

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, March 16

4:30pm Anthony Ramieri

*Requested by St. Francis Women's Club*

### Sunday, March 17

8:00am Flynn & Carney Families

*Requested by James & Kathleen Carney*

10:00am Rita Travis

*Requested by family*

12:00nn Nat Turco

*Requested by family*

### Monday, March 18

7:00am Christopher Meehan

*Requested by Jim and Susan Meehan*

### Tuesday, March 19

7:00am William Krul

*Requested by family*

### Wednesday, March 20

7:00am Mass for the People

### Thursday, March 21

7:00am Rita & Tom O'Rourke and  
Warren Behie

*Requested by family*

### Friday, March 22

7:00am Anne Cirone

*Requested by James & Amber King*

### Saturday, March 23

4:30pm Hilda Gilligan

*Requested by friends*

### Sunday, March 24

8:00am Rev. James E. Greenan

*9th Pastor of St. Francis—61st Anniv.*

10:00am Reinaldo Flores

*Requested by family*

12NN Charles Viens

*Requested by family*



## St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

### Sunday, March 17

10:00am Vincent Joyce, Sr.

*Requested by family*

### Sunday, March 24

10:00am Walter Dyer

*Requested by Hood family*



## For Your Information

### SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Reginald and Mary Gadrow. The sanctuary lamp at St. Romuald Chapel burns in memory of John and Margaret Cavanagh.

### FOOD & COMMODITY NEEDS FOR MARCH

Pasta & Sauce, bath tissue. Giving to the needy is a good Lenten deed. Thank you for your ongoing generosity.

**MSGR CLARKE REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL** has openings in most grades for the 2013-14 academic year. For more information about the school, go to their website, [www.monsignorclarkeschool.org](http://www.monsignorclarkeschool.org) or to arrange a visit or discuss registration, call 789-0860.

### "FR. ROCKY" IS COMING...

On March 17th @ 7:15PM at St. Brendan's in East Providence, all are invited to a special Heart of Worship Event featuring Fr. Francis Hoffman, "Fr. Rocky," of Relevant Radio. He will speak on hope for the new evangelization. It will be a music filled night of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Confessions will be available. Come to the Heart of Worship. Jesus Will Be There. For more info. visit: [www.heartofworshipevent.com](http://www.heartofworshipevent.com) or call 401-954-2908.

### PALM SUNDAY SACRED CONCERT

A New Work by Enrico Garzilli to be Performed by the South County Chamber Singers at St. Francis on Palm Sunday Afternoon. Dr. Enrico Garzilli will conduct the South County Chamber Singers in the world premiere of his oratorio, "The Resurrection and the Life" in a Palm Sunday concert here at St. Francis on Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 3:00. The concert will feature Sharon Key, soprano and Michael DiMucci, tenor, along with our own Kathleen Puchalla as narrator. Pieces by Brahms, Faure, and Mozart will also be heard. There will be a free-will offering. All are welcome.

### PARISH SUPPORT— March 10

#### Weekly Support

Budget envelopes (332 used)	-	<b>March 10</b> \$6,187.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 635.00
Online Giving (30 donors)	-	<u>\$ 530.00</u>
<b>Total Budget</b>	-	<b>\$7,352.00</b>

This weekend's second offering is the Ongoing Maintenance Fund Offering. Next weekend's second offering is the Rice Bowl offering. As always, **thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.**

**MARCH 17, 2013**

## *From the Pastor...*

Lent is rapidly passing by and next Sunday, with the celebration of **Palm Sunday**, we will begin **Holy Week**, the most solemn week of the Church year. During these last days of Lent as we recall the great events of our salvation, I hope that everyone will have a renewed spirit of prayer and devotion so that we as individuals and as a parish will be well prepared to celebrate the Lord's triumph over sin and death at Easter.

Over the past few years it has become a Palm Sunday tradition in St. Francis Church to welcome the **South County Chamber Singers, under the direction of Dr. Enrico Garzilli**, to perform a concert of sacred music. This year it is a particular privilege to host their **World Premiere** performance of "**The Resurrection and the Life**", composed by **Dr. Garzilli**. The concert will take place next **Sunday, March 24, 2013 at 3:00 PM in St. Francis Church**. All are welcome. A free-will offering will be accepted.

*Msgr. Theroux*

### ATTENTION Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Holy Week is just around the corner and I will be working on the new Eucharistic Minister schedule for St. Francis of Assisi (main church only) this week. This schedule will run for Holy Week (March 28 - March 31) through Labor Day weekend (August 31 and September 1). Please notify me this week (by Wednesday, March 20), if you will have any conflicts for this next schedule.

In addition, I need to know if you are available for your regular Mass on Easter Sunday or not. Please let me know one way or the other if you are available or not for Holy Week, especially for any of the "extra" Masses during Holy Week - Holy Thursday, the Easter Vigil Mass, etc.

Please let me know by no later than Wednesday, March 20 if you are available or not for any Mass during Holy Week.

Thank you for your help.

