

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### Mass Intentions

**Saturday, January 18**

4:30pm Joseph DeLuca

*Requested by family*

**Sunday, January 19**

8:00am Theodore Gelinas

*Requested by Tom McNulty*

10:00am John Forbes Hogan

*Requested by Hogan family*

12:00NN Carol Trudeau

*Requested by a friend*

**Monday, January 20**

7:00am Patricia Keenan

*Requested by Jim and Susan Meehan*

**Tuesday, January 21**

7:00am Edward Thompson

*Requested by Dan Shea*

**Wednesday, January 22**

7:00am Walter DiPrete

*Requested by Dolores DiPrete*

**Thursday, January 23**

7:00am Ann Lee Beckman

*Requested by LeMar Brown*

**Friday, January 24**

7:00am Mary Lineburger

*Requested by John and Amy Mongillo*

**Saturday, January 25**

4:30pm Fred Robinson

*Requested by family*

**Sunday, January 26**

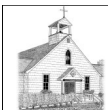
8:00am Mass for the People

10:00am Jeanne Anne Sweet

*Requested by family*

12:00NN Edward Murtaugh

*Requested by the McElkenny family*



### St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

**Sunday, January 19**

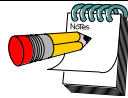
10:00am Mary Marchand

*Requested by Gerri & Al Marsocci*

**Sunday, January 26**

10:00am Jay O'Connor

*Requested by Patti O'Connor*



### For Your Information

#### SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Fred Robinson.

**ST. FRANCIS BIBLE STUDY** Tuesdays from 7-8:30 pm in FGC with the **Gospel of John** commentary by Ignatius Press. If questions, please contact Mary Vitiello at [maryalri@yahoo.com](mailto:maryalri@yahoo.com).

#### MONSIGNOR CLARKE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

You are invited to Msgr. Clarke School's Open House on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> from 11am – 1pm. Teachers from Pre-K (must be at least 3 years old as of Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>) through Grade 8 will be available to answer questions. Students will be your tour guides. Please stop by and see what Monsignor Clarke School has to offer.

You are invited to a special presentation:

#### "The Worship of God, Our Sanctification"

*Theology of the Sacraments  
according to St. Thomas Aquinas*



The Memorial of St. Thomas Aquinas  
Tuesday, January 28, 6:30PM  
Helen Bouchard Hall

Please call the rectory (783-4411) to register.

#### PARISH SUPPORT— January 12, 2014

##### Weekly Support

Budget envelopes

Loose Donations

Online Giving (unavailable)

**Total Budget**

##### January 12

\$6242.50

\$1657.00

**\$7899.50**

##### Ongoing Maintenance

**\$2654.50**

This weekend's second offering is for the Catholic University of America. Next weekend's second offering is for the Church in Latin America.

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

JANUARY 19, 2014

### *From the Pastor...*

If you read my bulletin column regularly, you know that I often mention the fact that **our parish is blessed to have two seminarians, Stephen Battey and Dan Mahoney, pursuing diocesan priesthood, as well as Sr. Pia Meehan, a young woman from our parish who recently professed her final vows in the Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth.** Vocations to the priesthood and religious life are essential for the future life of the Church and it is important that, as a parish community, we always promote vocations and support and encourage any young men or women who express an interest in serving the Church.

**Next weekend we are pleased to welcome Father Carl Fisette, the Diocesan Director of Vocations, who will speak at all the Masses at the Church.** Father Fisette coordinates vocation awareness throughout the diocese and works with men as they discern a call to priesthood and apply for the seminary. In addition, he serves on the staff at Our Lady of Providence Seminary in Providence where he is in residence. Originally, Father Fisette was invited to celebrate the Noon Mass next Sunday which is our monthly **Youth Mass** and speak to our Confirmation students in a special meeting after the Mass. However, he graciously offered to speak at all the Masses, so we are delighted to have him visit.

This week a number of men and women from throughout the state will travel to Washington, DC to participate in the annual **"March for Life". Father Joe Upton will be participating along with a number of students from The Prout School.** As we observe the 41<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion in our country, it is important as a people of faith, that we continue to pray and support efforts to protect all human life and, particularly, that of the unborn. **Every year many innocent lives are killed by abortion...during this week please remember to pray for an end to this tragedy.**

As we announced last weekend, given the widespread occurrence of flu at this time, on the bishop's recommendation, we **have suspended the distribution of the Precious Blood from the chalices at Holy Communion.** Also, at the **sign of peace**, we encourage you to exchange a greeting **without shaking hands** in order to minimize the possibility of spreading germs. Thanks for your cooperation in helping to promote a healthy St. Francis Parish!

