

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 19

5:30pm Special Intention

Sunday, March 20

8:00am Aldora, Joao, Alberto
DeSousa and Francesco
Luongo

Requested by DaSilva family

10:00am Donald Ford

Requested by Betty Ann Hogan

12:00pm Nat Turco

Requested by family

Monday, March 21

7:00am Dennis Tierney

Requested by wife

Tuesday, March 22

7:00am William Krul

Requested by family

Wednesday, March 23

7:00am Rita and Tom O'Rourke

Requested by Behie family

Thursday, March 24

7:00am Rev. James E. Greenan
59th Anniversary—9th Pastor of St. Francis

Friday, March 25

7:00am Michael Tierney

Requested by family

Saturday, March 26

5:30pm Special Intention for
Fern and Larry Ferreira

Requested by family friend

Sunday, March 27

8:00am Reinaldo "Ray" Flores

Requested by Holly

10:00am Rita Travis

Requested by family

12NN Raymond Francis Kells, Jr.

Requested by family



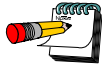
St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 20

10:00am John & Grace Carpinelli
Requested by family

Sunday, March 27

10:00am Zena Brown
Requested by family



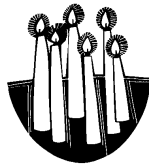
For Your Information

PARISH SUPPORT

Parish Support for March 6th was Budget—\$7,863.50. This weekend's second offering is the ongoing maintenance fund offering for March. Thank you for your continued generosity!

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Donald and Julia Wilson by their parish family.



TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICE TONIGHT!

On Sunday, March 20, at 7:00PM, our choir will lead a Taizé 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!

REMINDER

Morning Prayer, a 10-12 minute service of scripture and intercession, will be prayed every Wednesday during Lent immediately following the 7AM Mass. A booklet is provided for you.



PIZZA WITH PADRE THIS WEEK

THIS Wednesday, March 23, 7PM in Helen Bouchard Hall. Call the rectory to register.

"Faith and Science: Friends or Foes?"

Featured Pizza: Puttanesca

MONSIGNOR CLARKE PRE-SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, March 27th 11am-1pm—Offering 3 & 5 day programs for 4 year olds (must be 4 by 12/31/2011). NEASC accreditation, with age appropriate curriculum taught by certified teachers. If you can't make the open house, please call for a personal tour 789-0860.

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.

BAPTIZED INTO GOD'S FAMILY

Congratulations to the proud parents and godparents of Sarah Rose Beatrice, Matthew Murray Clark, Chloe Eliza Fanning, Emmett Roland Barrow and Carissa Collins Sherman who were baptized into the family of God in February and March.

NEED A LITTLE BOOST THIS LENT?

Check out the **CD rack** (located in the hallway near the Tabernacle). Freshly stocked with **GREAT** Lenten Topics and **SUPERB** Speakers.

MARCH 20, 2011



**LONGING TO RETURN:
A PRAYER FOR LENT 2011**

God of compassion, you await the sinner's return and spread a feast to welcome home the lost. Though we drift into exile, lost in the isolation of sin and selfishness, your grace stirs in us a longing to return. Save us from the temptations that lead us away from you, and draw us back through the power of the cross, the tree of life. Grant this through Christ, our liberator from sin, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, holy and mighty God for ever and ever. Amen.



**REMINDER!
WEDNESDAY MORNING PRAYER**

Every Wednesday during Lent, immediately following the 7:00AM Mass, 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..."*.



**CEMETERY
SPRING CLEAN-UP**

We ask that all grave ornaments/containers from Christmas be removed by April 1st. Please, during mowing season (April—October) no artificial flowers or wire framed grave decorations, and the use of glass containers is prohibited. Thank you for helping to keep the cemetery grounds clean by disposing items off grounds. For information on purchasing a lot please call 782-2711.



ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERVICE

On Wednesday, March 23rd at 12:00NN, the Ecumenical Lenten Service sponsored by Church Women United will take place here at St. Francis of Assisi Church. The preacher will be Rev. Thelma Nauth of Christ United Methodist Church in Kingston. A light lunch will be offered by St. Francis of Assisi Women's Club at Father Greenan Center following the service.



THE CATHOLIC CHARITY FUND APPEAL

Last weekend we had In-pew solicitation for the Catholic Charity Fund Appeal. Thank you to all who responded.

Received: \$ 29,671

Goal: \$104,000



**Religious
Education**

Grades K-6—Sunday Classes see below.