You can reach me at (401) 783-9556 or e-mail me at [mbrousseau@yephs.com](mailto:mbrousseau@yephs.com)

As always, thank you for your service to our Lord and to our Parish.  
Michelle Brousseau

### **Beat the Chill, Climb the Hill 5K**

Saturday, March 23rd, 11:00am at Msgr. Clarke School  
Entry fee: \$25 adults, \$20 (under 18)

T-Shirts to first 200 registrants. Awards to be given out.  
Registration forms are the entrances of the church and chapel.



## **Religious Ed. Notes**

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES Sunday, March 17**

8:50-9:50am GRADES 1 & 2 (FGC)  
GRADE 7 (FGC)  
9:50-10:50am GRADE K (HBH)  
10:50-11:50am GRADES 3&4  
Reconciliation (FGC)  
GRADE 5 (FGC)  
GRADE 8 (HBH)

### **Monday, March 18**

4:30-6:00pm Living Stations Rehearsal  
7:00pm Confirmation I Class (FGC)

### **Tuesday, March 19**

GRADES 7 & 8 - Living Stations Dress  
Rehearsal from 4:30-6:30 (Church)

### **Wednesday, March 20**

4-5pm Class Gr. 3-6 (FGC)  
6:30 Grade 7 students meet in HBH  
7-8:00pm Living Stations of the Cross  
in Church Gr. 8 (Church)

### **Friday, March 22**

6:30pm Sleep Out for Homeless Awareness



## **This Week**

### **Sunday, March 17**

(See Religious Ed. Class schedule above)  
11am Reconciliation for Gr. 3 & 4 (FGC)  
2-4pm So. County Chamber Singers  
Rehearsal for Palm Sunday Sacred Concert  
5:30-7pm PRAISE! Rehearsal  
7:00pm AA (HBH)

### **Monday, March 18**

7:00pm Confirmation I Class (FGC)

### **Tuesday, March 19**

4:30-6:30 Living Stations Dress Rehearsal  
6:30-7:30pm RCIA Last Class (HBH)  
6:30 NEW Readers Meeting (SFC)  
6:30pm RCIA (HBH)  
7:00pm Social Outreach Mtg. (FGC)  
7-9pm Lenten Reflection-CATHOLICISM  
DVD on Christian Charity (FGC)  
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (loft)

### **Wednesday, March 20**

7:30am Morning Prayer (SFC)  
7-8pm Living Stations of the Cross (SFC)  
7:00pm Christ the King Penance Service

### **Thursday, March 21**

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

### **Friday, March 22**

6:30pm Confessions (church)  
7:00pm Stations of the Cross w/Benediction  
7:00pm Parenting Mtg. (FGC—3rd Floor)  
8:00pm Sleep Out for the Homeless

### **Saturday, March 23**

12:30-2:30 So. Cty. Chamber Singers Rehearsal

# FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The Eucharist “is *the Sacrament of Life*, for it is a food that we can receive every day, a living bread expressly instituted to give us eternal life, the very life of God Himself.” –M.V. Bernadot, O.P.

### this week in prayer:

- *Do I understand the significance of the Eucharist—that through it I am given a share in the very life of God?*
- *Do I approach Holy Communion in reverent humility and in a state of grace?*
- *How can I immerse myself more deeply into the life of Christ through a more reverent participation in Holy Mass?*



### Celebrate Spring A Mini-Mall of Shops

Presented by the Dance-Moms  
of the Jennifer Prete  
Studio of Dance (JPSD)  
Competition Team

**When:** Saturday March 23, 2013 9:00 am- 3:00 pm

**Where:** Father Greenan Parish Center of St. Francis, 114 High Street, Wakefield

**Why:** Gifts for: Easter, First Communion, Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, Graduations, Baby Showers and more!  
Exhibition Dances by the Team at 12:45 pm.

**Participating Vendors:** Jewelry, Photo Greeting Cards, Baby Gifts, Scarves, Totes, Candles, Chocolate, Beeswax Candles, Easter-Basket Trimmings, Wildtree Herbs, Scarves, Henna Body-Art, American Girl Clothing, Specialty Mugs, Rosaries, Books, Pet gifts, Table-runners, Paper Crafting, T-shirts, TuTus and Dance gifts, Pampered Chef, Thirty-One, Scentsy, Tastefully Simple, Mary Kay, Tupperware, Cookie-Lee, Arbonne and more!

Easter photos by **The Artistic Edge**- 5 images for \$35.00. Bring your kids in their Easter clothes and take a photo CD home with you that day!

### JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY FOR 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...!*



### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Will be prayed on this Friday evening at 7PM in the church and on Good Friday, March 29th at 3:00PM.



## CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL

*Supporting the work of the Church*

2013 PARISH GOAL

**\$103,000**

Donations received as of Week 4:

**\$45,151.00**

From 265 donors — 44% of goal

## Annual Easter Egg Hunt



NEXT Saturday,

**March 30th**

10:00-11:00

Fr. Greenan Center

RAIN or SHINE

Toddlers to Second Graders welcome!  
*Donations of candy and plastic eggs gratefully accepted. The collection box is located at the entrance to the church. Thank you!*