*Msgr. Theroux*

**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY IS OBSERVED  
TOMORROW, JANUARY 20.**

**The parish offices will be closed.**

**Eucharistic Adoration will *not* be held in the church.**



## Religious Education

**Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**

Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday – No Classes

**Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup>**

Holiday - No class

**Wednesday, January 22<sup>th</sup>**

4-5pm Grades 3-6 (FGC)

7 – 8:15pm Grades 7 & 8 Classes

**NOTE:** The Sunday morning Grade 8 class will meet on the second floor of FGC on January 26<sup>th</sup>.

*The next Youth Mass is scheduled for the Noon Mass on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. Fr. Carl Fisette, Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Providence will be our main celebrant. Blessed John Paul II frequently encouraged young people to "Become who you are." This exhortation is really the invitation of God to become the person whom God has created us to be. Fr. Fisette's homily will challenge each of us to see the vocation we are called to live.*



## This Week

**Sunday, January 19**

**NO Religious Education Classes today due to Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday**

5:30-7:00pm PRAISE! Rehearsal (FGC)

7:00pm AA (HBH)

**Monday, January 20**

**NO ADORATION**

**PARISH OFFICES CLOSED**

**Tuesday, January 21**

7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (loft)

**Wednesday, January 22**

4-5pm GRADES 3-6 (FGC)

7-8:15pm CLASSES GRADES 7 & 8

**Thursday, January 23**

1:00pm Mass at Brightview Commons

## "Behold the Lamb of God!"

Who is Jesus for you? John calls Jesus the *Lamb of God* and thus signifies Jesus' mission as the One who redeems us from our sins. ... How can we be certain that Jesus is truly the Christ, the Son of the God? The Holy Spirit makes Christ known to us through the gift of faith. God gives us freely of his Spirit that we may comprehend the great mystery and plan of God to unite all things in his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

John in his characteristic humility was eager to point beyond himself to the Christ. He did not hesitate to direct his disciples to the Lord Jesus. When two of John's disciples began to seek Jesus out, Jesus took the initiative to invite them into his company. He did not wait for them to get his attention. Instead he met them halfway. He asked them one of the most fundamental questions of life: "What are you looking for?" What were they looking for in Jesus and what were they aiming to get out of life? Jesus asks each of us the same question: "What's the goal of your life? What are you aiming for and trying to get out of life?"

Jesus invites each of us to "come and see" for ourselves that his word is true and everlasting. "Come and see" is God's invitation for fellowship and communion with the One who made us in love for love.

When we discover something very important and valuable it's natural to want to share it with those closest to us. Andrew immediately went to his brother Simon and told him the good news of his discovery of Jesus. And it didn't take much to get Simon to "come and see" who this Jesus was. Jesus reached out to Simon in the same way he did to Andrew earlier. He not only addressed Simon by his personal name, but he gave him a new name which signified the call God had for him.

"Cephas" or "Peter" literally means "rock". To call someone a "rock" was one of the greatest compliments. The ancient rabbis had a saying that when God saw Abraham, he exclaimed: "I have discovered a rock to found the world upon". Through Abraham God established a nation for himself. Through faith Peter grasped who Jesus truly was -- the *Anointed One* (Messiah and Christ) and the only begotten Son of God.

Faith in Jesus Christ makes us into rocks or spiritual stones. The Holy Spirit gives us the gift of faith to know Jesus personally, power to live the gospel faithfully, and courage to witness to others the joy and truth of the gospel. The Lord Jesus is ever ready to draw us near to himself. Do you seek to grow in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ?

RESERVE YOUR SPOT!



Registration is now open to all  
High School Teens (grades 8-12)

## STEUBENVILLE EAST YOUTH CONFERENCE JULY 18-20, 2014

UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND  
KINGSTON, RI  
(NOTE CHANGE OF LOCATION)

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*God indeed is my salvation.  
I am confident and unafraid.  
For the LORD is my  
strength and my might, and  
he has been my salvation.  
~Isaiah 12:2*