

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 23

4:30pm Robert Wilson

Requested by Concetta

Sunday, February 24

8:00am Walter Johansen

Requested by Bob and Jude

10:00am Florence Carmen

Requested by a family friend

12NN Neal Fiorio

Requested by family

Monday, February 25

7:00am James Flynn

Requested by Kathleen and Jeff

Tuesday, February 26

7:00am Mass for the People

Wednesday, February 27

7:00am Connie Egerton

Requested by Maria Posillo

Thursday, February 28

7:00am Justin Briggs

Requested by Maria Posillo

Friday, March 1

7:00am Jack and Alice Burns

Saturday, March 2

8:00am First Saturday Mass

4:30pm Frank Spinelli

20th Anniversary

Sunday, March 3

8:00am Tara Higgins

Requested by a parishioner

10:00am Gloria Jobin, Anthony

Ramieri and George Dumas

12:00nn Peter Quinn

Requested by Boyle family



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 24

10:00am Grace and John Carpinelli

Requested by family

Sunday, March 3

10:00am Linda Guernon

Requested by family



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

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

FOOD & COMMODITY NEEDS FOR FEBRUARY

Macaroni & cheese and laundry detergent. Your donations may be placed in one of the baskets in the vestibule of the church or at the chapel. Thank you in advance for remembering those in need.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION EVENT

The Jonnycake Center of Peace Dale is entering its 40th year of service. In commemoration, the Jonnycake Center is extending a special invitation to all current and former volunteers including Board Members, emergency food pantry, retail thrift store, mailing, and Teen Jonnycake members. We are seeking contact information for anyone who has helped us over these past 40 years. If you were a volunteer or if you know someone who was a volunteer who may now live out of state; please let us know. The event is set for April 25th, at St. Francis of Assisi's Fr. Greenan Parish Center, 114 High Street, Wakefield, RI from 5:00-7:00 p.m. We will be commemorating this occasion with group photographs taken at 6:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

To RSVP and for more information, contact Paula Thayer at 789-1559 x17, or email volunteer@jonnycake.necoxmail.com.

PARISH SUPPORT— February 10 & 17

Weekly Support

February 10

Budget envelopes (54 used)	-	\$1,244.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 126.00
Online Giving (24 donors)	-	\$ 530.00
Total Budget	-	\$1,900.00

Weekly Support

February 17

Budget envelopes (272 used)	-	\$5,128.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 686.00
Online Giving (24 donors)	-	\$ 545.00
Total Budget	-	\$6,359.00

Ongoing Maintenance

Envelopes used (144)	-	\$ 1,891.00
Other donations	-	\$ 150.00
Total Offering	-	\$2,041.00

Next weekend's second offering will be the Monthly Fund Offering for March. As always, **thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.**

From the Pastor...

Some of you may have noticed that I have not been around for the past week or so. I just want you to know that I am not sunning myself on a tropical island (as much as I would like to)! Actually, on the day after Ash Wednesday (it was Valentine's Day and I had no other plans) I underwent thyroid surgery at Roger Williams Hospital. I was advised by the doctors that I should take at least two weeks off for recovery. The surgery went well and I believe that the recovery is going well also. I hope to be back with you next weekend. In the meantime I know that the parish is in good hands with Father Joe and the parish staff. Keep me in your prayers.

I am disappointed to miss the parish **Lenten Mission** with Father John Reutemann. This is a great opportunity at the beginning of the Lenten Season to take time out from the ordinary activities of life to turn back to God in prayer and reflection. I particularly encourage you to consider attending on Tuesday evening when the sacrament of Penance will be offered after the mission presentation. This will be our **Parish Lenten Penance Service** and it is a great way to follow through on the Lenten call to repentance. There will be several priests available for confessions. I truly hope that you and many other parishioners will take advantage of this opportunity.

Msgr. Theroux

DIOCESAN POSITION OPENING

As many of you know The Diocesan Office of Community Services and Catholic Charities has maintained a part time satellite office in our church basement for the past 7 years. Recently Brenda Fay, the worker in that office, has retired and we thank her for her years of serving the needy in our community. Our prayers go with Brenda. If you know anyone from our area interested in a part time social services position (18 hours/week) please have them contact Kathy McKeon at 421-7833 x 206.

MIKE AQUILINA AT PROUT SCHOOL

On March 1, renowned author and speaker Mike Aquilina will be at The Prout School in Wakefield discussing how people have been, and still are, able to live their faith heroically throughout the history of Christianity. *The Martyr's Cup* lecture will be followed by an opportunity for Q & A. Aquilina has authored or edited more than forty books on Catholic history, doctrine, and devotion. The lecture is at 7pm in the Prout Auditorium. It is free and open to the public. For more information, please go to www.theproutschool.org.



