

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 13

4:30pm Robert Wilson

Requested by Concetta Wilson

Sunday, February 14

8:00am Thu and Chi Thi Anna Tran
and Thanh John Ha—*Req. by family*

10:00am Tara Higgins

Requested by Higgins family

12:00pm John “Jackie” Fallon

Requested by mother

Monday, February 15

7am Mary McGuire

Requested by friends

Tuesday, February 16

7:00am Monica Gunter

Wednesday, February 17

7:00am Gianfranco Luongo

Requested by DaSilva family

Thursday, February 18

7:00am Eliza Giallongo

Friday, February 19

7:00am Joseph DeLuca

Requested by family

Saturday, February 20

4:30pm Howard and Dana Fanning

Requested by Yvonne Fanning

Sunday, February 21

8:00am Mass for the People

10:00am Dr. Andrew J. Dowd

*Req. by Ellen Donnelly &
daughter Laura*

12:00pm Joann Brewer

Req. by Carla and Sean O'Donnell



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 14

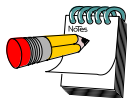
10:00am Anita Simmons

Requested by family

Sunday, February 21

10:00am Francis Crowley

Requested by “the dog crew”



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of James Flynn.



LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

We are returning the Lenten soup suppers to our schedule for 2016. On each of the six Fridays of Lent from 5:30-6:45pm, a simple meatless meal of homemade soup, bread, and water will be prepared and offered to all. There is no charge for this Lenten supper but a basket will be available to receive free will donations. These donations will be given to the diocesan satellite office for distribution to needy families in our area.

So come and join us for soup on Fridays in Father Greenan Center! It is a wonderful lead in to Stations at 7pm. This Friday's soup will be prepared and served by the Divine Mercy Cenacle group.

LENTEN CALENDAR

You will find our 2016 Lenten Calendar at all the church and chapel entrances. Please keep the calendar on hand throughout the season to keep track of what's going on in the parish.

2016 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL

“Faith and Good Works”

Have you given prayerful consideration to your gift for the 2016 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 20/21 and February 27/28. 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 a difference in the lives of so many individuals.

PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly Support

		<u>February 7th</u>
Budget envelopes used (247)	-	\$ 7,571.50
Loose Donations	-	\$ 1,323.00
Online Giving (# of donors – 64)	-	<u>\$2,120.00</u>
Total Budget	-	\$11,015.00

Monthly Offering

Envelopes used (152)	-	\$ 1,935.00
Other donations	-	<u>\$ 646.00</u>
Total Monthly	-	\$2,581.00

Next weekend's second offering will be the Ongoing Maintenance fund offering. **As always, thank you for your generosity.**

From the Pastor

Lent is now in full swing and doubtless each one of us has come up with a personal program of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving in addition to the rather minimal requirements of the Church: fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and abstention from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

One thing I could recommend is an attentive spirit toward the words of Sacred Scripture. "When we pray, we speak to God; when we listen to Scripture, God speaks to us." All prayer, in fact faith itself, is always a response to God's voice of invitation. All good deeds are inspired by his Spirit; all repentance comes at his call. Nowadays, and for the first time in many, many centuries we have the blessing of being able to hear the Mass readings in our own language. God is speaking to us through the medium of these words from the past. It does take some work to discern the word of God in these human words, but one of the simple things we can do is get to church in time to relax a bit before Mass and prepare our hearts to listen. Yes, the law says that as long as we're there by the beginning of the gospel and stay till communion, we can say we've been to Mass. But to take that as a norm would be pretty loveless, wouldn't it? Love wants to do the most it can, not the least.

We are also beginning our Lenten mission this weekend. We pray for Fr. David Gunter and Br. John Luthe that their efforts here may bear much fruit. So we hope to see you Sunday through Wednesday at 7pm in the parish church.

Fr. Bodah



Are you looking for a great family activity during the school vacation week? Or maybe you are a little stir crazy this winter? If you have answered yes to these questions or better yet just would like to support our parish youth ministry fundraiser, we invite you to join our parish family at the **URI vs Duquesne Men's basketball game on Saturday, February 20th at 7pm**. Tickets are \$20/person with great family rates; family of 4 for \$75 (a savings of \$29) or \$90 for a family of 5 (a savings of \$40). You can reserve your tickets by completing registration forms by February 16th which are available on our parish website and at the parish and religious education offices. If you have any questions call the religious education office at 792-8684.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- No Sunday or Wednesday Classes-February Vacation.
- No Children's Liturgy of the Word today.
- Rel Ed Office is closed this week.

CLASSES RESUME ON FEBRUARY 21ST.



This Week

Sunday, February 14

11:00am Choir Rehearsal (SR)

1:30pm Perspectives' Valentine's Dance (FGC)

7:00pm Parish Mission—Introduction

Monday, February 15

President's Day observed

No Adoration (SF)

7:00pm Parish Mission-Catechesis

Tuesday, February 16

7:00pm Parish Mission-What has heaven been saying?

Wednesday, February 17

7:00pm Closing of Parish Mission with Adoration and Benediction

Thursday, February 18

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (JFGC)

Friday, February 12

10:45am Pastoral visit to Peace Dale House

5:30pm Lenten Soup Meal (FGC)

7:00pm Stations of the Cross (SF)

RIGHT TO LIFE SERVICES THANKS YOU!

Dear Father Bodah & parishioners,

Thank you for your very generous donation of baby clothing and supplies. The items that we received have helped us replenish our "maternity hope chest." Your kindness is very much appreciated.

God bless St. Francis parish.

For Life,

(signed) Peg Lavallee



STEUBENVILLE EAST YOUTH CONFERENCE

We have registered for 25 spots for teenagers who are current 8-12th grade students for the 2016 Steubenville East Youth Conference to be held on July 15-17 at the University of Massachusetts, Lowell. 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/>

FAITH FORMATION CONVOCATION

All are invited to attend the 49th Annual Diocesan Faith Formation Convocation

SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2016

Safeguarding the Dignity
of Every Human Person

A day of learning and fellowship for all Catechists, Youth Ministers, Marriage Preparation Teams, Evangelization Teams and any adult who wishes to enrich their spiritual journey and love for the Catholic Faith.

A full listing of prayer and enrichment workshops will be offered. For more information and to register go to:

www.discovercatholicfaith.org/convocation/

Those catechists choosing to attend will be carpooling from St. Francis, leaving at 7:30am. If you are interested in joining us call the Rel. Ed. Office at 792-8684.

"And some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit ... thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold." ~ Mark 4:8

The Evangelization Committee invites all parishioners to take part in their Catholics Anonymous mission by spreading a few seeds of the Word during Lent. Please take one or more of the mini-flyers from the baskets at the doors and leave them for others to find wherever the Spirit might move you: tucked in a library book, on a store shelf or a bulletin board. Wherever! Who knows what fruits they might yield!



OUR YOUTHS ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

Over the past two months our high school Youth Nights have been focused on how we are called as Catholics to serve others. In December, 40 teens prepared Christmas cookies for home bound parishioners and families serviced by our giving tree and in January, they helped at St. Patrick's soup kitchen, McCauley House's Wardrobe consignment shop and make several dinners for the guests at the Welcome House. Our teens are able to experience firsthand how Christian stewardship calls us to share what we have with others generously as members of one community.



"Whatever you did for one these least brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."
~ Matthew 25:40