

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



Mass Intentions

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

Monday, March 25

7:00am Mass for the People

Tuesday, March 26

7:00am Posillo Brothers

Requested by family

Wednesday, March 27

7:00am Ned Carney

Requested by Kathleen and Jeff

HOLY THURSDAY, March 28

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY, March 29

3:00pm Celebration of the Lord's

Passion at St. Romuald Chapel

7:00pm Celebration of the Lord's

Passion at St. Francis Church

HOLY SATURDAY, March 30

8:00pm Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

EASTER SUNDAY, March 31

RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

8:00am John J. McGuire

Requested by wife Harriet

10:00am Mass for the People

12:00NN Frederick Cloos

Requested by Jim & Susan Meehan



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 24

10:00am Walter Dyer

Requested by The Hood family

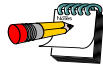
GOOD FRIDAY, March 29

3:00pm Solemn Service of Our Lord's
Passion and Death

EASTER SUNDAY, March 31

10:00am Grace & John Carpinelli

Requested by family



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Ned Carney. The sanctuary lamp at St. Romuald Chapel burns in thanksgiving for the gift of Pope Francis.

PALM SUNDAY SACRED CONCERT

A New Work by Enrico Garzilli to be performed by the South County Chamber Singers at St. Francis today, Palm Sunday, at 3:00PM. 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 Sacred Concert here at St. Francis this afternoon 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.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

Take a look at the left hand side of this page for the complete Holy Week Schedule. Please make every effort to attend these sacred services of the Triduum. Without them, we would not be who we are!

TUITION ASSISTANCE

Parents & Guardians, now is the time to get your Tuition Assistance forms from your child's Catholic Elementary School. Stop into the school's office sometime in the next couple of weeks and pick up that form. Turn the completed form into the parish office no later than April 30th so that we can complete our budget. Parish Assistance is awarded on a need basis for children in Grades K-8. Grades 9-12 may apply for assistance directly from the diocesan school office. Contact the school office for details.

PARISH SUPPORT— March 17

Weekly Support

| | <u>March 17</u> |
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| Budget envelopes (352 used) - | \$5,418.00 |
| Loose Donations - | \$ 903.00 |
| Online Giving (30 donors) - | <u>\$ 545.00</u> |
| Total Budget - | \$6,866.00 |

Ongoing Maintenance

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| Envelopes used (235) - | \$2,284.00 |
| Other donations - | <u>\$ 613.00</u> |
| Total Ongoing Maintenance | \$2,897.00 |

This weekend's second offering is the Rice Bowl offering. Next weekend's second offering is the Easter Offering.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

MARCH 24, 2013

From the Pastor...

Last Sunday at the Noon Mass we had a special celebration as **Jacqueline Pagel** was formally received in to the **Catholic Church** and received her **Confirmation** and **First Holy Communion**. Additionally, **Kelly Burnham** received the **sacrament of Confirmation**. Both Jacqueline and Kelly have been studying and preparing for several months and, on behalf of our parish, I offer them our congratulations and prayers. I also wish to offer a special word of thanks to Deacon Paul Iacono who guided them through the instructions and prepared them so well.

With the celebration of **Palm Sunday** this weekend, we begin the most solemn week of our Church year. During **Holy Week** we complete our Lenten observance and then through the days of the **Sacred Triduum**, we participate in the great events of our salvation...the **Passion, Death and Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ**. Our celebrations this week culminate in the great feast of **Easter** when light pierces darkness, good triumphs over evil and life conquers death. What we celebrate this week is essential to our faith and touches each one of our lives. There is information about the ceremonies of Holy Week elsewhere in this bulletin. Please make every effort to join us for the various celebrations this week, especially on **Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday**. Let us all make a sincere effort to prepare spiritually for a blessed and joyful celebration of **Easter**.

Msgr. Theroux

YOU ARE INVITED

Please join us on
Saturday, March 30, 2013, for

**THE EASTER VIGIL
IN THE HOLY NIGHT**

at 8:00PM

in St. Francis Church

Please make every effort
to be with us as we greet the
Resurrection of the Lord in Solemn Vigil



Religious Ed. Notes

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Sunday, March 24

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

GRADE 7 (FGC)

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

10:50-11:50am GRADES 3-5 (FGC)

Grade 6 (HBH)

GRADE 8 (HBH)

Monday, March 25

No Class

Wednesday, March 27

4-5pm GRADES 3- 6 (FGC)

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



This Week

Sunday, March 24

(See Religious Ed. Class schedule above)

3:00pm Sacred Concert under the direction
of Dr. Enrico Garzilli and featuring
the So. Co. Chamber Singers
(church)

7:00pm AA (HBH)