Religious Ed. Notes

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Sunday, February 24th

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

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

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

Monday, February 25th

7-8:30PM Confirmation II (FGC)

Wednesday, February 26th

4-5pm GRADES 3-6 (FGC)

7-8:15 CLASSES GRADES 7 & 8 (FGC)

Saturday, March 2nd, 10:00am-12NN

Confirmation Candidates and Sponsors to attend special morning gathering at Fr. Greenan Parish Center. All Candidates and Sponsors must attend.

Sunday, March 3rd, 10:00am Mass

Lenten Family Mass with Children's Homily



This Week

Sunday, February 24

(See Religious Ed. Class schedule above)

5:30-7pm PRAISE! Rehearsal

7:00pm AA (HBH)

Monday, February 25

7:00pm Parish Mission (SFC)

Tuesday, February 26

6:30pm RCIA (HBH)

7pm Parish Mission Penance Svc (SFC)

Wednesday, February 27

7:30am Morning Prayer (SFC)

4-5pm Religious Ed Classes Gr 3-6

7pm Parish Mission Closing Mass (SFC)

NO Evening Rel. Ed. Classes—Mission

Thursday, February 28

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

7:00pm Sleep Out for the Homeless (FGC)

Friday, March 1

NO HOLY HOUR/CONFESSIONS

DUE TO STATIONS OF THE CROSS

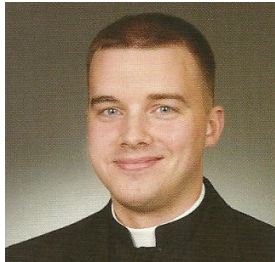
7:00pm Stations of the Cross w/ Benediction (SFC)

7:00pm Mike Aquilina at PROUT

First Saturday, March 2

8:00am First Saturday Mass

Lent



LENTEN MISSION: LIVING THE SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

This weekend our parish family welcomes Fr. John Reutemann, a priest of the Archdiocese of Washington, DC, and a seminary classmate of Fr. Joe's. Fr. John will explore the ongoing importance and effects of the Sacraments of Initiation in our lives as believers. If you have never participated in a Lenten Mission before, please consider being a part of this one! Fr. John will preside and preach at services on the following evenings:

- Monday, February 25, 7PM - Holy Hour with Mission Homily and Benediction
- Tuesday, February 26, 7PM - Parish Lenten Penance Service with Mission Homily (priests will be available for individual confessions)
- Wednesday, February 27, 7PM - Concluding Mass with Mission Homily

Please join us for ANY or ALL of the evenings which will be held in St. Francis Church. Bring a friend or two along with you!

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT:

Thought for the Week

"Let us not lose our life in the world, but *let us find our life in Christ*. Come close to Him; by faith touch Him. Believe that He loved you and gave Himself for you, and be still—for a moment. Feel the pulse of Christ's love like the beating of a heart within your heart. Then go forth to live in the world bravely, honestly; really to live, because you know that love is life, and the love of God is life everlasting." —Henry Van Dyke

this week in prayer:

- *How have I "lost" my life in the world, with all its distractions and noise?*
- *What does it mean to say that "love is life" and if this is true, what does it mean for my relationship with God?*

PARISH SLEEP OUT FRIDAY, MARCH 22ND

For High School aged youth...Come experience what it would be like to have no shelter for one night...through this experience we hope to raise awareness of those homeless people living in and around our community and prayerfully reflect and pray for those without one of the most basic needs, shelter.

We ask that a parent accompany their child to the meeting.

Parish Sleep Out Informational Meeting in FGC Thursday, February 28th at 7:00pm
Questions? Call Rel Ed Office at 792-8684.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Many centuries ago, in the Holy Land, the faithful would visit the various sites associated with the stages of Jesus' Passion for prayer and reflection. They would move from station to station recalling all that Jesus suffered on his path to Calvary, where he would lay down his life for us. Pilgrims would make the very difficult journey to the Holy Land just to be able to walk the "Way of the Cross." As time passed, it was thought that the faithful could still reflect on the various stages or stations of Jesus' suffering, but without having to visit the Holy Land. Thus the tradition we know of as the "Stations of the Cross" was born. In every Catholic church throughout the world, the faithful can visit the fourteen stations to reflect on Jesus' suffering and death. At Saint Francis we continue that tradition to this day. Please join us on each of the Friday evenings of Lent at 7PM in the church for this traditional devotion. We will conclude the evening with Exposition/Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Altogether, the entire services lasts for about forty minutes. (Note that on Friday, March 15, and Friday, March 22, Confessions will be heard at 6:30PM.) Consider being a part of this traditional Lenten devotion and bring a friend along! As we continue to find our lives in Christ, we look to the One whom we have pierced for strength on our journey!