

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### Mass Intentions

**Saturday, January 16**

4:30pm Robert Stewart

*Requested by family*

**Sunday, January 17**

8:00am Celebrant's Intention

10:00am Daniel J. McWilliams

*Requested by Ralph and Maggie Riccio  
& family*

12:00pm Branden DeLuca

*Requested by family*

**Monday, January 18**

7:00am Walter DiPrete

*Requested by wife*

**Tuesday, January 19**

7:00am Dr. Andrew Dowd

*Requested by Hood family*

**Wednesday, January 20**

7:00am Alfred and Beatrice Bonin

*Requested by Viola Card*

**Thursday, January 21**

7:00am Clinton Salisbury

**Friday, January 22**

7:00am Mass for the People

**Saturday, January 23**

4:30pm Aileen Capalbo

*Requested by Mr. and Mrs. Murphy*

**Sunday, January 24**

8:00am Evelyn Gauvin

*Requested by family*

10:00am Victor Signorelli

*Requested by family*

12:00pm Deacon Joseph G. Turcotte

*Requested by family*



### St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

**Sunday, January 17**

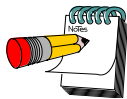
10:00am Kathleen Mary Wheeler

*Requested by Mary Ellen Walsh*

**Sunday, January 24**

10:00am Mary Marchand

*Requested by Gerri and Al Marsocci*



### For Your Information

#### SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Evelyn Gauvin.

#### BABY SHOWER

The Social Outreach Committee is sponsoring a month-long Baby Shower throughout January. Please bring unwrapped baby items listed on the posters in the bulletin boards and place them at the main entrances of the church and chapel. The agencies benefitted are: The Gabriel Project, The Pregnancy Center of Westerly, and Right to Life Services, Inc. Any questions, please contact Anne Cooney at 783-7034.

#### 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.)

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST** to benefit Msgr. Clarke School on Sunday, January 31st at Christ the King from 8:30-11:30am. All are welcome!

#### OPEN HOUSE

Monsignor Clarke School, 5074 Tower Hill Road, Wakefield for Grades PK-8 on Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup> from 11AM to 1PM. For more information call 401.789.0860.

### PARISH SUPPORT

#### Weekly Support

	<b>January 10</b>
Budget envelopes used (255)	- \$6,099.50
Loose Donations	- \$ 963.00
Online Giving (# of donors -59)	- \$1,715.50
<b>Total Budget</b>	- <b>\$8,778.00</b>

#### Ongoing Maintenance

	<b>January 10</b>
Envelopes used (176)	- \$2,109.00
Other donations	- \$ 367.00
<b>Total Ongoing Maintenance</b>	- <b>\$2,476.00</b>

This weekend's second offering is for the Catholic University of America.

**As always, thank you for your generosity.**

JANUARY 17, 2016

## From the Pastor

We're back in what's called "Ordinary Time," meaning that the weeks are "ordained" or numbered. Since we live in the Ogdoad or Eighth Day--the time between the Resurrection of Christ and his second coming--nothing can be ordinary in the usual meaning of that word.

This year we're reading from the gospel according to Luke and several themes will stand out. First, there is a geographical progression from Galilee to the climax in Jerusalem; second, there is a focus on what happens when the Spirit of God, the Holy Spirit, is at work; third, there is a message of God's predilection for those who have no one else to help them. This third theme is a constant challenge to us to have our faith expressed concretely in good works.

Now there may be a misunderstanding of this expression of "good works" as if it referred only to philanthropic activities. In reality, our good works must be directed first and foremost toward God himself. The Epistle of St. James is famous for its discussion of this very point. "You believe that God is one. You do well. Even the demons believe that and tremble."-- James 2:19. His point is that believing in God is salvific *if we also obey him*, which the demons of hell do not.

After that, the reality of our faith is expressed in concrete deeds toward our fellow human beings. Nowhere in the New Testament is it taught that charitable deeds can *substitute* for obedience to God. Holding up one's own good deeds as superior to doing what God wants of us can be a form of idolatry.

As usual, the Sacred Scriptures put it in a nutshell. The first and greatest of all the commandments is to love God with all our human powers, which is expressed by doing concretely what he asks of us. The second is like it: to love our neighbor through practical deeds.

