

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 6

4:30pm Ruth Sweet

Requested by Rosina LeVasseur

Sunday, February 7

8:00am Thu and Chi Thi Anna Tran
and Thanh John Ha

Requested by family

10:00am Matilda Coppolino

Requested by family

12:00pm Domenic Capalbo, Sr.

Requested by family

Monday, February 8

7:00am Mary T. Maddock

Requested by Karen and Tom Clark

Tuesday, February 9

7:00am Rev. Francis J. Tuite

2nd Pastor ~ 100th Anniversary

ASH WEDNESDAY, February 10

7:00am Walter DiPrete

Requested by wife

6:30pm Mass for the People

Thursday, February 11

7:00am Victor Signorelli

Requested by Marie Champion

Friday, February 12

7:00am Rev. John A. O'Rourke

8th Pastor ~ 79th Anniversary

Saturday, February 13

4:30pm Robert Wilson

Requested by Concetta Wilson

Sunday, February 14

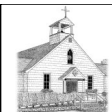
8:00am Thu and Chi Thi Anna Tran
and Thanh John Ha—*Req. by family*

10:00am Tara Higgins

Requested by Higgins family

12:00pm John "Jackie" Fallon

Requested by mother



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 7

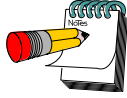
10:00am Theresa Casey

Requested by Hood family

Sunday, February 14

10:00am Anita Simmons

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.



REMINDER: This coming Wednesday is *Ash Wednesday*. Masses will be celebrated at 7AM and 6:30PM in St. Francis Church. There will be a Service of Ashes at 4:10PM. Please note there will be NO noon Mass.

LENTEN FAST AND ABSTINENCE REGULATIONS

Abstinence from meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent (for those 14 and older) is required by Church law. Also, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are **days of fasting**: those between 18 and 59 should eat less, meaning, take no solid food between meals and only one full meal that day. Serious health conditions excuse a person from these precepts.

Pastors and parents are encouraged by the law of the Church to see to it that minors who are not bound by the law of fast and abstinence are educated in the authentic sense of penance.

Following the implementation of the revised *Code of Canon Law* on November 27, 1983, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops in the United States determined that the rules of fast and abstinence which have existed for the last several years in this country be maintained. Namely, **that the faithful observe suitable penitential practices on all Fridays throughout the year**. These penitential practices need not include abstaining from meat. However, as indicated above, the faithful must not eat meat on all the Fridays of Lent as well as on Ash Wednesday. They must also observe faithfully the fast regulations as they have been stated above in accord with the universal law of the Church (Cf. *Code of Canon Law*, Canons 1250-1252).

PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly Support

		January 31
Budget envelopes used (289)	-	\$11,089.50
Loose Donations	-	\$ 1,552.00
Online Giving (# of donors -28)	-	\$1,555.50
Total Budget	-	\$14,197.00

Latin America

Envelopes used (141)	-	\$1,524.00
Other donations	-	\$ 535.00
Total Latin America	-	\$2,059.00

This weekend's second offering will be the Monthly offering for February. **As always, thank you for your generosity.**

From the Pastor

The finance council met on Tuesday morning. It should come as no surprise we need to do some work on the parking lot which was ravaged by last winter's storms. It should cost the parish around \$50,000.

Thanks to your generosity, I have no worries that we'll be able to pay this bill. I would like to encourage those who pledged to increase their giving to honor their pledge and ask and urge everyone to do his or her fair share for the financial support of the parish.

Elsewhere in the news, next weekend we'll welcome Fr. David Gunter who'll begin his mission next Sunday evening. I hope you'll be able to set some time aside to attend the parish mission.

Fr. Bodah

Rhode Island Catholic

Rhode Island Catholic's annual February Subscription Campaign is underway. To subscribe to your national award-winning diocesan newspaper, log onto www.thericatholic.com and click subscribe at the top left to order, renew and even pay for your subscription online with a credit or debit card, or call the newspaper's Circulation Desk at 272-1010 to subscribe by phone. Your diocesan newspaper depends on its faithful readers to continue its 140-year mission of bringing the good news of the Church to your home each week.



Stations of the Cross

Our Patron, St. Francis of Assisi, inspired by the sufferings of Jesus, accepted the pains and crosses of life that came his way. The Franciscan Order, which he founded, began the practice of the Stations in the 13th Century. The Stations became a universal practice in the church by an edict of Pope Benedict XIII in 1726.

