

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 28

4:30pm Williams & Battey Families

Requested by Battey family

Sunday, March 1

8:00am Dominic Coppolino

Requested by family

10:00am Dolores Smith &

Rosaleen Hickey

Requested by brother

12:00NN Mass for the People

Monday, March 2

7:00am V. Paul and Lucy Winter

Tuesday, March 3

7:00am Gloria and Al Jobin and
Tommy Brent

Wednesday, March 4

7:00am Dr. Leonard Staudinger

Requested by family

Thursday, March 5

7:00am Dr. Blaise Gentile and
Maj. Gen. Joseph P. Gentile

Requested by family

Friday, March 6

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

Requested by family

Saturday, March 7

4:30pm Ann Walsh

Requested by Tom and Margaret Keenan

Sunday, March 8

8:00am Marion Maggio

Requested by family

10:00am Elizabeth "Betty" Steward

Requested by parish family

12:00nn Mary Grace "Kelly" Sullivan



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 1

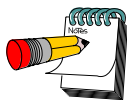
10:00am Linda Guernon

Requested by family

Sunday, March 8

10:00am Jean Boynton

Requested by Maggie Cote



For Your Information

PARISH SUPPORT

Parish support for February 22nd was Budget—\$9,130. This weekend's second offering is the Monthly offering for March. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Marion Maggio. The sanctuary lamp at St. Romuald Chapel burns for Thu Tran.

FAMILY LITURGY: THE SEASON OF LENT



Please join us next Sunday, March 8, at the 10AM Mass in Saint Francis for our monthly Family Liturgy. Having begun the Season of Lent, we will reflect on the meaning of this rich season and the three "pillars of Lent": prayer, fasting and almsgiving. All are welcome!

OCEAN'S RUN HALF MARATHON will take place on Sunday, March 8th in Matunuck. The run starts at 8am and is expected to be completed by 9:30am. We don't expect it to impact Mass but wanted to give you a head's up.

YOUTH MASS

Our next Youth Mass is scheduled for the Noon Mass on Sunday, March 8th. This is the Mass of Petition for our teens who are preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation on March 28th. A reception for our Confirmation candidates and their families will be held in Helen Bouchard Hall immediately following the Noon mass. All are welcome to attend.

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, sponsor 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.

SYNOD ON THE FAMILY HOLY HOUR

A Eucharistic Holy Hour to be held March 5th from 4-5PM at St. Romuald Chapel, Matunuck. Please consider sharing in this lay initiative of a world-wide novena of holy hours on the first Thursday of each month in preparation for the October 2015 Synod of Bishops "On the Family." For any questions or options to participate contact Mary and Al Vitiello at: maryalri@yahoo.com.

MARRIAGE PREP WEEKEND

St. Francis will host a marriage preparation weekend for the diocese with several couples from our parish and other area churches leading engaged couples in a series of talks & exercises as they prepare for the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony this coming Friday and Saturday. Please keep them all in your prayers this week.

MARCH 1, 2015

From the Pastor

As we say our thanks to Mimi Battey for her 20 years of service to our parish music ministry, we also welcome Stephen Higgins as our new organist and director of music. Steve graduated from Rhode Island College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in music with a concentration in choral and orchestral conducting as well as piano performance. He went on to study organ privately with Henri St. Louis, a well-known Catholic parish organist. For eleven years, beginning even before he graduated from college, Steve was organist and music director at St. Mary of the Bay parish in Warren, not far from his native Barrington, and since the fall of 2013, he has held the same position at Our Lady of Grace parish in Johnston. Next weekend he will begin his time with us. We're excited to welcome him to our St. Francis community and wish him many years of satisfying service to the Lord's worship. I hope everyone has planned to be with us this Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday for our parish mission, led by our pastor emeritus, Fr. Nick Smith.

Finally, don't forget to plan for next weekend's in-pew solicitation for Catholic Charities, the chief fund-raiser for the Church's many charitable ministries in our state. Consider how much you plan to give each month or each quarter *over the next year*, and pledge according. Remember the words of our Lord, "If you give alms, all will be wiped clean for you" and "Come, you blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me to eat.... Whatever you do for the least of mine, you do for me."

Fr. Bodah

Jesus Restores Us to Friendship

Jesus instituted the Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation) to heal sin and to restore us to friendship with God and the Church. The Church requires that we confess our serious sins at least once a year (Canon 989) and recommends that we confess our venial sins as well (Canon 988). If you have been away from the Sacrament for some time, the Church has only one admonition for you: **do not be afraid!** Jesus is waiting to heal you, to unburden you of whatever is holding you back from experiencing a relationship with him in abundance. Lent is like spring-cleaning for the soul! If you are unsure of what to confess or how to confess, the parish office has copies of *How to Make a Good Confession* to help you along with the process. Lent is a time for the giving up of *what we are* for what we might become.

