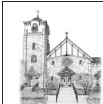


EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 1

4:30pm Mary McGuire

Requested by friends

Sunday, March 2

8:00am For the Intentions of
the Holy Father

10:00am For the Souls in Purgatory

12:00NN Mark Potter and

Corinne Bertrand

Requested by Barbara Potter

Monday, March 3

7:00am Nancy Caswell

Requested by Concetta Wilson

Tuesday, March 4

7:00am John Andrews

Requested by the Hood family

ASH WEDNESDAY, March 5

7:00am Walter DiPrete

Requested by Dolores DiPrete

12:00nn Harry Mongillo

Requested by John & Amy Mongillo

7:00pm Chi Thi Anna Tran & Thanh John Ha

Requested by family

Thursday, March 6

7:00am Special Intention for
William Gaffney

Requested by Palmieri family

Friday, March 7

7:00am Mass for the People

Saturday, March 8

4:30pm Nancy Caswell

Requested by Jean McGair

Sunday, March 9

8:00am For the Souls in Purgatory

10:00am Intentions the Holy Father

12:00NN Rose & Amadeo Tella

Requested by family



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 2

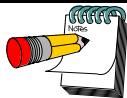
10:00am Constance Andrews

Requested by Lisa Tabachini

Sunday, March 9

10:00am Mark McCrann

Requested by friends and family



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Rita Cormier. The sanctuary lamp at St. Romuald Chapel burns in memory of Gloria Jobin.

PARENTING GROUP MEETING

The next meeting of our parish parenting group will be held on **Friday, March 7th at 7:00pm** in the Upper Room of Father Greenan Hall. These parent-led sessions are opportunities to discuss challenges facing parents and families, and in particular how faith shapes and informs family values. The next session will focus on "Dating, Friendship and Peer Pressure." Please join us for an evening of discussion, fellowship and faith!

FAMILY LITURGY: THE SEASON OF LENT



Please join us next Sunday, March 9, 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 even participate in an ancient custom of "burying the alleluia" until Easter. Children in our religious education classes will decorate their own "alleluia banners" and will enclose them in a case until Easter. The custom and its meaning will help us understand better the purpose of Lent. All are welcome!

MEN'S MOVIE NIGHT



We will be having a **Men's Movie Night** on Thursday, March 6. Our feature film will be **Courageous**, an action packed drama - a must-see movie for all men. This free event will be held in Fr. Greenan Hall and starts at 6PM with pizza, snacks and refreshments. You will not want to miss this exciting movie so mark your calendars and plan on joining us!

PARISH SUPPORT— February 23, 2014

Weekly Support

		February 23
Budget envelopes used (358)	-	\$ 8,009.50
Loose Donations	-	1,380.00
Online Giving (# of donors 37)	-	\$ 882.00
Total Budget	-	\$ 10,271.50

This weekend's second offering is the Monthly Offering for March. **Thank you for your generosity.**

MARCH 2, 2014

From the Pastor...

This week we will begin the **Season of Lent** with our celebration of **Ash Wednesday**. In the days ahead, the Church invites us to turn back to the Lord through **prayer, fasting and almsgiving**. It is a time for us to be spiritually renewed and strengthened as we prepare to recall the sacrifice of the Lord for our salvation and celebrate the great joy of the Resurrection – the promise of eternal life! Elsewhere in today's parish bulletin and in the weeks to come, we will offer many opportunities to join the parish community in observing this grace-filled season. I particularly call your attention to the brochure that outlines our Lenten events and provides a handy calendar for the entire season. Let us be one in prayer and make the most of Lent 2014.

As we begin the Lenten Season, on Thursday evening the parish **Men of St. Joseph** group are sponsoring a **Men's Movie Night** beginning at 6:00 PM in Father Greenan Hall. **Courageous** is a full-length, action-packed drama with a powerful message for men about responsibility, integrity and faith. **Pizza and snacks will be provided.** It is free and men of all ages, single or married, are welcome to attend. Why not plan to join us?

As I mentioned above, one of the pillars of Lenten observance is **almsgiving**. It is in this spirit that our diocese now focuses the annual **Catholic Charity Appeal** at the beginning of Lent. We are reminded of our Christian responsibility to assist those in need. Our parish goal this year is \$103,070. **Your gift makes a difference and is important to the success of the Appeal in our parish.** Your donation will support a collection of 39 ministries and programs throughout our diocese assisting more than 200,000 Rhode Islanders each year. Your generosity will be appreciated by many!