- ◆ February 12th, 19th, 26th, and March 4th, 11th at 7:00 pm — Traditional
- ◆ Wednesday, February 24th at 4:15 pm and Sunday, February 28th at 11:00am— "Step Up Close to Jesus" presented by Grades 3-6 during class time.
- ◆ Wednesday, March 23rd at 7:00 pm — "Living Stations" presented by Grades 7 & 8



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday, February 7

8:50-9:50am Grades 1 & 2 (FGC)
 10:00 Catechist Lenten Meeting
 Grades 1 & 2 (FGC)
 9:50-10:50am Grade K (HBH)
 10:50-11:50am Grades 3-6 (FGC)
 Grade 8 (FGC)
 12pm Catechist Lenten Mtg Gr 3-6 (FGC)
 1:00pm Gr 7 & 8 teacher mtg (FGC)

Wednesday, February 10

Grades 3-6 to attend Ash Wednesday service and class immediately after (FGC)
 5:20 Catechist's meeting-Lent (FGC)
 No Class and no Children's Liturgy of the Word next Sunday, February 14th - school vacation.

PLEASE NOTE:

Wednesday, February 10th Grade 7&8 classes will be held immediately following the 6:30pm Ash Wednesday Mass. Classes will end at the usual 8:15pm.



This Week

Sunday, February 7

Religious Ed Classes see above
 10:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word (HBH)

11:00am Choir Rehearsal (SR)

Monday, February 8

7:30-12nn Adoration (SF)
 6:30pm Event Committee Mtg. (HBH)
 7pm Evangelization Committee Mtg. (MCCR)

Tuesday, February 9

7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)
 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (loft)

ASH WEDNESDAY, February 10

7:00am Ash Wednesday Mass (SF)
 4:10pm Service of Ashes (church)
 Classes Gr. 3-6 immediately following the Ash Wednesday Svc (FGC)

6:30pm Ash Wednesday Mass (SF)
 7-8:15pm Gr. 7 & 8 Classes (FGC)

Thursday, February 11

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (↓FGC)

Friday, February 12

5:30pm Lenten Soup Meal (FGC)
 7:00pm Stations of the Cross (SF)



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/>

THE THREE PILLARS OF LENT

The Lenten Season is characterized by an emphasis on three elements of the Christian life: PRAYER, FASTING and ALMSGIVING.

† **PRAYER**—During Lent, consider spending some extra time each day reading from Sacred Scripture (the daily Mass readings are a good place to start and can be accessed at www.usccb.org) or simply making yourself available to *listen* to God. Resolve to attend Mass on at least one weekday.

† **FASTING**—This pillar concerns not only the fast days of the season (Ash Wednesday and Good Friday) but also voluntarily refraining from something to foster self-control. For example, perhaps you could fast from television or from the internet for a set period of time each day. Talk to your friends about what you plan on “giving up” for Lent; perhaps they have (or need) ideas as well!

† **ALMSGIVING**—Lent is a time to share our treasure with others. Operation Rice Bowl is an annual fundraiser which benefits Catholic Relief Services. Place it in a prominent place in your home and let the whole family contribute to it. Other possibilities are to contribute some additional food to the basket at the church entrance or call someone you know who is lonely and who perhaps would like a visit.



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.

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; perhaps you could even make room on your refrigerator!

JOIN US FOR OUR LENTEN MISSION!

Our 2016 Lenten Mission is entitled “*The Triumph*” and will be presented by Fr. David Gunter. Please consider joining us as we enter into the Lenten season, a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Saturday-Sunday, February 13-14 —Weekend

Mass Mission Kick-Off with 7pm Mission Presentation

Topic: Testimony and Introduction

Monday, February 15—7PM Mission

Topic: Catechesis Background

Tuesday, February 16—7PM Mission Service

Topic: What Has Heaven Been Saying to Us?

Wednesday, February 17—7PM Mission

Topic: Final remarks concerning “The Triumph”. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction

ABOUT OUR MISSION SPEAKER

Fr. David W. Gunter, MIC is a member of the Marians of the Immaculate Conception located at the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, Massachusetts. He was ordained in 2009 for the Archdiocese of Boston. Prior to entering the priesthood, he studied at Northeastern University receiving a BA in Economics and Geology in 1981. He went on to obtain an MBA from Babson College in 1984. He entered the Marian Fathers in July 2014, and completed his novitiate in August 2015, when he professed first vows. Over the last few years, Fr. David has been researching Marian apparitions, Marian teachings by saints and popes, and has compiled an exciting program based on a book he has written called “The Triumph.”

WHAT IS A LENTEN MISSION?

Traditionally, a Lenten Mission serves as an opportunity for a parish community to come together for prayer, reflection and learning in anticipation of the Easter Season. Lent provides the context for a “spring cleaning” of the soul! A Lenten Mission is meant to help in that endeavor. With engaging talks, extra time for prayer and the opportunity for Confession, the traditional Lenten Mission has been a source of grace for parish communities year after year. If you’ve never been, consider joining us this year! Come to any or all of the nights! And bring a friend or family member along!