

9TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 5

5:30pm Special Intention for
Fern and Larry Ferreira

Sunday, March 6

8:00am Sondra Giles

Requested by parish family

10:00am Eugene A. Remington

Req. by Linda & Tara Jane Besette

12:00pm Vera Conlin

Requested by James Conlin

Monday, March 7

7:00am Robert Cote

Requested by family

Tuesday, March 8

7:00am Dr. Leonard Staudinger

Requested by wife

Wednesday, March 9

7:00am Debbie Klinger

Requested by friend Rose

12:00pm Special Intention for
Judge Joseph & Mrs. Nolan

7:00pm Michael J. Wolf

Requested by Elizabeth Calvino

Thursday, March 10

7:00am Gloria Carney

Requested by Jeff and Kathleen

Friday, March 11

7:00am Marion Maggio

Requested by family

Saturday, March 12

5:30pm Clara Latowski

Requested by family

Sunday, March 13

8:00am Mary Pendergast

Requested by Carney family

10:00am Sarah McClarnon

Requested by grandparents

12:00pm Sarah Ferendo

Requested by Riccio family



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 6

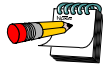
10:00am Linda Guernon

Requested by family

Sunday, March 13

10:00am Special Intention for
healing of Loretta Whitesides

Requested by Ron Ayre



For Your Information

PARISH SUPPORT

Parish Support for February 27th was Budget—\$7,486. This weekend's second offering will be the Monthly offering for March. Thank you for your continued generosity!

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Marian Maggio.

SOCIAL OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Social Outreach Committee on Monday, March 7th at 7:00pm in the rectory. All are welcome.

THOUGHTS ON FASTING

- ✞ To fast from unrealistic expectations of ourselves and others and to embrace reality.
- ✞ To fast from words and behaviors that could break the heart of another and to affirm someone each day.
- ✞ To fast from raining on the parade of another's enthusiasm and to nurture and cultivate someone's dream.
- ✞ To fast from a lifestyle that doesn't allow for stopping to smell the roses and to do some small thing for oneself each day in gratitude to God.
- ✞ To fast from holding on and to discern what it is that I need to say goodbye to.
- ✞ To fast from disbelief regarding my ability to be a saint, and to bask in the wonder of the communion of saints, myself and everyone around me.
- ✞ To fast from bitterness and resentment and to actively give thanks for each person who has touched my life.
- ✞ To fast from impatience and to wait with kindness and understanding.



PIZZA WITH PADRE:

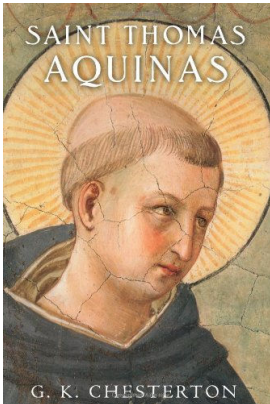
TWO EVENINGS FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Calling all parishioners in their 20's and 30's, singles and couples! *Pizza with Padre*, hosted by Fr. Joe, is an opportunity for young adults in our parish to network with one another, learn more about their Catholic faith, and spend some time thinking about the bigger questions of life. Lent is the perfect time to set aside a few hours for faith-based discussion and community. Gatherings will be held on Tuesday, March 22, at 7:00PM and Tuesday, April 12, at 7:00PM in Helen Bouchard Hall (lower church). Each evening will consist of a brief teaching and discussion, and of course, Fr. Joe's featured pizza (no Domino's allowed)! Beer, wine and beverages will be provided as well. If there is sufficient interest, we would like to see a long-term young adult group form in the Spring. Bring a friend along! Details about each gathering are below. Call the rectory to register (783-441).

✞ **Wednesday, March 23, 7:00PM - "Faith and Science: Friends or Foes?"** Featured Pizza: *Puttanesca*

✞ **Wednesday, April 13, 7:00PM - "Why the Church: Help or Hindrance?"** - Featured Pizza: *Chicken Pesto*

MARCH 6, 2011



The Dumb Ox Book Club Starts TODAY,

Sunday, March 6th
1:00pm at Father Greenan Center

We have quite a number of people who
have signed up for this new book club.

Won't you join us?

