

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 22

4:30pm Robert Wilson

Requested by Concetta

Sunday, February 23

8:00am John McLoughlin

Requested by Social Outreach Committee

10:00am Rita Cormier

Requested by parish family

12:00NN Neal Fiorio

Requested by family

Monday, February 24

7:00am Mass for the People

Tuesday, February 25

7:00am James Flynn

Requested by Kathleen and Jeff

Wednesday, February 26

7:00am Carol A. Meenan

Requested by Viola Card

Thursday, February 27

7:00am Domenic Coppolino

Requested by family

Friday, February 28

7:00am Dr. Leonard Staudinger

Requested by family

Saturday, March 1

4:30pm Mary McGuire

Requested by friends

Sunday, March 2

8:00am For the Intentions of
the Holy Father

10:00am For the Souls in Purgatory

12:00NN Mark Potter and

Corinne Bertrand

Requested by Barbara Potter



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 23

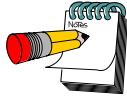
10:00am Sandy V. Arnone

Requested by John and Jane Estes

Sunday, March 2

10:00am Constance Andrews

Requested by Lisa Tabachini



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of James Flynn. The sanctuary lamp at St. Romuald Chapel burns in memory of Mary McGuire.

SPAGHETTI FUNDRAISING DINNER

Spaghetti Dinner, Friday, March 7th from 5:30-7:00 in Fr. Greenan Parish Center. The proceeds from the dinner and raffles will go directly to the family of Margaret Keegan. Margaret is in the 3rd grade in our Religious Ed. program and attends Matunuck School. Margaret suffered a stroke a few weeks ago and is now at Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital where she will be for 4-5 weeks. Tickets will be sold after Masses next Sunday, March 2nd. Cost: \$10.00-Adults; \$7.00-Children. Checks may be made out to: "Friends of Margaret Keegan"

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Lenten Campaign Rally & March of the Surviving Youth: In preparation for the Lenten '40 Days for Life' campaign, a rally and 'March of the Surviving Youth' will be held on Saturday, March 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 pm at Cathedral Hall (Lower level of the Cathedral SS. Peter and Paul), Fenner Street, Providence. All ages are invited - we encourage youth, young adults and adults to join together in solidarity for this event. After a procession to Planned Parenthood to pray the Rosary there will be a rally in the lower level of the cathedral. For more information, directions and to R.S.V.P. contact: Carol Owens at 421-7833 x 218.

FISH AND CHIPS DINNER

The Knights of Columbus will hold a Fish and Chips Dinner at the Council Hall, 1265 Tower Hill Road, North Kingstown, on Friday, March 7th, from 5:30 to 7:00. Fish Fried and Baked, Stuffies, French Fries, Cole Slaw, Coffee and Tea will be served. Cost-\$9.00; \$5.00-children 12 and under; children age 6 and under are free. Please bring in a non-perishable food donation.

PARISH SUPPORT— February 16, 2014

Weekly Support

	February 16
Budget envelopes used (161)	\$ 3,809.00
Loose Donations	\$ 757.00
Online Giving (# of donors)	\$ 882.00
Total Budget	\$ 5,448.00

Ongoing Maintenance

Budget Envelopes used (113)	\$ 1,198.50
Other donations	\$ 360.00
Total Ongoing Maintenance	\$ 1,558.50

Next weekend's second offering will be the Monthly Offering for March.

Thank you for your generosity.

FEBRUARY 23, 2014

From the Pastor...

As I am writing this column, we are expecting another "Alberta Clipper" snow storm to come through tomorrow! Hopefully it will fizzle out. This past weekend's storm caused us to cancel our Appreciation Night. We really do appreciate all our volunteers, but we are going to wait for better weather before we re-schedule an event.

Obviously, weekend storms are the worst for us. Last Saturday's storm was raging during the 4:30 PM Mass and continued well into the night. I am very grateful to Bob Kelly, our maintenance man, who worked with our plowing and snow removal team to do their best to make the church accessible. They tried to stay ahead of the snow on Saturday afternoon, but it was coming down very hard by 4:00 PM. They returned during the night to spend hours (from about 1:00 to 5:00 AM) clearing the lot, walks and steps around the church and rectory so that it would be clear for morning Masses and I believe they did a great job.

That being said, I was very annoyed to hear that someone who came to the 4:30 Mass complained vociferously to Father Joe that the front steps weren't properly shoveled. All I can say is that we do our best and at considerable expense to the parish. This winter, not counting last weekend's storm, we have spent \$7,500 for snow removal just for the church property (the chapel and cemetery are additional). We are genuinely concerned about the safety of everyone who comes here. However, it can't always be perfect. So, especially if it is still snowing and you are concerned about walks and steps, I suggest you stay home rather than endanger yourself. Better to be safe than sorry.

As I mentioned in last week's bulletin, the diocesan **Catholic Charity Appeal** is getting underway and will continue through the season of Lent. **Next weekend we will speak about the Appeal and we will do the in-pew solicitation.** There will be donation envelopes available and you will have the opportunity to make your pledge or one-time gift to the Appeal.

