

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



Mass Intentions

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

Monday, March 10

7:00am Gloria Carney

Requested by Jeff and Kathleen

Tuesday, March 11

7:00am Marion Maggio

Requested by family

Wednesday, March 12

7:00am Mass for the People

Thursday, March 13

7:00am Susan Marchand

Requested by family

Friday, March 14

7:00am Mary Pendergast

Requested by Kathleen & Jeff Carney

Saturday, March 15

4:30pm William & Camella Ford

Requested by family

Sunday, March 16

8:00am John MacLane

Requested by Kathleen and Jeff Carney

10:00am Joe and Jennie Luciano

Requested by family

12:00NN Nat Turco

Requested by family



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 9

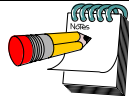
10:00am Mark McCrann

Requested by friends and family

Sunday, March 16

10:00am John & Grace Carpinelli

Requested by family



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

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

CONFIRMATION II

Students please take note that **all service project reflections are due on March 10th**. Please bring your reflections to class with you. Thank you.

TRIP TO CATHEDRAL OF SS. PETER & PAUL

Grades 7 & 8 students are to meet in Helen Bouchard Hall, the lower church, on Wednesday, March 12th at 5:50PM for the Leah Darrow presentation at the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul, Providence. The bus will be leaving promptly at 6pm from St. Francis.

ST. FRANCIS MASS SETTINGS FOR LENT

If you'd like to better learn the Mass settings that will be used in St. Francis throughout Lent, check out our parish Facebook page. We have posted a link to a video with the music of the "Belmont Mass" by composer Christopher Walker. <http://www.facebook.com/stfranciswakefield>



COFFEE AND CAMEOS: PLEASE JOIN US!

Today, March 9, we will gather after the 8AM Mass in St. Francis Rectory for a presentation on Peter. Breakfast will be served. All are welcome. *Next* Sunday, **March 16**, we will gather in Helen Bouchard Hall (lower St. Francis Church) for a presentation on **Pontius Pilate**. Please join us for coffee and cameos as we explore the characters that are often overlooked in the passion narratives!

2014 LENTEN CALENDAR

At the doors of the church and chapel, you will find our Lenten calendar on purple colored paper. Please keep the calendar on hand throughout the season; perhaps you could even make room for it on your refrigerator! Our parish staff has planned a number of enriching opportunities for prayer and education throughout the season and we hope you will take advantage of all that is happening!

PARISH SUPPORT— March 2, 2014

Weekly Support

	March 2
Budget envelopes used (317)	- \$ 6,338.50
Loose Donations	- \$ 905.00
Online Giving (# of donors 36)	- \$ 862.00
Total Budget	- \$ 8,105.50

Monthly

Envelopes	- \$ 2,579.50
Other Donations	- \$ 672.00
Total Monthly	- \$ 3,251.50

Next weekend's second offering will be the Ongoing Maintenance Fund Offering. **Thank you for your generosity.**

MARCH 9, 2014

From the Pastor...

We have begun the Season of Lent and I hope that everyone has looked over our parish Lenten brochure and identified opportunities for spiritual growth during this time of grace.

Next weekend we look forward to welcoming **Father Austin Dominic Litke, O.P.**, a Dominican Father who serves at New York University and St. Joseph's Parish in Greenwich Village, New York. **Father Austin will preach at all the weekend Masses at the church and introduce the Lenten Mission that he will offer on the following Monday through Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM.** On Monday evening, March 17, he will lead a Mission Service with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, on **Tuesday evening he will preach and we will have our Parish Lenten Penance Service.** We will have several priests available for confessions. On Wednesday evening the Mission will conclude with a Lenten Mass. **The theme of the Mission will be: "And These Three Remain: Faith, Hope and Charity in Christian Life."** I hope that many parishioners will join us for this Mission. If you can't make it to all three nights, you are still encouraged to participate when you can.

For those who don't like to venture out in the evening, I would like to highlight two new Lenten offerings this year. **On Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM members of our Parish Retreat Team will offer a series entitled: *Coffee and Cameos*.** A light breakfast will be offered along with a reflection on one of the several interesting personalities who make "cameo" appearances in the Gospel accounts of the Lord's Passion and Death. This will be a great way to prepare for Holy Week by reflecting on the Crucifixion from a different perspective. Another daytime offering during this season will be the **Stations of the Cross on Wednesday's at 12:30 PM at St. Romuald's Chapel.** Please check our Parish Lenten Brochure and Calendar for more details about these and other Lenten opportunities.

On a different note, **one of the pillars of Lenten observance is giving alms.** We have a great opportunity to do this each year through the diocesan **Catholic Charity Appeal.** I am very grateful to those who have already submitted their donation or pledge. Every donation, large or small, is important to the success of the Appeal. Our parish goal this year is \$103,070 – and we could easily exceed that goal if we had 100% participation from our parish community. **If you have not already done so, please prayerfully consider a gift that will assist many people throughout the State of Rhode Island.**

Another good way to assist those in need during the Lenten season is by **donating non-perishable food to be distributed in the local community.** We have baskets at the entrance of the church. **All the food we collect is brought to the Jonnycake Center of Peace Dale** to assist our neighbors in need.