Sr. Barbara Matazzaro, A.S.C.J., will be directing our group in reading G.K. Chesterton's classic *The Dumb Ox*. Don't be intimidated! This little book is only eight chapters and is about St. Thomas. It's highly readable for the average person, and tells the dynamic story not only of St. Thomas' life but also of his teaching. The group will meet in the rectory and the books will be available for only \$10.00 through the parish office. We are hoping to begin the first week in March, either on Sunday afternoons or Monday evenings. Please call Kelli (783-4411) to let us know if you would like to participate. It's not too late. If you miss today's session, we can get the materials to you during the week. Please join us!

SAINT FRANCIS CYBER-PARISH

Our parish has its own page on Facebook! Visit <http://www.facebook.com/stfranciswakefield> and "Like" us today! You'll have access to weekly bulletins, announcements, reminders, and other information about the vibrant life of our parish family!



MARTHA'S HELPERS: A NEW HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Martha, Martha! Where are all your helpers? Poor Martha in the gospel story was burdened with the duties of hospitality (Luke 10:38-42). As a parish, we offer hospitality to our parishioners and guests on a number of occasions throughout the year, mainly following special events or liturgies. Consider giving "Martha" a hand and

help us with our newly formed baking/reception committee, "**Martha's Helpers.**" Martha's Helpers will help coordinate and bake for parish receptions as needed. Call Kelli or Caroline (783-4411) if you'd like to be one of Martha's Helpers. Thank you.

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Masses at St. Francis Church
will be celebrated at:

7:00am, 12 Noon and 7:00pm
With the Imposition of Ashes.

There will be a 4:00pm Service for children
in our Religious Ed. Classes.
All are welcome to attend.



Religious Education

Grades K-6—Sunday Classes see below.

Wednesday Classes—Attend Ash Wednesday 4pm Service with family.

Grades 7 & 8—attend 7pm Ash Wednesday Mass with family.

Confirmation I & II—Classes on Monday, from 7-8:30pm.

Children's Liturgy of the Word—during the 10am Mass.

This Week

Sunday, March 6

8:50-9:50 Gr. 1 & 2 FGC

9:10am Sanctuary Tour with Father Nick for

1st Eucharist Class-Parents Invited

10am Children's Liturgy of the Word

10:50-11:50 Gr 3,4 5, 6 (HBH)

6:00pm Praise! Rehearsal (FGC)

7:00pm AA (HBH)

Monday, March 7

7-8:30pm Conf. I & II Class (FGC)

7pm Social Outreach Meeting (rectory)

Tuesday, March 8

6:30pm RCIA (MCCR)

7:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (loft)

Wednesday, March 9

4-5pm Gr 3-6 meet in church with family for

Ash Wednesday Svc of Ashes

7-8:15pm Gr 7 & 8 attend 7pm Mass w/
family

Thursday, March 10

7-8:30pm Divine Mercy Cenacle of Prayer

at St. Romuald Chapel, Matunuck

Friday, March 11

7:00pm Stations of the Cross (church)

Saturday, March 12

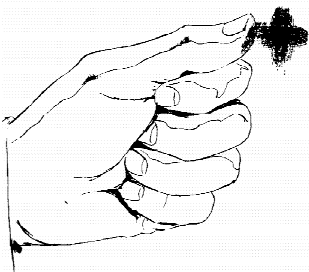
Faith Formation Convocation at Bryant
University. Catechists leave St. Francis
parking lot at 7:15am.



Food of the Month

Your donations of spaghetti sauce,
juice, peanut butter, jelly, cans of
chili, baked beans and rolls of
paper towels may be dropped off
at the entrance of the church or
chapel.

We thank you in advance for your
continued generosity to those who
are less fortunate.



IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH: THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

In today's gospel, Jesus warns his disciples, "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven" (Matt 7:21). When we come to Mass, are we truly entering into the responses, the gestures, the prayers? Do we take time before Mass to settle ourselves and clear our hearts and minds so that God can speak to us? Or do we just go through the Mass like any other routine, saying, "Lord, Lord," but not really speaking to him from the depths of our hearts? The Second Vatican Council spoke of the need for **active participation** in the sacred liturgy. But this active participation refers principally to an *interior* disposition by which we truly unite ourselves with the sacrifice being offered, truly *listening* attentively to God's Word, and truly *praying* through the Mass. If we actively engage the liturgy, then our communal worship of God will give rise to a deep, personal prayer life, overflowing into charity for our brothers and sisters. In this way, we truly do the "will of the Father in the heaven!"

