placed on them, and are bombarded by more noise. This evening the homily will explore the ways in which we can pray in & through our daily activities. By turning to God simply but frequently throughout the day, we can ensure that our relationship with God continues to grow regardless of the demands of school, work, or the daily rigors of life.

• **Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>—7pm: Fasting: More than the Catholic Diet:** For our second night, we will explore the true purpose of fasting using resources from the ancient Church. How do we flee to the desert with our Lord in an age of super abundance? (**Confessions heard 6-6:45pm**)

• **Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>—7pm: Giving everything to Christ...Prudently:** We've all experienced it, we give alms to someone in need only to discover they are a scam artist. How do we continue the work of giving to others as if to Christ Himself when so many are determined to take advantage of our generosity? Our final night will focus on giving in a spiritual but responsible way. (**Confessions heard 6-6:45**)

## PARISH SUPPORT

### Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (222)	-	<b>February 25</b> \$6,160.00
Loose Donations	-	\$1,161.00
Online Giving (# of donors—56)	-	\$1,509.00
<b>Total Budget</b>	-	<b>\$8,830.00</b>

The second collection this week is the Monthly Collection. Next week's second collection is for Ongoing Maintenance.

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

## From the Pastor,

There are innumerable ways of praying. The Baltimore Catechism used the definition of St. John of Damascus: "Prayer is a lifting up of the mind and heart to God." Prayer is also always a *response* to the activity of the Holy Spirit within us: God always takes the initiative.

One of the motives of prayer is *intercession*, that is, prayer for the needs of others. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says: "Christian intercession participates in Christ's, as an expression of the communion of saints. In intercession, those who pray look 'not only to their own interests, but also to the interests of others,' even to the point of praying for those who do them harm."

If we are to pray even for our enemies, how much more should we pray for our families, our friends and our fellow Christians? Priests and many religious are obliged by their state in life to pray the "Liturgy of the Hours" also known as the Divine Office or the Work of God or even the Breviary, for the Church, the world, for all the living and the dead. But all the members of the Church are privileged to join the prayer of Christ as he intercedes for us at the right hand of the Father.

In a few weeks, each of our Mass-goers will be asked to take a prayer card home and pray a parish prayer especially for the three families whose names will be on your card. I can't imagine that anyone could object to praying that God would bless our fellow parishioners and our whole parish community. The New Testament says, "The fervent prayer of a righteous person is very powerful." (James 5:16b)

Will you become a "Prayer Warrior" for the good of others? Others will be praying for you..

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. These two remaining discussions will be on **Thursday March 8, March 15 at 1:30pm** in Father Greenan Center.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

### Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>

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

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

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation for Grades 3&4 during class time FGC  
**GRADE 7(FGC)**

### Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup>

**7-8pm all Confirmation candidates - attend parish mission -Church**

### Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation for Grades 3-6 during class time FGC

**7:00-8:15pm GRADES 7&8**



## For our MARCH HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH NIGHT

All high school teens are encouraged to attend the first evening of our parish mission led by Fr. Stephen Battey on Monday March 5<sup>th</sup> at the main church from 7-8pm. Have you ever felt like you have too many obligations and not enough time? Fr. Battey will explore the ways in which we can pray in & through our daily activities. By turning to God simply but frequently throughout the day, we can ensure that our relationship with God continues to grow regardless of the demands of the daily rigors of life. **Confirmation candidates must attend.**

A Lenten Mission for high school youth with Catholic Apologist and chastity speaker, Matt Fradd, will take place on Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:30pm at Bishop McVinney Auditorium in Providence. The evening is free of charge. To acquire tickets visit [www.catholicyouthri.com/diocesan-events](http://www.catholicyouthri.com/diocesan-events)

### FAITH FORMATION CONVOCATION

*You are invited to attend the:*

**51<sup>st</sup> Annual Diocesan**

**Faith Formation Convocation**

Saturday, March 17, 2018 from 8:30am-5:00pm at Bryant University

**To purchase tickets, for more information and for a list of speakers visit:**

**[www.DiscoverCatholicFaith.org/convocation](http://www.DiscoverCatholicFaith.org/convocation)**

## This Week

### Monday, March 5

7:30am Adoration (SF)

### Tuesday, March 6

6:00pm Social Outreach Committee Meeting (FGC)

7:00pm **NO CHOIR REHEARSAL**

7:00pm **NO BIBLE STUDY**

### Thursday, March 8

1:30pm Ponder with Padre (FGC)

7:00pm RCIA (MCCR-at rectory)

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (↓FGC-Foyer)

### Friday, March 9

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

7:00pm Parenting Group (Library)

7:00pm Stations of the Cross (HBH)



## 2018 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL

*"Faith and Good Works"*

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

**As of 2-23-18 the amount raised is: \$37,595.00**

**Total # of gifts: 141; % of Goal—32.69%;**

**% of Participation—6.63%**

Have you given prayerful consideration to your gift for the 2018 Catholic Charity Appeal? We need each of you to help us be a "Hands of Christ" in supporting the people and the work of the Diocese of Providence. **Please don't forget to turn in your pledge. Every little bit helps!**

## THE HOSPITALITY GROUP

The Hospitality Group is a loosely organized group of parishioners who have hosted and baked for Parish receptions over the past few years. The purpose of this group is to be of service to our Pastor and to extend the hospitality of St. Francis Parish by organizing and hosting receptions, coffees and social hours as needed. We hope also to extend this hospitality to grieving families who hold funeral collations in our hall.

It has become evident that we need to grow as a group. If you love to bake, make soup or sandwiches and if you would like to host and welcome others to our Parish—we need you! Please call the parish office at 783-4411 to volunteer. Thank you!



**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.

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

# REVEALED

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1 John 4:9  
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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.

## REMINDER!!!!

**Don't forget to set your clocks ahead next weekend at 2am on Sunday March 11. We don't want you to be miss Mass!**



**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.*