Fr. Bodah

### The Spiritual Works of Mercy

To instruct the ignorant  
To counsel the doubtful  
To admonish sinners  
To bear wrongs patiently  
To forgive offenses willingly  
To comfort the afflicted  
To pray for the living and the dead

### The Corporal Works of Mercy

To feed the hungry  
To give drink to the thirsty  
To clothe the naked  
To house the homeless  
To visit the sick  
To ransom the captive  
To bury the dead



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>

No Classes today Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

No Children's Liturgy of the Word today

### Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>

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

7-8:15pm Grades 7 & 8 (FGC)



## This Week

### Sunday, January 17

NO Religious Ed Classes

NO Children's Liturgy of the Word  
11:00am Choir Rehearsal (SR)

### Monday, January 18

MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY

**All parish offices are closed.**

NO Adoration this morning

### Tuesday, January 19

7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (loft)

### Wednesday, January 20

4:15-5:15pm Classes Gr. 3-6 (FGC)

7-8:15pm Gr. 7 & 8 Classes (FGC)

### Thursday, January 21

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



## MARCH FOR LIFE

The Office of Life and Family Ministry will be sponsoring a bus trip to Washington DC for the Annual March for Life on the 43<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the Supreme Court decision to legalize abortion. The cost for the overnight ride is \$80.00 per person (includes bus fare/metro tickets) and will leave R.I. on Thursday, January 21. This year's trip will take us to the Armory for the Youth Rally and Mass. There will be confession, Rosary, popular Catholic recording artists, presentations and a Mass for Life. For more information and to register, call Carol Owens at 421-7833 ext. 218.



## Children's Liturgy of the Word

will take place during the 10:00AM Mass  
at *St. Francis of Assisi*

January 24 <sup>th</sup>	
January 31 <sup>st</sup>	
February 7 <sup>th</sup>	
February 14 <sup>th</sup>	No CLW school vacation
February 21 <sup>st</sup>	
February 28 <sup>th</sup>	
March 6 <sup>th</sup>	
March 13 <sup>th</sup>	
March 20 <sup>th</sup>	
March 27 <sup>th</sup>	No CLW Happy Easter
April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	
April 10 <sup>th</sup>	
April 17 <sup>th</sup>	No CLW school vacation
April 24 <sup>th</sup>	
May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Last CLW



## HOST FAMILIES NEEDED for NET Ministry Team

NET Ministries, a national evangelization team consisting of 12 young adults will be leading our Confirmation Retreats again this year. They will be in our diocese for the week from March 1-8 leading retreats. Our parish is responsible for providing lodging during their stay in Rhode Island. Team members travel with their own sleeping bag so they are just looking for floor space, hot showers and a meal. Spending time with these young adults is a real blessing! If you are interested in hosting some of them, please contact Diane Castro at our Religious Education Office by phone (792-8684) or email (castro\_stfrancis@verizon.net).

## A Prayer for the Grace to be Merciful to Others

O Most Holy Trinity! As many times as I breathe, as many times as my heart beats, as many times as my blood pulsates through my body, so many thousand times do I want to glorify Your mercy.

I want to be completely transformed into your mercy and to be your living reflection, O Lord. May the greatest of all divine attributes pass through my heart to my neighbor.

Help me that my eyes may be merciful, so that I may never suspect or judge from appearances, but look for what is beautiful in my neighbors' souls and come to their rescue.

Help me, that my ears may be merciful, so that I may give heed to my neighbors' needs and not be indifferent to their pains and moanings.

Help, O Lord, that my tongue may be merciful, so that I should never speak negatively of my neighbor, but have a word of comfort and forgiveness for all.

Help me, O Lord, that my hands may be merciful and filled with good deeds, so that I may do only good to my neighbors and take upon myself the more difficult and toilsome tasks.

Help me, that my feet may be merciful so that I may hurry to assist my neighbor, overcoming my own fatigue and weariness. My true rest is in the service of my neighbor.

Help me, O Lord, that my heart may be merciful so that I myself may feel all the sufferings of my neighbor. I will refuse my heart to no one. I will be sincere even with those who, I know, will abuse my kindness. I will bear my own suffering in silence.

May your mercy, O Lord, rest upon me. ... O my Jesus, transform me into Yourself, for you can do all things.

~ Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska (Diary #163)