

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 14

4:30pm Robert C. Wilson and
Thomas McGair

Requested by their families

Sunday, March 15

8:00am Mary Pendergast

Requested by Kathleen and Jeff Carney

10:00am Anne Plante

Requested by family

12:00NN Mass for the People

Monday, March 16

7:00am John MacLane

Requested by Kathleen & Jeff Carney

Tuesday, March 17

7:00am William Krul

Requested by family

Wednesday, March 18

7:00am Christopher Meehan

Requested by Jim and Susan Meehan

Thursday, March 19

7:00am Special Intention

Requested by Susan Meehan

Friday, March 20

7:00am William P. McPhee

Requested by friend

Saturday, March 21

4:30pm Robert Stewart

Requested by AnnMarie Piscopo

Sunday, March 22

8:00am Thu and Chi Thi Tran and
Thanh John Ha

Requested by family

10:00am Celebrant's Intention

12:00nn For Persecuted Christians
throughout the world



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 15

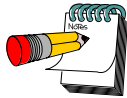
10:00am Joe and Deloris Clark

Requested by Tencher & Clark families

Sunday, March 22

10:00am John and Grace Carpinelli

Requested by family



For Your Information

PARISH SUPPORT

Parish support for March 8th was Budget—\$7,755; Parish Mission—\$947. This weekend's second offering is the Ongoing Maintenance fund offering. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of John MacLane.

WINTER FOOD DRIVE

The Social Outreach Committee is again sponsoring a food drive to benefit The Jonnycake Center of Peace Dale's Vacation Breakfast and Lunch Program. The food drive will be running for the next two weekends, March 14 & 15 thru March 21 & 22. **Foods being requested are juice boxes, jelly, cereal, peanut butter and tuna fish.** This program benefits clients: children who participate in school nutrition assistance programs. Your generous donations will go toward helping these children enjoy healthy meals and snacks throughout their school vacations and their entire summer break. Please place donations in receptacles by the St. Francis statue in the church and by the front entrance at St. Romuald Chapel. Our St. Francis of Assisi parish family has always been generous when called upon to help those in need and we thank you for your continued generosity.

CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL

The rehearsal for the sacrament of Confirmation is on Thursday, March 26th at 6pm in the main church. Sponsors and candidates need to be present. Confirmation will be held on Saturday, March 28th at 10am. It has come to my attention that several families did not receive a mailing that was sent out in late October detailing this information. Also, sponsors should have received a mailing in late January. Please check with your sponsor and contact the religious education office if they did not receive it.

STAYED TUNED ...

We're planning another great parish event called May Money Madness. Look to future parish bulletins for more information.

Hippitty, hoppitty, Easter's on its way...

our Annual Easter Egg Hunt is

Saturday, April 4th from 10:00-11:00am

at Fr. Greenan Center.

Come rain or shine!

Toddlers to Second Graders welcome!

Donations of wrapped CANDY are needed and are gratefully accepted.

Collection box located at the entrance to the church.



MARCH 15, 2015

Dear brothers and sisters,

How greatly I desire that all those places where the Church is present, especially our parishes and our communities, may become islands of mercy in the midst of the sea of indifference!

"Make your hearts firm!" (James 5:8)

As individuals ..., we are tempted by indifference. Flooded with news reports and troubling images of human suffering, we often feel our complete inability to help. What can we do to avoid being caught up in this spiral of distress and powerlessness?

First, we can pray in communion with the Church on earth and in heaven. Let us not underestimate the power of so many voices united in prayer! ...

Second, we can help by acts of charity, reaching out to both those near and far through the Church's many charitable organizations. Lent is a favourable time for showing this concern for others by small yet concrete signs of our belonging to the one human family.

Third, the suffering of others is a call to conversion, since their need reminds me of the uncertainty of my own life and my dependence on God and my brothers and sisters. If we humbly implore God's grace and accept our own limitations, we will trust in the infinite possibilities which God's love holds out to us.

...A merciful heart does not mean a weak heart. Anyone who wishes to be merciful must have a strong and steadfast heart, closed to the tempter but open to God. A heart which lets itself be pierced by the Spirit so as to bring love along the roads that lead to our brothers and sisters. And, ultimately, a poor heart, one which realizes its own poverty and gives itself freely for others.

During this Lent, ...It is my prayerful hope that this Lent will prove spiritually fruitful for each believer and every ecclesial community. I ask all of you to pray for me.

May the Lord bless you and Our Lady keep you.

