

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



Mass Intentions

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

Monday, February 22

7am

Tuesday, February 23

7:00am Thu Tran

Requested by family

Wednesday, February 24

7:00am Mass for the people

Thursday, February 25

7:00am James Flynn

Requested by Kathleen and Jeff

Friday, February 26

7:00am Barbara "Babs" Menihan

Requested by Jim and Susan Meehan

Saturday, February 27

4:30pm Regina McCourt

Requested by Jean McGair

Sunday, February 28

8:00am Trudy Piersant

Requested by her children

10:00am Neal Fiorio

Requested by family

12:00pm Domenic Coppolino

Requested by family



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 21

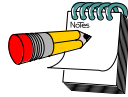
10:00am Francis Crowley

Requested by "the dog crew"

Sunday, February 28

10:00am John Estes

Requested by family



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Thu and Chi Thi Anna Tran and Thanh John Ha.



LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

On each Friday 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 on February 26th in Helen Bouchard Hall for soup prepared and served by the Social Outreach Committee.** All other Fridays the meal will be served in the parish center—Fr. Greenan Hall—but due to a scheduling conflict this week's soup supper will be downstairs in the church. It is a wonderful lead in to Stations at 7pm. We hope to see you there!



CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL

Supporting the work of the Church

"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 take place this weekend and next, 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

Budget envelopes used (192)	-	\$ 5,307.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 1,028.00
Online Giving (# of donors – 58)	-	\$ 1,440.50
Total Budget	-	\$7,775.50

February 14th

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

...on the Mercy of God

- ♦ We find, then, that even so very brief a prayer as *Kyrie, eleison* follows the general rule that praise and thanksgiving come first and the petition flows from these. Because you are our Lord, who passed victoriously through death to life, therefore we pray you: Have mercy on us and on the whole world. The petition means more than 'Help us!' It means: 'Take all of us with you on your journey through death to life.'"

If we interpret the *Kyrie, eleison* in this way, we can understand how one of the greatest spiritual men of the East, Nicholas Cabasilas, could say, back in the fourteenth century: "This prayer can express everything at once." Cabasilas meant that it is really enough simply to commend ourselves, our dear ones, and the whole world to the redeeming mercy of him who died and rose for us.

~ *Balthasar Fischer*

- ♦ The face of the Son of Man, in which we shall one day read our judgment, already mysteriously gazes at us from every human face, because all are his brothers and sisters: the pure face of the child, the care-worn faces of the poor, the tearstained faces of sinners, even the embittered faces of our so-called opponents and enemies. One day we shall have to "raise our heads" and look into the face of him who came as the Son of Man, for he is after all the God of eternity. And from his countenance all will look at us: all those around us through whom we were good or guilty.

~ *Carl Rahner*

- ♦ By contrition we are made clean; by compassion, ready; and by a genuine longing for God, worthy. It is by means of these three that souls can attain heaven, as I understand it. By these medicines it is necessary for every soul to be healed. Though healed, the soul's wounds are still seen by God, not as wounds but as honorable scars.

~ *Julian of Norwich, Fourteenth Century*

TO LOVE AND TO CHERISH

The Office of Life and Family is offering the *To Love and To Cherish* program for married Catholics. This free program provides topics/discussions designed to enrich and strengthen marriage in a sharing group environment. It will be offered Mondays, February 22 through March 21, 7-8:30 p.m. at Saint Joseph Church (Rectory), 854 Providence St., W. Warwick. For information, contact: Peter Magnotta at 421-7833, ext. 217. (Please note, this program is not for marriage counseling.)



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday, February 21st

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

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

GRADE 8 (FGC)

Wednesday, February 24th

4:15-5:15pm GRADES 3-6 (FGC)

Join us for Step Up Close to Jesus- Stations of the Cross at Fr.

Greenan @4:15

7:00-8:15pm GRADES 7&8 (FGC)



Next Sunday, **February 28th** please join us for the second presentation of "Step Up Close to Jesus" a special presentation of the Stations of the Cross offered by children in grades 3-6. **First floor of Fr. Greenan Hall at 11:00.**



This Week

Sunday, February 21

Religious Classes see schedule above 10am Children's Liturgy of the Word

11:00am Choir Rehearsal (SR)

Monday, February 22

7:30am Adoration

7pm Pastoral Council Mtg. (MCCR)

Tuesday, February 23

6:30pm Adoration & Evening Prayer (SR)

7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (loft)

Wednesday, February 24

12:30pm Stations of the Cross (SR)

4:15pm Step Up Close to Jesus Stations (FGC)

Thursday, February 25

6:30pm Adoration & Evening Prayer (SR)

7:00pm Divine Mercy Cenacle (SR)

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

Friday, February 26

7:30am Rosary—Sorrowful Mysteries (SF)

5:30pm Lenten Soup Meal—SOC (HBH)

6-10pm Marriage Prep Class (FGC & church)

7:00pm Stations of the Cross (SF)

Saturday, February 27

8am-2:30pm Marriage Prep Class (FGC & church)



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.

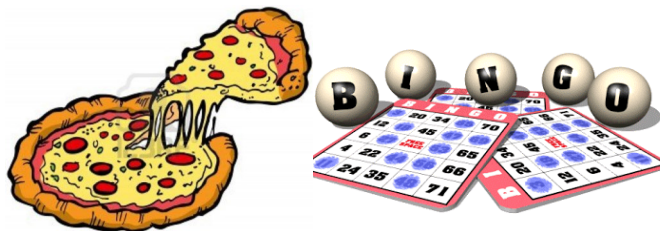
A full listing of prayer and enrichment workshops will be offered. For more information and to register go to:

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!



Pizza/Bingo Night

We will be hosting a Pizza/Bingo night on Friday, April 8 in Father Greenan Hall from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

Admission is \$10 per person and \$5 for children under 10. The fee pays for two bingo cards, two delicious DB's pizza slices, beverage, salad and dessert. Prizes will be awarded. The event is open to all. Donations for children's and adult prizes will be gratefully accepted until March 27.

Join us for a night of fun, fellowship and laughs. This will be fast-paced, enjoyable night for children, parents, relatives and friends. We hope to see you there.

Tickets will be available after all Masses, and at the rectory. For further details, please call Pam Lavallee at 401-783-2522.



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH NIGHT

Weather permitting; we will be tubing at Yawgoo on Sunday, February 28th from 4 -5pm. Tickets and the necessary waiver form can be ordered

from the Yawgoo tubing website. Contact Religious Education Office by phone (792-8684) or email (Castro_StFrancis@verizon.net) by Thursday, February 25th.

NET MINISTRY RETREAT PERMISSION SLIPS are due for the middle school retreat by Wednesday, February 24th and for the high school retreat by Monday, February 29th. Letters with the necessary paperwork were mailed on January 27th and February 10th respectively. If you did not receive one please contact the Religious Education Office (792-8684) as soon as possible.