Wednesday Classes Gr. 3-6—Meet from 4-5pm in Father Greenan Parish Center.

Grades 7 & 8—Meet from 7-8:30pm in Father Greenan Parish Center.

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

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



This Week

Sunday, March 20

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

10am Children's Liturgy of the Word

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

12:00NN Conf. II—Mass of Petition

7:00pm Taize Prayer Service (Church)

7:00pm AA (HBH)

Monday, March 21

7:30-12NN Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament (church)

11am Divine Mercy Cenacle (church)

3-7:00pm Confirmation Interviews
(Rector)

Tuesday, March 22

6:30pm NO RCIA tonight ...URI
Vacation

7:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (loft)

Wednesday, March 23

12:00pm Ecumenical Lenten Service
followed by luncheon in Father
Greenan Parish Center

4-5pm Gr 3-6 (FGC)

4-8pm Conf. II Interviews (Rector)

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

Thursday, March 24

3:30-8:00pm Conf. II Interviews
(Rector)

7-8:30pm Divine Mercy Cenacle at
Saint Romuald Chapel, Matunuck

Friday, March 25

7pm Stations of the Cross (church)

IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH: THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



In today's gospel, Jesus takes Peter, James and John and brings them up a mountain, where he is transfigured before them. In the scriptural tradition, the mountain is the place of encounter with the divine. Jesus, on the mountain, reveals himself to his apostles in his full glory, to assure them of his divinity, and to prepare them for the suffering and hardship they would endure. The liturgy has the same effect in our lives. Entering the church is like ascending the mountain, going up and away from all the distractions that compete for our attention. Just like the apostles, we are met on the mountain by the prophets and patriarchs, who tell us the story of God's love for his people. In the Mass, we meet them in the scriptures which are proclaimed in our midst. And the climax of our mountain-top experience is the full glory of Christ revealed to us: truly present yet hidden under the appearance of bread and wine. Each week, we ascend the mountain, but do we allow *ourselves* to be transfigured? Do we leave the mountain committed to serve this Jesus whose divinity shines through humble signs? Are we transformed through our encounter with him? Do we desire to "pitch our tents" on the mountain, and stay a while in prayer and reflection, or do we hurry away, already anticipating the next distraction? The challenge of liturgy is to climb the mountain, be transfigured with Christ, and descend in order to face the hardships of life with minds and hearts renewed.

Year of Liturgical and Spiritual Renewal

FR. JOE'S SCHEDULE

Fr. Joe will conduct the Parish Mission at Mary, Mother of Mankind Church next Sunday through Wednesday, March 27th through 30th. The following weekend of April 3rd, he will be on retreat at Mount St. Mary Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Fr. Gerry Beirne will offer the 10:00 AM Mass at St. Romuald Chapel on March 27th and April 3rd. Fr. Nick will celebrate the Masses at the Church.



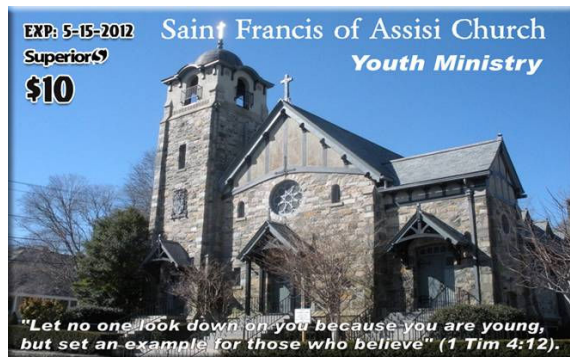
CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL

Supporting the work of the Church

At the Saint Martin de Porres Center in Providence, 8,732 elders and low-income families are served annually. Thank you for your gift to the Catholic Charity Appeal.

2011 Steubenville East Youth Conference July 22-24

All high school youth invited! July 22-24 on the campus of URI. If you would like to be part of our group from St. Francis of Assisi please call Jacqui Bertrand at 782-3505 or the Rel. Ed. Office 792-8684.



YOUTH MINISTRY FUND-RAISER

This year we have teamed up with Superior Cards Inc. to raise funds for future Youth Ministry activities in our parish, including but not limited to, the 2011 Steubenville East Youth Conference. How does this work? For a cost of \$10, you purchase a savings card which has a list of 15 local establishments that are willing to give you a discount. The detail discount is posted on the back of the card (i.e., 10 % discount total food purchase at the Mews). This card is good for one year and can be used repeatedly throughout the year. Sales of these cards will take place after all masses on April 2/3. Please help our fund-raiser be successful!