

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 12

4:30pm Camella Ford—5th Anniversary
Requested by Corinne

Sunday, March 13

8:00am Michael Baton

10am Wayne, Dana and Howard Fanning
Requested by Yvonne

12:00pm John McLoughlin and
Virginia Hourigan
Requested by family

Monday, March 14

7:00am Walter DiPrete
Requested by wife

Tuesday, March 15

7:00am Mary Pendergast
Requested by Kathleen and Jeff Carney

Wednesday, March 16

7:00am Laura Webb
Requested by nephew

Thursday, March 17

7:00am William P. McPhee
Requested by a friend

Friday, March 18

7:00am John MacLane
Requested by Kathleen and Jeff Carney

Saturday, March 19

4:30pm Reinaldo "Ray" Flores
Requested by wife

Sunday, March 20

8:00am John & Angelina Vieira
Requested by a friend

10:00am Donna R. Blain
Requested by family

12:00pm Rebecca & Roman Malvataan
Requested by family



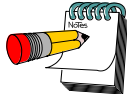
St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 13

10:00am Susan Marchand
Requested by family

Sunday, March 20

10:00am Anna and Arthur Hornberger
Requested by daughter



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Thu and Chi Thi Anna Tran and Thanh John Ha.



LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Join us on March 18th between 5:30—6:45pm for a meatless soup meal in Father Greenan Hall. This week's soup will be prepared and served by the Men of St. Joseph. It is a wonderful lead in to Stations at 7pm. We hope to see you there.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL ASSISTANCE

Now is the time to turn in tuition assistance applications for the 2016-2017 school year. If you have not yet received your forms from the school, please call and inquire about them.

ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERVICES—Every Lent, area churches participate in Ecumenical Lenten Services on the Wednesdays of Lent followed by a light lunch in the parish hall of the church hosting the service each week. Please note that the services begin at 12Noon. We encourage all who are able to attend. Below is the remaining schedule for this Lent: **March 16th** at Peace Dale First Church of God, 209 Allen Avenue, Peace Dale with Rev. Mary Hansen-Joyce, Pastor of Church of the Good Shepherd, Kingston.



CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL

Supporting the work of the Church

Your support of the Catholic Charity Appeal will enable the Interfaith Community Dire Emergency Fund to continue to serve 28,525 clients annually. Thank you for your generosity.

Week 3 Report

2016 CCA PARISH GOAL: \$103,070

Amount pledged to date: \$33,200

of gifts: 179; % of goal—32.21%; % Participation: 8.37%

Please don't forget to turn in your pledge. Every little bit helps.

PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (244)	-	\$ 6,601.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 1,430.00
Online Giving (# of donors – 63)	-	\$ 1,965.50
Total Budget	-	\$ 9,996.50

Monthly

Envelopes (172)	-	\$2,626.00
Other donations	-	\$ 535.00
Total Monthly	-	\$ 3,161.00

This weekend's second offering is the Ongoing Maintenance fund offering. Next weekend's second offering will be the annual Rice Bowl/Catholic Relief Services collection. **As always, thank you for your generosity.**

MARCH 13, 2016

From the Pastor

Signs of spring are around us and next Sunday is Palm Sunday. The coming of Daylight Savings Time makes the coming of spring seem official, even though the vernal equinox isn't till next week. The Catholic Charities appeal is in full swing and the donations and pledges are moving us toward our parish goal. The weekly report doesn't come till Wednesday and I have to write this on Tuesday, so I can't give an up-to-date report, but as of last week, we were at around one third of the way toward the goal. Thanks so much for all your support, and a special thanks to Gerri Marsocci, who's been coordinating this effort for the parish for some years now.

It's good to get together once in a while for social events and the Friday Lenten soups nights have been a pleasure to attend. The members of various groups have been taking responsibility for the different weeks and the range of soups has been impressive. Last Friday, the members of the NET ministry team were there; they were here to run the retreats for the Junior High and Confirmation I classes. The Friday soup nights have also increased the number of people coming to Stations of the Cross since many of those who come for soup and fellowship stay for Stations and Benediction at 7 o'clock, and the free-will offerings for the soup go to the satellite diocesan office for Catholic Charities and Social Ministry, which is located downstairs from the church and which distributes help to so many in need.

The Pizza/Bingo night will be coming up next month: another opportunity to get together for some camaraderie. Many thanks to the members of the Events Committee, who are organizing this, and to those who have donated prizes for the occasion.

Fr. Bodah

"Blaze a Trail"

CELEBRATING OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

The South Kingstown Elks #1899
invites all Seniors, Age 60 plus
to a **DINNER DANCE** at the
SOUTH KINGSTOWN ELKS LODGE
60 BELMONT AVE., WAKEFIELD, RI

THURSDAY, APRIL 28TH

4-5pm Music & Social Hour; 5-6pm Pot Roast Dinner;
6:15-6:30pm Speaking Program; 6:30-8pm Music and Dancing

Pre-Registration REQUIRED! Reservation period: 4/1/16-4/18/16.

