

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 5

4:30pm Aileen Capalbo

Requested by family

Sunday, March 6

8:00am Celebrant's Intention

10:00am Celebrant's Intention

12:00pm Jack, Jeff, Jimmy and Laurie Fallon

Requested by Mom

Monday, March 7

7:00am Carol Meenan

Requested by Viola Card

Tuesday, March 8

7:00am Marion Maggio

Requested by family

Wednesday, March 9

7:00am Mass for the people

Thursday, March 10

7:00am Gloria Carney

Requested by Jeff and Kathleen

Friday, March 11

7:00am Carol Meenan

Requested by Viola Card

Saturday, March 12

4:30pm Camella Ford—5th Anniversary

Requested by Corinne

Sunday, March 13

8:00am Michael Baton

10am Wayne, Dana and Howard Fanning

Requested by Yvonne

12:00pm John McLoughlin and

Virginia Hourigan

Requested by family



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 6

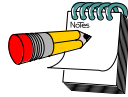
10:00am Linda Guernon

Requested by family

Sunday, March 13

10:00am Susan Marchand

Requested by family



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Gloria Carney.



LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Join us on March 11th between 5:30—6:45pm for a meatless soup meal in Father Greenan Hall. This week's soup will be prepared and served by the Religious Education classes Gr. K-6. It is a wonderful lead in to Stations at 7pm. We hope to see you there.

MOTHER'S HELPER WANTED

Two afternoons per week. Must have car. Call for details 284-3036 or 742-0283.

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.

ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERVICES—Every Lent, area churches participate in Ecumenical Lenten Services on the Wednesdays of Lent followed by a light lunch in the parish hall of the church hosting the service each week. Please note that the services begin at 12Noon. We encourage all who are able to attend. Below is the remaining schedule for this Lent: **March 9th** at Wakefield Baptist Church, 236 Main Street, Wakefield with Rev. Angela Sagasse, Senior Pastor at the Church of God, Peace Dale; **March 16th** at Peace Dale First Church of God, 209 Allen Avenue, Peace Dale with Rev. Mary Hansen-Joyce, Pastor of Church of the Good Shepherd, Kingston.



CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL

Supporting the work of the Church

Through your support of the Catholic Charity Appeal, 1,268 youth attended 38 retreats from over 56 parishes and 5 Catholic schools. Thank you for your generosity.

Week 3 Report

2016 CCA PARISH GOAL: \$103,070

Amount pledged to date: \$28,825

of gifts: 160; % of goal—27.97%; % Participation: 7.37%

Please don't forget to turn in your pledge. Every little bit helps.

PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (273)	-	\$ 7,170.50
Loose Donations	-	\$ 1,561.00
Online Giving (# of donors – 59)	-	\$ 1,595.50
Total Budget	-	\$10,327.00

February 28th

This weekend's second offering is the Monthly offering for March. Next weekend's second offering will be the Ongoing Maintenance fund offering. **As always, thank you for your generosity.**

From the Pastor

A clarification about something from last weekend's bulletin: There was a notice about applying for aid if you have a child in Catholic school, and since it was written in the first person singular, it looked as though it came from me. It didn't. It was cut from another source and pasted there before I had a chance to see it. Nevertheless, it did reflect something I've thought myself and also have heard from other pastors: parishes are no longer willing to hand out money to families who claim they need help to send their children to Catholic school but who are not bringing them up as practicing Catholics. So I agree: if you're not willing to come to Mass weekly and to support the parish financially to the extent that you're able, please do not ask us for tuition assistance. On the other hand, we are more than willing to help send to Catholic schools the children of families who are willing to practice the faith by coming to Mass, the minimum expected of us all. In fact, we encourage families to consider Catholic education.

Last weekend we held one of our biannual pre-Cana sessions. This is a diocesan program, held at various parishes around the state, to help prepare couples for marriage in the Catholic Church. I am happy to say that the one held here is staffed almost completely by couples from this parish, with exception of one couple from Charlestown who belong to Christ the King parish. I am further glad to say that we have three younger couples from this parish who are interested in being part of the pre-Cana team. Thus, of the eight couples giving the talks, seven are from our parish. It's very encouraging to see. God bless them!

Fr. Bodah



Merciful like the Father

Pope Francis asks each of us to celebrate the Jubilee of Mercy by showing to others the mercy that God constantly extends to all of us. Here are a few things you can do:

- **CONTEMPLATE MERCY**

The motto for the jubilee year is "Merciful like the Father." By contemplating mercy, we begin to see how God gives himself to us and asks nothing in return. Because we are

touched by God's mercy, we can be merciful toward others.

