

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, March 15

4:30pm William & Camella Ford

*Requested by family*

#### Sunday, March 16

8:00am John MacLane

*Requested by Kathleen and Jeff Carney*

10:00am Joe and Jennie Luciano

*Requested by family*

12:00NN Nat Turco

*Requested by family*

#### Monday, March 17

7:00am Christopher Meehan

*Requested by Jim and Susan Meehan*

#### Tuesday, March 18

7:00am William Krul

*Requested by family*

#### Wednesday, March 19

7:00am Special Intention

*Requested by Jim & Susan Meehan*

#### Thursday, March 20

7:00am William P. McPhee

*Requested by friend*

#### Friday, March 21

7:00am Rita & Tom O'Rourke &

Warren Behie—*Req. by family*

#### Saturday, March 22

4:30pm Irving P. Mason, Jr.

*Requested by Concetta M. Wilson*

#### Sunday, March 23

8:00am Mass for the People

10:00am Vincent McManus

*Requested by daughter*

12:00NN Russell Bazinet—20th Anniv.

*Requested by Joyce*



### St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

#### Sunday, March 16

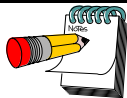
10:00am John & Grace Carpinelli

*Requested by family*

#### Sunday, March 23

10:00am Constance Andrews

*Requested by Galligan family*



### For Your Information

#### SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of John McPhillips. The sanctuary lamp at St. Romuald Chapel burns in memory of Ed Cooney.

#### CONFIRMATION CLASSES & GRADES 7/8

Religious Education classes on Monday and Wednesday evening (March 17<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>) will be held as usual. Parents, if you are not attending the parish mission, you may want to drop your child off through the town parking lot to avoid a traffic jam.



#### COFFEE AND CAMEOS: PLEASE JOIN US!

Today, **March 16**, we will gather in Helen Bouchard Hall (lower St. Francis Church) for a presentation on **Pontius Pilate**. Next Sunday, **March 23**, we will gather for a presentation on the **Women of Jerusalem**. Please join us for Coffee and Cameos as we explore the characters that are often overlooked in the passion narratives!

*The Keegan Family  
Wakefield, RI*

Dear Saint Francis Parish,

Margy, Mike and I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the St Francis Parish for your generosity - we are truly overwhelmed. The cards, emails, prayers and contributions have been so supportive. All your encouragement has helped us put one foot in front of another while we stay focused on Margy's recovery.

The Spaghetti Dinner was incredible. When Margy walked in and saw everyone at the dinner to welcome her home she was beaming. It was such a festive night after a long, dark winter. What a wonderful tribute to a brave little girl!

We have entered our second phase of recovery outpatient therapy at Hasbro's Children's Hospital. We will use your gifts to help get Margy back to the running, skipping, jumping, reading, biking, and swimming kid she was before the stroke.

Margy is fortunate to have access to exceptional medical care. Any remaining funds will help the next family afford the top notch hospitals and support services who took such good care of Margy, Mike and me. We wouldn't be here without them.

Our Deepest Gratitude,

Margy, Mike and Linda Keegan

#### PARISH SUPPORT— March 9, 2014

Weekly Support	March 9
Budget envelopes used (330)	- \$ 7,344.00
Loose Donations	- \$ 1,323.50
Online Giving (# of donors 41)	- \$ 2,037.00
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>- \$10,704.50</b>

This weekend's second offering will be the Ongoing Maintenance Fund Offering. **Thank you for your generosity.**

**MARCH 16, 2014**

## *From the Pastor...*

Next Saturday morning we have the privilege of welcoming **Bishop Robert C. Evans** to St. Francis Parish to celebrate the **Sacrament of Confirmation** for forty-one of our young people. We offer our congratulations to them and ask you to join us in praying that they will be open to the guidance and strength of the Holy Spirit as they continue their lives of faith. A special word of thanks to **Diane Castro**, our Confirmation Program Coordinator, as well as all the teachers who worked with these students during their time of preparation for this sacrament. Teaching the faith to the next generation is a very challenging but important ministry of the Church and we pray that the seeds that have been planted will continue to grow and bear much fruit in the lives of these young Catholic Christians.

Also concerning our youth, on **Saturday, March 29, from 5:30 to 7:30 PM**, our **Martha's Helpers** group will sponsor a fundraising dinner to assist the 17 young people who will participate in the **Steubenville East Youth Conference** on the campus of URI this summer. Over the last few years our parish has sponsored over 100 participants for this annual spiritual event. It has been a very positive experience for them and many continue to be involved in various activities of our parish. So mark your calendar and plan to join us on the 29<sup>th</sup> to assist our parish teens.

Speaking of fundraising, **last Friday's Spaghetti Dinner and raffle** to assist **Margaret "Margy" Keegan**, a third-grader of our parish who was recently hospitalized, was a great success. **Carla Crowshaw** and her many volunteers did a fantastic job planning and carrying out the event which raised close to **\$8,000.00**. Thanks to all who participated or contributed in any way. Let's keep Margy in our continued prayers for her full recovery!

Don't forget to join us this week for our **Parish Lenten Mission and Penance Service**. Our visiting preacher will be **Father Austin Dominic Litke, O.P.** You can find details elsewhere in this bulletin.

