

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 31

4:30pm Denis Byrne

Requested by DiMillio family

Sunday, February 1

8:00am Ethel Gray

Requested by friends

10:00am Lucy and V. Paul Winter

Requested by family

12:00NN John McLoughlin

Requested by family

Monday, February 2

7:00am Rosemary Flaherty

Requested by Pat Staudinger

Tuesday, February 3

7:00am Fern Ottomano

Requested by Jim and Susan Meehan

Wednesday, February 4

7:00am Dr. Leonard Staudinger

Requested by family

Thursday, February 5

7:00am Mass for the People

Friday, February 6

7:00am Rita & Tom O'Rourke and

Warren Behie—*Req. by family*

Saturday, February 7

4:30pm Mary McGuire

Sunday, February 8

8:00am James Posillo

Requested by family

10:00am Tara M. Higgins

Requested by family

12:00nn Domenic Capalbo, Sr.

Requested by family



St. Romuald Chapel

Sunday, February 1

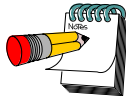
10:00am John and Grace Carpinelli

Requested by family

Sunday, February 8

10:00am Richard Page

Requested by Maggie Cote



For Your Information

PARISH SUPPORT

Parish support for January 25th was Budget—\$8,415.50; Church in Latin America—\$2,171. This weekend's second offering is the monthly offering. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

SANCTUARY LAMPS

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Edna and Carl Otto. The sanctuary lamp at St. Romuald Chapel burns in memory of Tony DeSalvo.

CONFIRMATION TWO CANDIDATES

Your service project reflections are due at our next class on **Monday, February 9th**. Details on what's required in your reflection can be found in your Confirmation program or on our parish website under the Religious Education/Confirmation menu.

MOUNT 2000 RETREAT ATTENDEES

We will be meeting in the church parking lot at 9:15am on Friday, February 6th to leave for Emmitsburg, MD.

Family Liturgy: The Strength of Christ's Love



Please join us next Sunday, February 8th, at the 10AM Mass in Saint Francis for our monthly Family Liturgy. As we look ahead to Valentine's Day, we will reflect on the strength of Christ's love and the Christian origins of the day on which we celebrate our love for one another. There might be more to Valentine's Day than boxed chocolates and flowers!

OCCASIONAL RESPITE HELP SOUGHT

One of our parish families seeks an individual or family willing to provide occasional respite services for a friendly, high functioning developmentally disabled adult woman. If interested, please call 782-0330 for more information.

TO LOVE AND TO CHERISH PROGRAM

The Office of Life and Family is pleased to announce the To Love and To Cherish program for married Catholics. The program is free and provides topics/discussions designed to enrich and strengthen marriage in a sharing group environment. It will be offered Wednesdays, February 25 through March 25, 7 -8:30 p.m. at Saint Catherine Church, upper back entrance, 3252 Post Rd., Warwick. For information, contact: Peter Magnotta at 421-7833, ext. 217. (Please note, this program is not for marriage counseling.)

From the Pastor

First a couple of reminders: 1) if you've been volunteering in service to the parish and did not get an invitation to the upcoming appreciation dinner, please let us know as soon as possible: we don't want to leave anyone out; 2) if you got an invitation, please don't forget to let us know if you plan to join us for the event. Again, many thanks to all who serve in the parish and to all who coordinate the appreciation dinner.

I'm writing this the day after the snowstorm. The cleanup proceeds apace and was certainly made easier by the cooperation of the public. I'm encouraged by this exercise in democracy: people freely chose to cooperate with our public servants and officials and stayed home, making it easier for all to enjoy the benefits of cleared roadways that much sooner. A similar thing happened in Boston after the marathon bombing: people were asked by the police to stay indoors to make the apprehension of the suspects easier, and they chose to cooperate. To me, this is a good example of how it should work: people freely choosing to do what is best for the common good.

There is another way to do it as exemplified by the man who was arrested after going down route 95 at 80 mph during the height of the blizzard. He is apparently among those who don't let anyone tell them what to do. The fact that he was wanted on an outstanding warrant makes one wonder about his common sense. In any case, democracy works best when the "demos" the "people" are informed and mature in our judgments.

Fr. Bodah

Catholic School Assistance

Parents,

Now is the time to turn in tuition assistance applications for the 2015-2016 school year. If you have not yet received your forms from the school, please call 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, I am 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 are:

1. Registered members of St. Francis of Assisi Parish;
2. Contributing members for at least a one year period;
3. Attend church and are actively involved;
4. All applications are turned in to the parish office, whether your child has been accepted yet or not, by March 30.

So, assistance is based on the assumption that there is a *need*, and that the family would not be able to afford sending a child without it. Also, as mandated by the Diocese, the parish only assists students in Kindergarten through Grade 8.

If you haven't already done so, please get your tuition applications into the parish office so that we can begin to look at our budget for F/Y 15-16.

Thank you.