TEACHING MASS WRAP-UP

Some responses from last weekend: *"We never knew what that meant!" "I learned an awful lot today!" "I'll never look at the Mass the same way again." "I'm so glad my children could see this!" "Thanks for reminding us of things we don't hear often!" "I'm going to start putting the practice of my faith at the forefront of my life."* Wow! Many, many thanks to those who so actively and attentively participated in our Teaching Masses last weekend! We received very positive reviews from many of you and we thank you for your enthusiasm! We sincerely hope that the **Year of Liturgical and Spiritual Renewal** that we have embarked upon will truly reinvigorate our parish with a love of worship and a deep spirit of prayer. While there was so much to cover, and very little time to do it, please visit <http://www.usccb.org/romanmissal/resources-reflections.shtml> for more information on the Mass. Consider viewing the film presentation in the rectory on March 12/13 (RSVP required) and stay on the lookout for future events aimed at deepening our love for the sacred liturgy.

IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH: ETIQUETTE CORNER

Q. *Is it inappropriate to talk in church?*

A. It's hard to answer that question directly, and there are differing views on this issue. But here are some thoughts to shape your own perspective. There are 168 hours in a week. Of those 168 hours, the average person spends about 56 of them sleeping. That leaves 112 hours for work, recreation and communication with family, friends, coworkers, etc. Of course, we should set aside time for personal prayer everyday, but God asks that we spend one hour (out of 168!) worshipping *him*! We gather at Church principally to talk to God! We have a parish hall, a vestibule, and other gathering spaces where we can meet and greet one another, but the main body of the upper church is reserved as a sacred space for conversation with God. The church is the home of a community, but the purpose of that community is first and foremost to worship God, to talk to God, and to allow God to talk to us! One hour out of 168 isn't too much to ask, is it?



Year of Liturgical and Spiritual Renewal

A Look Ahead to Lent:

RETURN THROUGH ART: LORD, I WANT TO SEE!

We pray with words, with music, with gestures, with ritual. Have you ever prayed with *sacred images*? Icons and sacred images are not just decorative! They are meant to be windows into heaven. If you are looking for a "hands-on" way to pray during Lent, consider joining us on Sunday, March 13 at 7:00PM in Upper Father Greenan Center, for a presentation on prayer and sacred art. Deacon Paul, who has studied the theology and craft of iconography, will show us how sacred images can actually be pathways to prayer! Color, symbol, style, form and artistic medium are all employed by sacred artists to tell a story! Come to hear their story! Call the rectory to sign up.



AWAKE, MY SOUL! MORNING PRAYER DURING LENT

Every Wednesday during Lent, immediately following the 7:00AM Mass, beginning on Wednesday, March 16th, we will pray *Morning Prayer* in Saint

Francis Church. Morning Prayer is a simple liturgical celebration based on the praying of psalms. It is a brief service intended to lift up our hearts in gratitude to God at the beginning of the day, and to consecrate the work and activities of the day to his glory. The texts will be provided for you, all you need to do is stick around after the 7AM Mass on Wednesday's. What a great way to start the day! A "two-fer" special: Mass and Morning Prayer! *"In the morning, let me know your love..."*



RETURN THROUGH SONG: A TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE

Mark your calendar for a distinctive Lenten prayer-experience! The Taize Community is an ecumenical fellowship in France that has become famous for their distinctive prayer services. Please join us as we bring a little bit of France to Wakefield! On Sunday, March 20, at 7:00PM, our choir will lead a Taize Prayer Service in Saint Francis Church. The service will be unlike anything you've experienced! Using light and darkness, gentle song and silence, we will lift up our hearts to God in contemplative prayer! Candles, sacred images, scripture, and repetitive, easily-singable songs will be a part of this special gathering! Take a seat in your favorite pew or get comfortable on the sanctuary floor! You won't want to miss this!