Please consider joining us for the parish penance service THIS Tuesday evening during the parish mission. The Lord is waiting for you.



Religious Education

CLASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 1st

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

10:50-11:50am GRADES 3-6 (FGC)
GRADE 7 (FGC)

"Step Up Close to Jesus" Stations of the Cross at 11:00am (FGC)

All are invited to attend.

Monday, March 2nd

7-8:30pm Confirmation II (FGC)

Wednesday, March 4th

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

7:00-8:15pm GRADES 7&8 (FGC)

FINAL EUCHARIST PARENT

MTG next Sunday, March 8th at 9:15 in HBH. All parents/guardians must attend this final preparation for First Holy Communion.



This Week

Sunday, March 1

Fr. Nick to preach at all weekend Masses in preparation for the Parish Mission

11:00am Choir Rehearsal (SR)

1-2:30pm Praise rehearsal (loft)

7:00pm AA (HBH)

Monday, March 2

7:30-12:00nn Adoration

7:00pm Parish Mission w/Fr. Nick will include Exposition w/Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament (SF)

7-8:30pm Confirmation II Class (FGC)

Tuesday, March 3

7:00pm Parish Mission w/Fr. Nick with Parish Lenten Penance Svc (SF)

Wednesday, March 4

12:30pm Stations of the Cross (SRC)

4-5pm Rel. Ed. Classes—Gr. 3-6 (FGC)

5pm Practice Reading for Step Up Close to Jesus Stations (FGC)

7:00pm Parish Mission w/ closing Mass—Fr. Nick (SF)

7-8:15pm Gr. 7/8 Class (FGC)

Thursday, March 5

2pm Mass at Scallop Shell N&R—Fr. Bodah

5-6pm Holy Hour for Synod on the Family (SR)

6:30pm Adoration & Evening Prayer (SR)

7:00pm Divine Mercy Cenacle (SR)

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (FGC-↓)

Friday, March 6

6-10pm Marriage Prep (FGC)

7:00pm Stations of the Cross (SF)

7:00pm Parenting Group (FGC)

Saturday, March 7

8am-3pm Marriage Prep (FGC)

10am—1pm Sacred Art Workshop (HBH)

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.

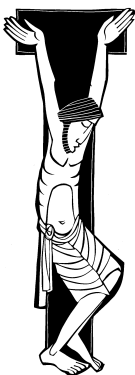


ADORATION w/EVENING PRAYER

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.



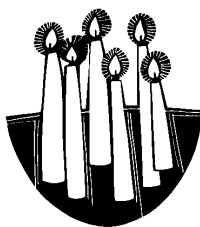
STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross with Benediction will be offered on the Friday evenings of Lent at 7PM in St. Francis Church. The "Step Up Close to Jesus Stations," presented by grades 3-6, will be offered Wednesday, March 11th at 4PM at Fr. Greenan Center. All are encouraged to attend. Saint Romuald Chapel offers an afternoon opportunity to pray the Stations on Wednesdays throughout Lent at 12:30PM.

TAIZE

AN EVENING OF PRAYER & SONG

All are invited to join us for a quiet evening of **TAIZÉ prayer, song and reflection** NEXT Sunday, March 8th, at 6:30PM in 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.

FOOD OF THE MONTH

For February: pasta, tomato sauce, soup, beans.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

2015 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL

"Faith and Good Works"

The start of the 2015 Catholic Charity Appeal is fast approaching. Many of our parishioners will be receiving a mailing from Bishop Tobin asking for your support of the 2015 Appeal. For your convenience, a pledge card has been enclosed within this mailing. **Please be assured that your parish will receive credit for the gift that you make through the mail.**

Your gift to the 2015 Appeal reaches out to countless people in need throughout our diocese. No matter where you turn, you find someone who will benefit from your kindness.

The In-pew solicitation weekends will be March 7/8 and again March 14/15. This year's goal: \$103,070.

BUSY LENT?

Check out the **CD rack** for some **Spirituality on the Go**. Listen to **top notch presenters on Lenten themes** on your way to work, between running errands or simply in the comfort of your own home. The CD rack is located on the wall by handicapped door through the exit to the right of the tabernacle. Some of the new titles just placed in the rack for Lent include:

- *No Price too High* - Deacon Alex Jones
 - *Stay with Us Lord*—Fr. David Simonetti
 - *The Hidden Power of Forgiveness*—Jeff Cavins
 - *Getting Others to Heaven*—Noelle Garcia
- ...and many more! ... Check it out for yourself!

Thank you, Mimi!