Fr. Bodah



Religious Education

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CLASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 1st

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

10am Catechist Mtg (FGC) Gr. 1&2
9:50-10:50am Kindergarten (HBH)

10:50-11:50am GRADES 3-5 (FGC)
GRADE 6 (HBH)
GRADE 8 (HBH)

12:00 Catechist Mtg (FGC) Gr. 3-6

Monday, February 2nd

7-8:30PM Confirmation I (FGC)

Wednesday, February 4th

4-5pm GRADES 3-6 (FGC)

5pm Wed. Catechist Mtg

7-8:15 CLASSES GR. 7 & 8 (FGC)



This Week

Sunday, February 1

Rel. Ed. Class Schedule—see above

1:00pm Baptisms (SFC)

5:30pm Praise rehearsal (FGC)

7:00pm AA (HBH)

Monday, February 2

7:30-12:00nn Adoration (SF)

10:45am Pastoral Visit to PD House

11:05am Pastoral Visit to Indian Run

7-8:30pm Conf. I Class—(FGC)

Tuesday, February 3

6:00pm Social Outreach Mtg. (FGC)

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (loft)

7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

Wednesday, February 4

4-5pm Classes Gr. 3-6 (FGC)

7-8:15pm Grade 7/8 Class (FGC)

7-8:30pm RCIA meets (MCCR)

Thursday, February 5

8am-2pm Prout Grade 11 Retreat
(FGC, SFC)

2:00pm Mass at Scallop Shell N&R

6:30pm Prayer Shawl Mtg.

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (FGC-↓)

First Friday, February 6

4:30-5:30pm Eucharistic Holy Hour

7:00pm Parenting Group Mtg. (FGC)

**"Called Together From All Over The World
In Faithful Celebration Of The Family!"**



Attend The 2015
World Meeting of Families
With The Diocese of Providence

Option 1: September 21 – 27
(Conference Included)

Option 2: September 24 – 27



For More Information &
To Register

Contact:
Keith & Lisa Kline

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Love Is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive

The World Meeting of Families, which began in 1994, is a triennial, week-long global event, instituted by Pope St. John Paul II, that seeks to strengthen the sacred bonds of family across the globe and highlight its intrinsic value to the good of society. Join tens of thousands in Philadelphia and participate in a week of celebrating the family, with speakers and activities for people of all ages. Pope Francis himself will join in the weekend activities, which will include a public Festival of Families featuring music, dance and other family events. Highlighting the week of festivities will be a public Mass to be celebrated by Pope Francis himself on Sunday, September 27, 2015.

All are welcome to join us!!!!

Your Pilgrimage Includes: ♦ Coach Bussing From Rhode Island ♦ Boxed Lunch on Day of Departure ♦ 3 Night Hotel Stay ♦ Daily Breakfast ♦ Daily transportation to Philadelphia sites ♦ Attendance to all Papal Events ♦ Optional Shrine Tours (at an additional cost) ♦ Return Coach Bussing

Your Hotel **CROWNE PLAZA**, Claymont, Delaware: An ideal location approximately 18 miles from downtown Philadelphia. This hotel offers a multitude of amenities and services that includes a restaurant, free Wi-Fi Internet access, flat screen TVs, mini refrigerators and microwaves, a business center, coin laundry, fitness center, and an outdoor pool.

SEPTEMBER 21-27, 2015 OPTION:

Your Cost 1 Person: \$1720 / pp 2 People: \$1120 / pp 3 People: \$920 / pp 4 People: \$820 / pp Optional Shrine Tours: \$25 - \$60 / tour depending upon length and transportation needs Lunch and Dinner: Plan on spending between \$25 – 50 / day for lunch and dinner

SEPTEMBER 24-27, 2015 OPTON:

1 Person: \$830 / pp 2 People: \$500 / pp 3 People: \$400 / pp 4 People: \$340 / pp Optional Shrine Tours: \$25 - \$60 / tour depending upon length and transportation needs Lunch and Dinner: Plan on spending between \$25 – 50 / day for lunch and dinner.

25% NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT IS DUE BY 3.1.15
Please contact Keith and Lisa Kline at 401-349-0428 or leeleejack@aol.com to register with the Diocese.

KEEP THE HEAT ON

Bishop Tobin's 'Keep the Heat On' program is a fund setup that helps struggling families with heating assistance who have exhausted all other public and private means to keep their families warm during the Rhode Island winter. Since 2005, your generous support has provided more than \$1.5 million in assistance to more than 7,800 Rhode Island households in need.

If you would like to help local families this winter with a tax-deductible donation, or, if you know of someone in need of heating assistance, please visit www.heatRI.com or call 401/421-7833 for additional information.

RHODE ISLAND FAMILIES FOR SCHOOL CHOICE

"Do you believe that parents should always have the right to choose what is best for their children? Rhode Island Families for School Choice does. We believe that parents should be empowered to select the best educational environment that meets the needs of their family. If you agree, let your voice be heard. Call your senators and representatives and request their support. For more information, Visit **"E-D-CHOICE R-I DOT ORG."** Think Yellow for School Choice!

FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR



February 6th

4 from

4:30-5:30PM

at St. Francis Church

"Come to me, all you
who are weary and
carry heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."
~ Mt. 11:28

Today's Responsorial Psalm reminds us:
**"If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts."**
~ from Psalm 95