(signed) *Francis*

South County Chamber Singers Sacred Music Concert

**SUNDAY, MARCH 22ND
at 3:00PM at St. Francis Church**

On Sunday, March 22nd at 3:00PM the South County Chamber Singers will present a concert of Sacred Music at St. Francis Church under the direction of Dr. Enrico Garzilli. The concert will include music of Bach, Mozart, Garzilli and Forest. The featured work will be the beautiful Coronation Mass of Mozart. Originally performed in the Cathedral of Salisbury, the work was presented in 1985 at St. Peter's in Rome with St. John Paul II as celebrant. Please consider coming to this inspiring and enjoyable Lenten meditation. There will be a free will offering.



Religious Education

CLASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 15TH

8:50-9:50am GRADES 1 & 2 (FGC)
GRADE 8 (FGC)
10:50-11:50am GRADES 3-6 (FGC)
GRADE 7 (FGC)

Monday, March 16th

7:00-8:30pm Conf. II (FGC)

Wednesday, March 18th

4:00-5:00 pm GRADES 3- 6 (FGC)
7:00pm Grades 7 and 8 attend the
Living Stations presented by Grade 7
(in the church).

*Please join us Wednesday, March 18th
at 7:00pm, in St. Francis of Assisi
Church for a special presentation of
the Stations of the Cross. "Living
Stations" is a dramatic presentation of
the Passion of Christ led by the 7th
grade Religious Education students.
All are welcome.*



This Week

Sunday, March 15

Rel. Ed. Classes—see schedule above
11:00am Choir Rehearsal (SR)
5:30pm Seder Practice (↑FGC)
7:00pm AA (HBH)

Monday, March 16

7:30-12:00nn Adoration
7-8:30pm Confirmation II Class (FGC)

Tuesday, March 17

9am-2pm PROUT Senior Retreat (FGC/SFC)
6:30pm Adoration & Evening Prayer (SR)
7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (loft)

Wednesday, March 18

12:30pm Stations of the Cross (SRC)
4-5pm Rel. Ed. Classes Gr. 3-6 (FGC)
7pm Living Stations of the Cross by
Gr. 7/8 (SFC)

Thursday, March 19

9am-2pm PROUT Senior Retreat (FGC/SFC)
2:00pm Mass at Brightview-Fr. Bodah
6:30pm Adoration & Evening Prayer (SR)
7:00pm Divine Mercy Cenacle (SR)
7:00pm SF Women's Club Mtg. (FGC)
7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (FGC-↓)

Friday, March 20

9am-1pm PROUT Faculty Retreat (FGC/SFC)
10:45am Pastoral Visit to Peace Dale
House and Indian Run Village-Fr. Bodah
7:00pm Stations of the Cross (SF)

Saturday, March 21

10am—1pm Sacred Art Workshop (HBH)
11am-2pm-Rehearsal—So.Cty.ChamberSingers

Lent

MORNING PRAYER

Every Wednesday during Lent, immediately following the 7AM Mass, we will pray *Morning Prayer* in Saint Francis Church. Booklets will be provided.



ADORATION w/EVENING PRAYER

Join us each Tuesday (except this Tuesday due to the parish mission) and Thursday evening during the Lenten Season for Adoration w/Evening Prayer at 6:30PM at Saint Romuald Chapel, Matunuck.

ROSARY—SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary will be prayed each Friday morning during Lent, immediately following the 7AM Mass at St. Francis Church.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross with Benediction will be offered on the Friday evenings of Lent at 7PM in St. Francis Church. The "Living Stations," presented by grades 7 & 8, will be offered Wednesday, March 18th at 7PM at St. Francis Church. All are encouraged to attend. Saint Romuald Chapel offers an afternoon opportunity to pray the Stations on Wednesdays throughout Lent at 12:30PM.

PARISH PENANCE SERVICE

Remaining opportunities for confession before Easter are **Saturday, March 21st** and **28th** at 3:30pm and on **Thursday, March 26th** from 5-6:00pm at St. Francis Church.



LENTEN PRAYER

Transfigure us, O Lord — Transfigure us, O Lord.
Break the chains that bind us; speak your healing word,
and where you lead we'll follow.
Transfigure us, O Lord.

RESERVE YOUR SPOT!



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

STEUBENVILLE EAST YOUTH CONFERENCE JULY 17-19, 2015

TSONGAS CENTER AT
UMASS LOWELL
(NOTE CHANGE OF LOCATION)

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**I came that they may
have life, and have it
abundantly.**

~John 10:10