- **DON'T JUDGE OR CONDEMN**

No one can look into another person's soul. We see only what happens on the surface. Refraining from judgment and condemnation is an act of mercy, because it allows us to accept the good in every person and spare that person suffering caused by our negative attitudes.

- **FORGIVE**

Jesus asks us to forgive others in the same way that we have received forgiveness from God. When we forgive, we release the poison of resentment that builds up inside of us. Forgiveness is an act of mercy for ourselves as well as for the person who hurt us.

~ Lorene Hanley Duquin, *A Year of Mercy*, Our Sunday Visitor, Inc. (2015), p1751.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday, March 6th

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

9am Final Eucharist Parent Mtg (HBH)

All parents/guardians must attend this final preparation for First Holy Communion.

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

GRADE 8 (FGC)

Wednesday, March 9th

Reconciliation today for Grades 3-6 and 7 & 8. We will begin in church.

4:15-5:15pm GRADES 3-6

7:00-8:15pm GRADES 7&8



This Week

Sunday, March 6

Religious Classes see schedule above

10am Children's Liturgy of the Word

11:00am Reconciliation Gr. 6 (FGC)

11:00am Choir Rehearsal (SR)

4:30-6pm Praise Music Practice FGPC

7-8:30pm High School Youth Night - (FGC)

Monday, March 7

7:30am Adoration

Tuesday, March 8

6:30pm Adoration & Evening Prayer (SR)

7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (loft)

Wednesday, March 9

12:30pm Stations of the Cross (SR)

4:15-5:15pm Reconciliation for Classes Gr. 3-6

7-8:15pm Grades 7 & 8 we will begin the evening with the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the church followed by class

Thursday, March 10

6:00pm Holy Hour: Adoration with

Divine Mercy Cenacle prayers (SR)

6:30pm Evening Prayer (SR)

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (↓FGC)

Friday, March 11

7:30am Rosary—Sorrowful Mysteries (SF)

5:30pm Lenten Soup Meal prepared by

Rel Ed Gr. K-6 (FGC)

7:00pm Stations of the Cross (SF)

7:00pm Parenting Group (↑FGC)

Saturday, March 12

10:00am Banner Making Workshop for First Communion families (FGC)

JUBILEE OF MERCY ANNULMENT SEMINAR

Monsignor Simeone of the Diocesan Tribunal will offer a seminar on the annulment process, including the recent revisions the Holy Father initiated, for all who may be interested in this process for themselves or for others. St. Pius V Church Hall, 55 Elmhurst Ave., Providence, RI, Wednesday, March 9th at 7pm.

IRISH BREAKFAST AT THE KNIGHTS

The Knights of Columbus will hold an Irish Breakfast at the Council Hall, 1265 Tower Hill Road, North Kingstown, on Sunday, March 6th, from 7:30 to 10:30. Serving eggs, bangers, rashers, corned beef hash, grilled tomatoes, homefries, baked beans, hot and cold cereal, orange juice, coffee and tea. Cost - \$9, \$4/children 12 and under; children 6 and under are free. Please bring in a non-perishable food donation for Food Pantry.

IRISH BOILED DINNER

The Knights of Columbus will hold a Irish Boiled Dinner at the Council Hall, 1265 Tower Hill Road, No. Kingstown, on March 12th from 5:30-7:00pm. Serving corned beef, potatoes, cabbage, carrots, onions, soda bread, butter, coffee and tea. Cost - \$10. Call 295-0507 for reservations by March 10th. Please bring in a non-perishable food item for the Food Pantry.

BANNER MAKING WORKSHOP

Saturday, March 12th Banner Making Workshop for First Communion families 10:00 in Fr. Greenan Center. *Bring your supplies and a baked good to share if you would like.*

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.

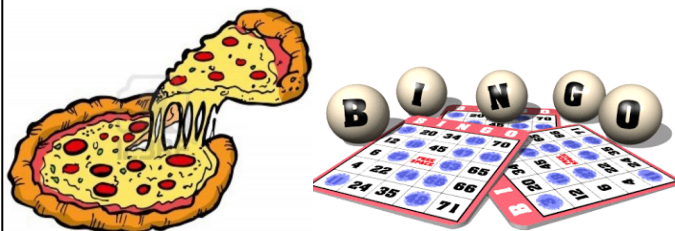


"And some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit ... thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold."

~ Mark 4:8



The Evangelization Committee invites all parishioners to take part in their Catholics Anonymous mission by spreading a few seeds of the Word during Lent. Please take one or more of the mini-flyers from the baskets at the doors and leave them for others to find wherever the Spirit might move you: tucked in a library book, on a store shelf or a bulletin board. Wherever! Who knows what fruits they might yield!



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 Lavalley at 401-783-2522.