

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 19

4:30pm Reinaldo "Ray" Flores

Requested by wife

Palm 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

Monday, March 21

7:00am Mass for the people

Tuesday, March 22

7:00am William Krul

Requested by family

Wednesday, March 23

7:00am Charles Cummings

Requested by Carolyn Brown

Holy Thursday, March 24

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

followed by Adoration at the altar of repose

Good Friday, March 25

7:00pm Service of Our Lord's

Passion & Death

Holy Saturday, March 26

7:00pm Easter Vigil Mass

For the parish

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, March 27

8:00am Roberta "Robin" Matteson

Requested by Paul & Diane Costanza

10am Robert T. Connaughton

Requested by family

12:00pm Sr. Susan Hannon



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Palm Sunday, March 20

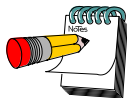
10:00am Anna and Arthur Hornberger

Requested by daughter

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, March 27

10:00am Daniel Fenaughty

Requested by family



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

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

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.

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 on Thursday, April 28th from 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.

JONNYCAKE AND CLAMCAKE BRUNCH

All are invited to join the Jonncake Center, Peace Dale for a traditional brunch buffet, including johnnycakes made by Kenyon's Grist Mill, clamcakes, and drink specials, as you enjoy live music from local artist Becky Chace and watch our local fishing fleet pass by from the upstairs of George's of Galilee. Sat., Apr. 2, 11am-2pm. Tickets are \$25/adults, \$15/children. All proceeds will support the Jonncake Center food pantry. For more information, please call the Jonncake Center at 789-1559.



CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL

supporting the work of the Church

Your support of the Catholic Charity Appeal helps 500 deaf and hard of hearing, 600 developmentally disabled and 300 blind individuals. Thank you for your generous gift!

CCA Report

2016 CCA PARISH GOAL: \$103,070

Amount pledged to date: \$35,500

of gifts: 192; % of goal—34.44%; % Participation: 8.95%

PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (255)	-	\$ 6,827.50
Loose Donations	-	\$ 1,419.00
Online Giving (# of donors - 61)	-	\$ 1,490.50
Total Budget	-	\$ 9,737.00

Ongoing Maintenance

Envelopes (165)	-	\$1,606.00
Other donations	-	\$ 855.00
Total Ong. Maint.	-	\$ 2,461.00

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

MARCH 20, 2016

From the Pastor

Holy Week has begun. The mysteries of the Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection are made present in the liturgy of the Church. These are not mere reenactments of past events, pageants of long-ago happening: whenever the liturgy is celebrated, Christ's saving work is made available to us.

This year, all the services will be at the same hour: 7 p.m., and all in the parish church.

On Holy Thursday, the Mass of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated with the washing of the feet of a representative group of parishioners. Mass will be followed by the procession with the Blessed Sacrament to Helen Bouchard Hall, which will be open for adoration until 11 p.m.

On Good Friday, the solemn celebration of the Lord's Passion will take place in the evening with the veneration of the Cross, and the hosts consecrated on Holy Thursday will be used for communion. Stations of the Cross will also be held at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, especially for those who cannot attend the liturgy in the evening.

On Holy Saturday, we'll gather at 7pm for the Easter Vigil, the central celebration of the whole liturgical year. It will begin with the lighting of the Easter fire in the vestibule and continue with the solemn entrance of the Paschal candle and the singing of the *Exultet*, the Easter proclamation. Three readings from the Old Testament follow, and then the Gloria will mark the Resurrection of the Lord. After the homily, holy water will be blessed and we'll renew our baptismal vows in place of the Creed. From there on, the Mass continues as usual. This year we have no adult baptisms or confirmations, so the service will be a bit shorter than it is when those sacraments are celebrated within the Mass.

On Easter Sunday morning, the Mass schedule will be as usual both in the church and at the chapel.

And parents, don't forget the Easter egg hunt on Holy Saturday at 10 a.m. for the younger members of the parish.

A blessed Holy Week to all!

Fr. Bodah



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, when we commemorate Christ's royal entry into Jerusalem. Please find the Holy Week Schedule of services below:

Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper—7:00PM at St. Francis
Good Friday - Celebration of the Lord's Passion—7:00PM at St. Francis
Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil—7:00PM at St. Francis

Please make every effort to attend these sacred services of the Triduum. Without them, we would not be who we are!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday, March 20th

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

FIRST COMMUNION BANNERS DUE TODAY.