Call 789-0268 to pre-register

Transportation available, as required, for South Kingstown residents.
Meals can also be prepared for anyone who'd like to arrange pick-up.

THERE IS NO CHARGE TO ATTEND THIS EVENT!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday, March 13th

8:50-9:50am GRADES 1 & 2 (FGC)

9:50-10:50 Kindergarten (HBH)

10:50-11:50am GRADES 3-6 (FGC)
GRADE 8 (FGC)

Wednesday, March 16th

4:15-5:15 Classes GRADES 3-6 (FGC)

Saturday, March 19th

7:30am Depart from church parking
lot for Diocesan Faith Formation
Convocation at Bryant University.



This Week

Sunday, March 13

Religious Classes see schedule above
10am Children's Liturgy of the Word
11:00am Reconciliation Gr. 5 (FGC)
11:00am Choir Rehearsal (SR)
4:30-6pm Praise! Rehearsal (FGC)

Monday, March 14

7:30am Adoration
7:00pm Baptism Prep Class (MCCR)

Tuesday, March 15

6:30pm Adoration & Evening Prayer (SR)
7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (loft)

Wednesday, March 16

12:30pm Stations of the Cross (SR)
4:15-5:15pm Classes Gr. 3-6 (FGC)

**No evening Religious Education classes
for grades 7 & 8**

7-8:0pm Living Stations practice for
narrators, Jesus & soldiers only (SF)

Thursday, March 17

6:00pm Holy Hour: Adoration with
Divine Mercy Cenacle prayers (SR)
6:30pm Evening Prayer (SR)
7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (↓FGC)

Friday, March 18

7:30am Rosary—Sorrowful Mysteries (SF)
5:30pm Lenten Soup Meal prepared by
Men of St. Joseph (FGC)
4-6pm Living Stations practice for all
narrators, actors & drummer (SF)

7:00pm Stations of the Cross (SF)

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7:30am Depart from church parking
lot for Diocesan Faith Formation
Convocation at Bryant University.



EASTER'S ON ITS WAY...
OUR
**ANNUAL EASTER
EGG HUNT**

WILL BE
SATURDAY, MARCH 26TH

FROM **10-11:00AM**

AT FR. GREENAN CENTER

**TODDLERS TO SECOND
GRADERS WELCOME!**

**DONATIONS OF WRAPPED
CANDY ARE NEEDED AND ARE
GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED.**

COLLECTION BOX LOCATED AT THE
ENTRANCE TO THE CHURCH.

**COME RAIN OR SHINE! WE WILL SUPPLY
THE BASKETS/BAGS FOR
COLLECTING THE EGGS.**



Education for the Catholic Future:
Catholic Schools in 21st Century America

A Portsmouth Institute Lecture featuring:

GEORGE WEIGEL

Distinguished Senior Fellow, Ethics and Public Policy Center

MARCH 17, 2016

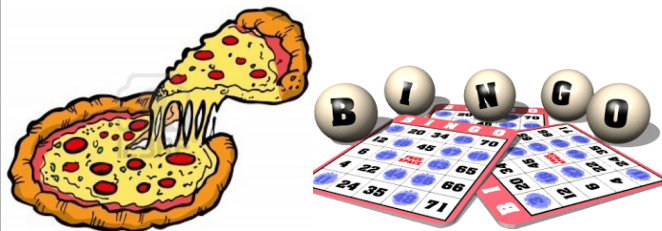
7-8:00PM

Reception to follow

**PORTSMOUTH ABBEY AUDITORIUM
285 CORYS LN, PORTSMOUTH, RI 02871
SEATING IS LIMITED—CALL 401-643-1255**

PALM SUNDAY SACRED CONCERT

On Palm Sunday, March 20, the South County Chamber Singers, under the direction of Dr. Enrico Garzilli, will perform a sacred concert at St. Francis Church at 3pm. The concert will begin with the beautiful Lachrymosa of Mozart and feature the magnificent Requiem of Faure. The program will be a truly poignant and inspiring meditation for the beginning of Holy Week. There will be a free will offering.



Pizza/Bingo Night

We will be hosting a Pizza/Bingo night on Friday, April 8 in Father Greenan Hall from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

Admission is \$10 per person and \$5 per child for children under 10. The fee pays for two bingo cards, two delicious DB's pizza slices, beverage, salad and dessert. Prizes will be awarded. The event is open to all. Donations for children's and adult prizes will be gratefully accepted until March 27.

Join us for a night of fun, fellowship and laughs. This will be fast-paced, enjoyable night for children, parents, relatives and friends. We hope to see you there.

Tickets will be available after all Masses, and at the rectory. For further details, please call Pam Lavallee at 401-783-2522.



Children ages 8—13 ... We want YOU!
Come! Make a joyful noise unto the Lord!
Easter Choir Rehearsals:

Tuesday, March 15, 5:15-6:45pm

Tuesday, March 22, 5:15-6:45pm

