FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 30

4:30pm Timothy McNulty

Birthday Remembrance

Sunday, January 31

8:00am Rev. Charles J. Burns
3rd Pastor—115 Anniversary
10:00am Mass for the People
12:00pm Nicholas Duckworth

Requested by Jim and Sandy Weeks

Monday, February 1

7:00am Frank Signorelli Requested by Ida Signorelli

Tuesday, February 2

7:00am Fern Ottomano
Requested by Jim & Susan Meehan

Wednesday, February 3

7:00am V. Paul & Lucy Winter Requested by family

Thursday, February 4

7:00am Nora McCarthy
Requested by daughter and family

Friday, February 5

7:00am Rita and Tom O'Rourke and Warren Behie Requested by family

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 Dominic Capalbo, Sr. *Requested by family*



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 31

10:00am Jay O'Connor Requested by Patti O'Connor

Sunday, February 7

10:00am Theresa Casey

Requested by Hood family



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in thanksgiving for blessings received.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST to benefit Msgr. Clarke School TODAY, Sunday, January 31st at Christ the King until 11:30am. All are welcome!

OPEN HOUSE

Monsignor Clarke School, 5074 Tower Hill Road, Wakefield for Grades PK-8 TODAY, Sunday, January 31 from 11AM to 1PM.

YOUNG ADULT SURVEY

Do you have a young adult in your family? Please encourage them to complete a quick survey that is sponsored by the Diocese of Providence. This survey can be filled out online at: www.catholicyouthri.com. The Diocese of Providence is trying to determine the spiritual needs of our younger generation.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Wednesday, February 3rd from 6:00 - 8:30pm at Agaves Mexican Grill, 444 Quaker Ln, Warwick. All young adults, single or married, in their 20s and 30s are welcome! Come join us for *Ten Reasons to Celebrate Our Catholic Faith with guest speaker Fr. Joseph Upton.* Fellowship at 6:00 PM and presentation at 7:00 PM. There is no fee for this event. A free-will donation will be collected. Participants are welcome to purchase food and beverages. Must be 21 to order alcoholic beverages. Sponsored by the Diocese of Providence Young Adult Ministry. For more information visit www.discovercatholicfaith.org.

PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly Support		January 17
Budget envelopes used (277)	-	\$6,178.50
Loose Donations	-	\$1,580.00
Online Giving (# of donors –28)	-	\$880.00
Total Budget	-	\$8,638.50

Catholic University of AmericaJanuary 17Envelopes used (133)-\$1,319.50Other donations-\$470.00Total Catholic University-\$1,789.50

Weekly Support
Budget envelopes used (128)
January 24
\$4,077.00

Loose Donations - \$ 708.00 Online Giving (# of donors -84) - \$2,046.00 Total Budget - \$6,831.00

This weekend's second offering is for the Church in Latin America. Next weekend's second offering will be the Monthly offering for February. As always, thank you for your generosity.

JANUARY 31, 2016

From the Pastor

Some random topics: Fr. Chew is away for the next six weeks and because Fr. McKenna didn't realize this, he agreed to say some Masses for another priest whose usual help will also be away at this time. That meant that there were going to be three Sundays where there would be no one to say the second 10 a.m. Mass. After I made a couple of calls and couldn't find another priest, I had to consider closing the chapel for the month of February. Luckily, I found that Fr. Bert Theroux (no relation to Monsignor Theroux, my predecessor), would be able to say the 10 a.m. Mass in the church on those weekends. Anyway, you may find that you're not getting as much variety in celebrants as heretofore since both retired priests are limited in which Masses they're available for. Ah well. We're approaching the day when you'll be lucky to have any Mass at all.

Speaking of a lack of priests and deacons: this year we'll have only three services for Ash Wednesday: Masses at 7 a.m. and at 6:30pm and a service of the word with ashes at 4:10pm for the convenience of the religious education children who would ordinarily be going to class at that time. **There will be no 12noon Mass**, so plan ahead to get your ashes in the morning or at 6:30pm. I could remind everyone that getting ashes is a pious custom but by no means an obligation.

Speaking of Lent: See the announcement in the bulletin about the parish mission and make plans to be with us.

Another random question: This church has been here since 1932; have you not noticed that if you kneel down, you kick down the kneeler in the pew behind you? What would be the trouble of putting down the kneeler behind you instead of kicking it down with your feet? Hmm.

Finally, the Catholic Charity appeal is coming up. Our parishioners always have proven themselves generous in support of this worthy effort. I hope you'll join in and make a pledge.

Fr. Bodah

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.)



Sunday, January 31st

8:50-9:50am Grades 1 & 2 (FGC) 9:00 Rescheduled First Communion Parent Meeting (HBH) All students must be represented at this

9:50-10:50am Grade K (HBH) 10:50-11:50am Grades 3-6 (FGC) Grade 8 (FGC)

Wednesday, February 3rd

4:15-5:15pm Grades 3-6 (FGC) 5:20 Catechist's meeting-Lent (FGC) 7-8:15pm Grades 7 & 8 (FGC)



This Week

Sunday, January 31

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

11:00am Choir Rehearsal (SR)

Monday, February 1

7:30-12nn Adoration (SF)

Tuesday, February 2

7:40am Finance Council Mtg. (MCCR) 7:00pm Bible Study (FGC) 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (loft)

Wednesday, February 3

4:15-5:15pm Classes Gr. 3-6 (FGC) 5:20pm Lent Mtg. for Catechists Grades 3-6 (FGC)

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

Thursday, February 4

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (\JFGC)

First Friday, February 5

10am-12pm Pastoral Visits

7:00pm Parenting Group Mtg. (↑FGC)

Saturday, February 6

11am Altar Server Training (SF)

Join us for a

BLESSING OF THROATS

in honor of the FEAST OF ST. BLAISE on Wednesday, February 3rd at the 7:00am Mass with Fr. Gene McKenna.



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)(castro stfrancis@verizon.net).



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 http://stfranciswakefield.com/youthwebsite. ministry/



... Visit our website at:

www.stfranciswakefield.com

to sign up!

Clothes for Souls



Mission: St. Francis Parish and I will be hosting a dothing drive during January/February that will give those in our community clothing on their backs.

Clothes can be from any season and can be used or new! However, it is preferred that the clothes are clean

Items Needed:



Adults

 Women sizes can range from medium to the max size. Men sizes can range medium to the max size as well.



Underwear

No preference.

However, must be New



- Sizes can range from 6 months to High School level.
- Articles of clothing can either be used or new.

 Contact me, Adeline Wilkinson @ (401) 363-2995 if you have any questions or concerns.

- For babies, we are asking for any sizes in clothes and/or diapers.
- Blankets and sheets (any size) are welcomed as well.

THE TRIUMPH

We're pleased to announce that this Lent, we'll be hosting Marian Father, Fr. David Gunter, MIC who will give a special Mission on "The Triumph" of the Immaculate Heart. This mission has been very well

received at other parishes in the area and we look forward to Father Gunter's coming here to our parish.

So, mark those calendars. Father Gunter will be joining us from Sunday, February 14th through Wednesday, February 17th to preach his Mission: *The* Triumph.

The Triumph is a dynamic audio-visual presentation designed to encourage faithful Catholics to consecrate themselves to the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Personal testimony, scripture, teachings from popes and saints make this a thoroughly Catholic program. Compelling insight will be given into the nature of "The Triumph". This program provides tremendous hope for a world turned upside down. Plan on joining us for this very special Mission!

Father Gunter will be joined by Marian Brother, Bro. John Luthe who will be selling books and Divine Mercy images from the Marians of the Immaculate Conception in Stockbridge.