Monday, March 21st

3:30 Filling of Easter Eggs (FGC)
Come and join us!
4-6pm Living Stations dress rehearsal
(all 7th graders to attend)

Wednesday, March 23rd

4:15-5:15pm GRADES 3- 6 (FGC)
6:30pm Grade 7 students meet in (HBH)
7-7:45pm Grade 8 Living Stations
meet in the Church



This Week

Sunday, March 20

Religious Classes see schedule above
10am Children's Liturgy of the Word
11:00am Reconciliation Gr. 5 (FGC)
11:00am Choir Rehearsal (SR)
3:00pm Palm Sunday Sacred Concert
4:30-6pm Praise! Rehearsal (FGC)

Monday, March 21

7:30am Adoration
4-6pm Living Stations practice (SF)
6:30pm Event Committee Mtg. (FGC)

Tuesday, March 22

7:40am Finance Council Mtg. (MCCR)
6:30pm Adoration & Evening Prayer (SR)
7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (loft)

Wednesday, March 23

12:30pm Stations of the Cross (SR)
4:15-5:15pm Classes Gr. 3-6 (FGC)
7:00pm Living Stations (SF)

HOLY THURSDAY, March 24

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
with Adoration at the Altar of
Repose until 11:00pm (SF)
8:30-11:00pm Adoration (SRC)

GOOD FRIDAY, March 25

3:00pm Stations of the Cross (SF)
7:00pm Celebration of the Lord's
Passion (SF)

HOLY SATURDAY, March 26

10:00am Easter Egg Hunt (FGC)
7:00pm Easter Vigil Mass (SF)

EASTER SUNDAY, March 27

Masses will be celebrated at St. Francis at
8am, 10am and 12nn and at St. Romuald
Chapel at 10am

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.**



CONGRATULATIONS!

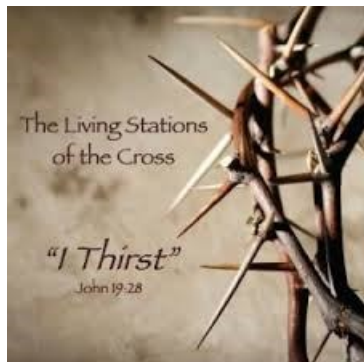
Parishioner Annan Gass, a junior at The Prout School and candidate for Eagle Scout with Boy Scout Troop 16, Westerly, was awarded the Pope Pius XII medal at the Cathedral of SS Peter and Paul on March 13.



Steubenville East Youth Conference

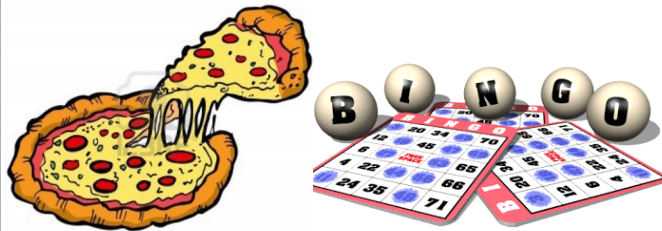
We have registered for 25 spots for teenagers who are current 8-12th grade students for the 2016 Steubenville East Youth Conference to be held on July 15-17 at the University of Massachusetts, Lowell. If you are interested in participating in this powerful retreat, registration forms are available in the Religious Education Office or on our parish website:

<http://stfranciswakefield.com/youth-ministry/>



The Living Stations

Please join the seventh grade Religious Education classes as they reverently reenact the Stations of the Cross on Wednesday, March 23rd at 7pm in St. Francis Church.



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.

EASTER FLOWERS

It's not too late to donate toward Easter flowers in memory of a loved one. Envelopes are available at the entrances of the church and chapel & in your budgets.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

All are welcome to join us for Mass on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 3rd at 3pm at St. Romuald Chapel. Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Nicholas P. Smith, Pastor Emeritus. Please note, there will be no confessions heard on Mercy Sunday. If you went to confession during Lent, that suffices for the condition of the Promise of Divine Mercy Sunday: the remission of guilt and the punishment of sins.

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.