Msgr. Theroux



ASH WEDNESDAY MARCH 5, 2014

Celebration of Mass with
Distribution of Ashes
7:00am, 12:00nn and 7:00pm

Liturgy of the Word with Distribution of Ashes at
4:00pm in Saint Francis Church

Christ in me arise! Be with me, before me,
behind me, beneath me, above me; when I lie
down and when I rise. **Christ in me arise!**



Religious Education

RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES

Sunday, March 2nd

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

9:50-10:50am Kindergarten (HBH)

10:50-11:50am GRADES 3-5 (FGC)
GRADE 6 (HBH)
GRADE 7 (FGC)

Monday, March 3rd

7-8:30pm Confirmation I (FGC)

Wednesday, March 5th

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

*Children to attend Service of Ashes at
4pm and then class at Fr Greenan Hall.

NO CLASS GRADES 7&8 (FGC)

attend Ash Wednesday Mass

Saturday, March 8th

High School Youth Ministry Meeting at
6:30 FGC



This Week

Sunday, March 2

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

7:00pm AA (HBH)

Monday, March 3

7:30-12Noon—Adoration of the Most
Blessed Sacrament (SFC)

7:00pm Confirmation I Class (FGC)

Tuesday, March 4

7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (loft)

ASH WEDNESDAY, March 5

Mass Times: 7am, 12nn, 7pm (SFC)

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

4:00pm Service of Ashes & attend class
following the Service

Thursday, March 6

2:00pm Mass at Scallop Shell N&R

6-10:00pm Men of St. Joseph Movie
Event "Courageous" (FGC)

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

Friday, March 7

5:30-7:00pm Pasta Dinner Fundraiser for
Margaret Keegan (FGC)

7:00pm Parenting Group (UR)

7:00pm Stations of the Cross (SFC)

Saturday, March 8

10-11:00am Fra Angelico Rose Painting
Workshop (HBH)

7-9pm Youth Group Mtg. (FGC-UR)

Ash Wednesday – What is the Meaning of Ashes?

by Paul Turner



“You’ve got dirt on your forehead.”

We’re likely to hear those words from thoughtful friends who display their intimate concern as well as their religious absent-mindedness when we go out in public after Mass on Ash Wednesday. The distribution of ashes replaces the penitential rite at the beginning of Mass. Instead of merely “calling to mind our sins,” we receive a very public reminder of our sinfulness.

“Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel,” we hear. Or, “Remember that you are dust and to dust you will return.”

But it wasn’t always that way. In the early church, only public sinners wore ashes. These sinners convened regularly to prepare for their reconciliation at a parish service and they formed well, what we now call “support groups.” As penitents, they used to wear ashes on their heads or in their clothes. Symbols of human mortality, ashes represented their complete dependence on the mercy of God. In the middle ages, the support groups dwindled but sinners remained strong in numbers. So Pope Urban II ordered up the first Ash Wednesday in 1091. Ashes were for everybody, and we’ve been rubbing dirt on our foreheads ever since.

Dirt is something we’re constantly washing off children and ourselves. Only in church do we deliberately put dirt on the most public part of our bodies, our foreheads on Ash Wednesday. Ashes on Ash Wednesday are what’s left in the now-cold fireplace. Ashes heat the barbecue. Ashes are all that remains of the home after the tragic fire. Ashes enrich the compost heap. Ashes of the faithful departed fill commemorative urns. Ashes represent destruction, refuse and waste, but they hint at new life — all part of the Ash Wednesday experience.

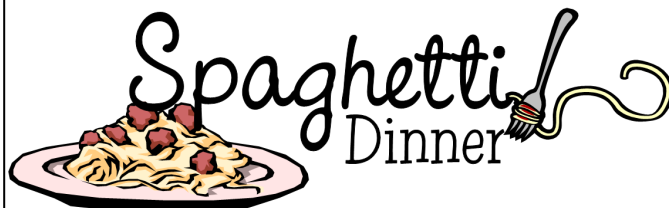
Long before recycling became popular, the church got into the act on Ash Wednesday. Ever wonder what happens to those palm branches left over from last Holy Week? They’ve been burned into ash, stuffed into bags and now await the chance to dirty your forehead on Ash Wednesday this year. The symbol of Christ’s glory has become the symbol of our sin.

On Ash Wednesday, you’re not just another dirty face. No, you’ve tossed yourself into the recycling bin of Lent, ready for renewal this Easter.

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**FOOD/COMMODITY
FOR THE MONTHS**
of February and March
are: cereal, soup and
paper products.

As always thank you for
your continued
generosity to those in
need.



FUNDRAISING DINNER

Spaghetti Dinner, **Friday, March 7th from 5:30-7:00 in Fr. Greenan Parish Center.** The proceeds from the dinner and raffles will go directly to the family of Margaret Keegan. Margaret is in the 3rd grade in our Religious Ed. program and attends Matunuck School. Margaret suffered a stroke a few weeks ago and is now at Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital where she will be for 4-5 weeks.

Tickets will be sold after all Masses this Sunday, March 2nd.

Cost: \$10.00-Adults; \$7.00-Children.

Checks may be made out to:

“Friends of Margaret Keegan”

THANK YOU!



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