*Msgr. Theroux*

### **LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE**

**Tuesday, March 18th, at 7:00PM**  
**at St. Francis Church**  
**during the Parish Mission.**

**2014 LENTEN CALENDARS** can still be picked up  
*at the entrances of the church and chapel!*



## **Religious Education**

### **RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES**

#### **Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**

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

GRADE 7 (FGC)

9:50-10:50am GRADE K (HBH)

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

*Reconciliation for Grades 5&6 during class time in Fr. Greenan Center*

GRADE 8 (FGC)

#### **Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**

7-8:30PM Confirmation I (FGC)

#### **Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**

4-5pm GRADES 3-6

7-8:15 CLASSES GRADES 7 & 8 (FGC)

#### **Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**

Confirmation rehearsal 6pm begin in the lower church.

#### **Saturday March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

10am Confirmation Bishop Evans presiding  
Sponsors and Candidates report by 9:30 to Lower Church



## **This Week**

#### **Sunday, March 16**

9:00am Coffee N Cameos (HBH)

11:00am Reconciliation Gr. 5/6 (FGC)

5:30-7:00pm Praise! Rehearsal (FGC)

7:00pm AA (HBH)

#### **Monday, March 17**

8am-6pm PROUT Senior Retreat (FGC)

7:00pm Confirmation I Class (FGC)

7:00pm Parish Mission—Holy Hour

#### **Tuesday, March 18**

7:45am Finance Council Mtg (MCCR)

8am-6pm PROUT Senior Retreat (FGC)

7pm Parish Mission—Penance Service

#### **Wednesday, March 19**

8am-6pm PROUT Senior Retreat (FGC)

12:30pm Stations of the Cross (SRC)

4-5:00pm Grades 3-6 (FGC)

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

7:00pm Parish Mission Closing Mass

#### **Thursday, March 20**

8am-6pm PROUT Senior Retreat (FGC)

6:00pm Confirmation Rehearsal (church)

6:30pm Adoration w/Evening Prayer (SRC)

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (FGC)

#### **Friday, March 21**

7:00pm Stations of the Cross (SFC)

#### **Saturday, March 22**

10:00am Confirmation with Bishop Evans

# Lent

**"AND THESE THREE REMAIN: FAITH, HOPE, AND CHARITY IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE"**

Next weekend, our parish welcomes Fr. Austin Dominic Litke, O.P., of the Dominican Fathers, who serves the Catholic communities at NYU and Greenwich Village in New York City. Fr. Litke will preach at all Masses in St. Francis Church on **March 15 and 16**. A mission service will follow on the following three evenings at 7PM in St. Francis Church: **Monday, March 17** – Service with Mission Homily and Benediction; **Tuesday, March 18** – Parish Lenten Penance Service with Mission Homily (opportunity for individual confessions with guest priests); **Wednesday, March 19** – Closing Mass with Mission Homily. *We hope that you can join us for any or all of the evenings, and please bring a friend along!*



## WELCOME, FR. AUSTIN!

Fr. Austin Litke, who joins us this weekend, is a friend of Fr. Joe's. We are excited to welcome him to our parish for the first time. Fr. Austin grew up in Henderson, Kentucky and entered seminary right out of high school to become a diocesan priest.

While studying abroad in Rome, he encountered the Dominican Fathers (the Order of Preachers) and upon graduation from the University of St. Thomas in Minnesota, he entered the Order. After theological studies in Washington, DC, he was ordained a priest in May of 2011 and now serves in New York City.

## WHAT IS A LENTEN MISSION?

A Lenten Mission is an opportunity to get "re-charged" in our faith by hearing an outside preacher present the gospel from a new perspective. It is an opportunity to put time aside for God to work on transforming our hearts and minds. It is an opportunity to return to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, especially if you have been away for a while. It is a time to allow God to reawaken in us the desire for holiness and a time to respond generously to his grace. *Please join us for our 2014 Lenten mission, THIS WEEK!*

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## Steubenville East Benefit Dinner for Teens



**Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**5:30 – 7:30 pm**

(after 4:30 Saturday Mass)

**Pulled Chicken Sandwich**  
**Baked Beans, Coleslaw and**  
**Dessert**

**Cost: \$10.00**

**Takeout available (without beans)**

## RISE UP WITH THE LORD!

Calling all boys and girls ages 6-12 for  
our Easter morning **10am Mass**  
Children's choir!!

It's time for our rehearsals to begin!  
We need YOU to help us rejoice in the  
Resurrection of the Lord!

Rehearsals will be on  
**Wednesdays 5-6:15pm**  
in the choir loft beginning  
**March 19th!**

Come give choir a try ~  
we need your voice and joy  
to fill our Easter celebration!!

Questions?

Call Mimi Battey at 792-8301  
or email: [mimibattey@gmail.com](mailto:mimibattey@gmail.com)

**SEE YOU MARCH 19TH IN THE LOFT!**

Our next Youth Mass is scheduled for the Noon Mass on Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, Fr. Romain Rurangirwa, a survivor of the genocide in Rwanda, will be our guest celebrant at the Mass. Fr. Romain will be speaking on the power of healing and forgiveness to our 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> graders in Helen Bouchard Hall immediately following the Noon mass. All parishioners are welcome to attend.