You may have heard the sad news that **Margy Keegan**, a 3rd grader at Matunuck Elementary School, who is in our religious education program was in a sledding accident recently. It turns out that she had suffered a stroke which affected the right side of her body and her speech. **She is presently recovering at a hospital in Boston** and her mother has not left her side. Some friends and parishioners are organizing a fundraiser to assist the family in this time of need. **There will be a Spaghetti Dinner/Raffle/Silent Auction on Friday, March 7 from 5:30 to 7:00 PM in Father Greenan Hall. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for children (12 & under) and will be available after Masses next weekend both at the church and the chapel. If you are unable to attend, donations will also be gratefully accepted.** Please join me in praying for Margy and her family. May the Lord bless her with a speedy and full recovery.

Msgr. Theroux



Religious Education

RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES

Sunday, February 23rd

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

9:50-10:50am Kindergarten (HBH)

10:50-11:50am GRADES 3-5 (FGC)
GRADE 6 (HBH)
GRADE 7 (FGC)

Monday, February 24th

7-8:30pm Confirmation II (FGC)

Wednesday, February 26th

4:00-5:00pm GRADES 3-6 (FGC)

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



This Week

Sunday, February 23

12:00nn Mass of Petition

7:00pm AA (HBH)

Monday, February 24

7:30-12Noon—Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament (SFC)

7:00pm Confirmation II Class (FGC)

Tuesday, February 25

7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (loft)

Wednesday, February 26

4:00-5:00pm GRADES 3-6 (FGC)

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

Thursday, February 27

2:00pm Mass at Brightview Commons

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

Saturday, March 1

10-11:00am Fra Angelico Rose Painting Workshop (HBH)



Keep checking the parish CD rack. We've just placed a new order for Lent and look forward to its arrival.

We continue to ask for a small donation of \$3 per CD to offset the cost to the parish. Just place your donation in the slot at the top right of the rack.

Thank you for helping us provide you with quality Catholic CDs.



Rhode Island's center for volunteerism and service

Elderly & Disabled Residents Need Help After Three Snow Storms in a Week

New Volunteers Needed to Relieve Exhausted Teams

Many elderly and disabled residents need help after this third snow storm in less than a week. Since the first snow storm of the year, we have deployed 77 volunteers who have completed 240 snow removal requests, assisting 162 elderly and disabled residents of Rhode Island. A good number were helped 2 or 3 times over these four storms. Many volunteers completed 4 or 5 snow shoveling assignments.

Our volunteers are tired and often available only weekends or evenings. **We need a relief team of new volunteers** to help this week.

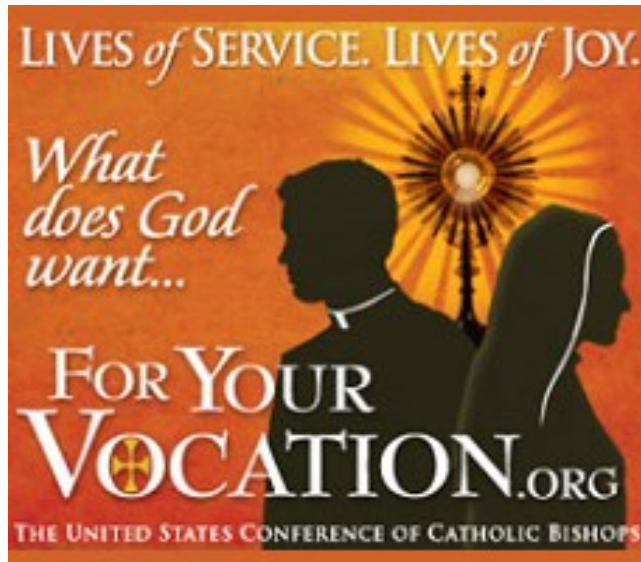
Perhaps there are some high school youth who could lend a hand.

Thank you,
Bernie Beaudreau
Serve Rhode Island
(401) 529-6742

MEN'S MOVIE NIGHT



We will be having a **Men's Movie Night** on Thursday, March 6. Our feature film will be **Courageous**, an action packed drama - a must-see movie for all men. This free event will be held in Fr. Greenan Hall and starts at 6PM with pizza, snacks and refreshments. You will not want to miss this exciting movie so mark your calendars!



What does God want?

Are you being called to the priesthood or religious life?

Please contact Fr. Carl B. Fisette, Vocations Director cfisette@catholicpriest.com about a possible call to the priesthood or call Sr. Jacqueline Dickey, S.S.Ch., Director 278-4633; jdickey@dioceseofprovidence.org about a vocation to religious life.

**FOOD/COMMODITY
FOR THE MONTHS**
of February and March
are: cereal, soup and
paper products.

As always thank you for
your continued
generosity to those in
need.



Online Giving

***We now offer a secure and convenient way
for you to contribute to St. Francis Parish!***

Online donations may be made at any time from the privacy and comfort of your own home or any place with internet access. Online donations are credited to your tax statement for the end of the year (except when made anonymously), and each user can change his or her preferences or desired donation amounts at any time!

Visit our website for more information
on how to get started:

www.stfranciswakefield.com