Tuesday, March 26

7:45am Finance Council Mtg. (MCCR)

7:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (loft)

Wednesday, March 27

7:30am Morning Prayer (church)

4-5pm Gr 3-6 Rel Ed Classes

7-8:15pm Class Grades 7 & 8

7:00pm Penance Service (Christ the King)

Holy Thursday, March 28

7:00PM Mass of the Lord's Supper (SFC)
Adoration following Mass until 11:00PM in
Helen Bouchard Hall

Good Friday, March 29

ALL PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

3:00PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion at
St. Romuald Chapel

3pm Stations of the Cross (church)

7pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion at
St. Francis Church

Holy Saturday, March 30

10-11:00am Easter Egg Hunt (FGC)

8:00pm Solemn Vigil of Easter (church)

*"Let us not forget this word: God never
tires of forgiving us, but we sometimes tire
of asking him to forgive us. Let us never
tire of asking God's forgiveness."*

~ Pope Francis, March 17, 2013

PREPARATION FOR EASTER

Among all the preparations underway for Easter, the most important is interior preparation! If you have not yet had the chance to receive the healing mercy of God in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, consider doing so this week. **Christ the King Parish** will hold their penance service this week on **Wednesday at 7PM**. Catholics are reminded of Canon 989, which states: "After having reached the age of discretion, each member of the faithful is obliged to confess faithfully his or her grave sins at least once a year." There is no better time for "Spring cleaning of the soul" than Holy Week! Please join us!

COULD YOU NOT WATCH ONE HOUR WITH ME?

For many years, the custom of visiting seven churches on Holy Thursday night to adore the Blessed Sacrament was observed. After attending the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, plan on staying for a short time with the Blessed Sacrament in Helen Bouchard Hall. A guide for reflection will be provided for those who wish to stay for prayer. You are encouraged to then visit the other churches in our area, as well, for a brief period of silent prayer and adoration. If you'd rather go home immediately after Mass, you are welcome to return to Helen Bouchard Hall for adoration later in the evening. The hall will remain open for adoration until **11:00PM**. Please plan on spending some time on Holy Thursday in adoration of our Blessed Lord.

MORNING PRAYER

Bill Harding will lead us in Morning Prayer on Wednesday of Holy Week after the 7AM Mass in St. Francis Church. All are welcome!

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

On April 7, we will observe Divine Mercy Sunday at St. Romuald Chapel in Matunuck. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held at 1PM. Confessions will be heard from 1PM to 2:45PM. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed at 2:50PM and the afternoon will conclude with the Celebration of Mass at 3:00PM, the hour of mercy.

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!*

Holy Week is the climax of the entire liturgical year. Today, **Palm Sunday** marks the beginning of the Holy Week, when we commemorate Christ's royal entry into Jerusalem.



On Monday evening, our parish priests will gather with the Most Reverend Bishop at the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul in Providence to participate in the **Chrism Mass**. During this special Mass, all of the priests of our diocese will renew their priestly promises before the bishop and will receive the newly blessed oils for use throughout the coming year (the Oil of Catechumens, the Oil of the Sick, and the Oil of Sacred Chrism).

On Holy Thursday, Lent ends and the **Sacred Triduum** begins. The Sacred Triduum, the three sacred days marking the final events of our Lord's earthly life, forms the core of Holy Week.

On Holy Thursday evening, we will celebrate the **Mass of the Lord's Supper** at **7:00PM** in St. Francis Church. This special Mass commemorates the institution of the Holy Eucharist and the Ministerial Priesthood. At the conclusion of the Mass, the Blessed Sacrament is carried in procession to the "repository" which is located in Helen Bouchard Hall, where adoration will continue until **11:00PM**. Meanwhile, the altar is stripped of its appointments, as a remembrance of Christ's being stripped of his garments.

On Good Friday, we recall with great solemnity the death of Jesus on the cross. **Stations of the Cross** will be prayed at **3:00PM** in St. Francis Church. This is the only day of the year that Mass is not celebrated! The **Celebration of the Lord's Passion** will be held at two different times this year: first at **3:00PM** at St. Romuald Chapel and again at **7:00PM** in St. Francis Church. This distinctive service, which is *not* a Mass, contains the familiar Veneration of the Cross and the distribution of Holy Communion.

On Holy Saturday, the most sacred night of the year, we will gather at **8:00PM (please note change in time)** in Saint Francis Church for the **Easter Vigil**, the mother of all vigils, when we watch for Christ's resurrection. This Mass begins in total darkness with the blessing of the Easter Fire and the lighting of the Easter Candle. We hear several readings, retelling us the story of our salvation and the mighty power of God's work in the course of the world's history. All present will renew their baptismal vows.