Msgr. Theroux

2014 PARISH LENTEN THEME: CHRIST IN ME ARISE!

Throughout this holy season of Lent, you will hear repeated through prayer and song our parish seasonal theme: *Christ in me arise!* Based loosely on an ancient prayer by St. Patrick, we will pray throughout this season for the power of Christ's grace to arise in us, to transform us, and to make us holy. If you'd like to hear the musical setting of the song we will be singing throughout Lent which corresponds to the theme, please visit our Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/stfranciswakefield>.



Religious Education

RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES

Sunday, March 9th

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

9:15 Final Parent Mtg First Eucharist (HBH)

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

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

GRADE 6 (HBH)

GRADE 7 (FGC)

Monday, March 10th

7-8:30pm Confirmation II (FGC)

Wednesday, March 12th

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

Stations-Step Up Close to Jesus Stations at 4pm in FGC—All are invited to attend

6:00-9:15pm Grades 7&8 attend youth pilgrimage to Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul to hear speaker Leah Darrow.

Saturday, March 15th

Diocesan Faith Formation Convocation at Bryant Univ. Catechists leave parking lot at 7:30am



This Week

Sunday, March 9

9:00am Coffee N Cameos (Office Bldg)

9:15am Final Parent Meeting (HBH)

10:00am Family Liturgy

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

7:00pm AA (HBH)

Monday, March 10

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

7:00pm Baptism Prep. Class (HBH)

7:00pm Confirmation II Class (FGC)

Tuesday, March 11

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

7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (loft)

Wednesday, March 12

12:30pm Stations of the Cross (SRC)

4pm Step Up Close to Jesus Stations (FGC)

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

7-8:15pm Grades 7 & 8 (FGC)

Thursday, March 13

1:30pm Mass at South Bay Manor

6-10:00pm Men of St. Joseph (FGC)

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

7:00 St. Francis Women's Club Mtg. (FGC)

Friday, March 14

6:30-10:00pm Marriage Prep Weekend

7:00pm Stations of the Cross (SFC)

Saturday, March 15

8:00am-3:00pm Marriage Prep Weekend

4:30pm Fr. Austin Dominic Lipke, O.P., S.T.L. to preach at all weekend Masses on the Parish Mission

"AND THESE THREE REMAIN: FAITH, HOPE, AND CHARITY IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE"

Next weekend, our parish welcomes Fr. Austin Dominic Litke, O.P., of the Dominican Fathers, who serves the Catholic communities at NYU and Greenwich Village in New York City. Fr. Litke will preach at all Masses in St. Francis Church on **March 15 and 16**. A mission service will follow on the following three evenings at 7PM in St. Francis Church: **Monday, March 17** – Service with Mission Homily and Benediction; **Tuesday, March 18** – Parish Lenten Penance Service with Mission Homily (opportunity for individual confessions with guest priests); **Wednesday, March 19** – Closing Mass with Mission Homily. *We hope that you can join us for any or all of the evenings, and please bring a friend along!*

WELCOME, FR. AUSTIN!



Fr. Austin Litke, who joins us next weekend, is a friend of Fr. Joe's. We are excited to welcome him to our parish for the first time. Fr. Austin grew up in Henderson, Kentucky and entered seminary right out of high school to become a diocesan priest. While studying abroad in Rome, he encountered the Dominican Fathers (the Order of Preachers)

and upon graduation from the University of St. Thomas in Minnesota, he entered the Order. After theological studies in Washington, DC, he was ordained a priest in May of 2011 and now serves in New York City.

WHAT IS A LENTEN MISSION?

A Lenten Mission is an opportunity to get "re-charged" in our faith by hearing an outside preacher present the gospel from a new perspective. It is an opportunity to put time aside for God to work on transforming our hearts and minds. It is an opportunity to return to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, especially if you have been away for a while. It is a time to allow God to reawaken in us the desire for holiness and a time to respond generously to his grace. *Please join us for our 2014 Lenten mission, beginning next weekend!*

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The God we seek is not one who dwells at a distance from us, for we have him present with us, if only we are worthy. He dwells in us as the soul in the body, if only we are sound members of his, if we are dead to sin. Then in very truth he dwells in us, the one who said: *I will dwell in them and walk among them.* –St. Columban, Abbot

For prayer and reflection:

- Throughout Lent, we will pray for Christ in us to arise. We must ask ourselves honestly: Is Christ in me? Have I made room for him in my life, in my heart, or have other things crowded him out?
- We know that Christ cannot dwell where sin is. If we have forfeited the presence of Christ in us, we can return to him through the sacrament of reconciliation. Only by living the life of grace can Christ dwell in us and arise to help us confront the temptations and struggles we face.

RISE UP WITH THE LORD!

**Calling all boys and girls
ages 6-12 for our Easter
morning 10am Mass
Children's choir!!**

It's time for our rehearsals to begin!

**We need YOU
to help us rejoice in the
Resurrection of the Lord!**

**Rehearsals will be on
Wednesdays 5-6:15pm
in the choir loft beginning
March 19th!**

**Come give choir a try ~
we need your voice and joy
to fill our Easter celebration!!**

Questions?

**Call Mimi Battey at 792-8301
or email: mimibattey@gmail.com**

SEE YOU MARCH 19TH IN THE LOFT!

**FOOD/COMMODITY
FOR THE MONTH**

of March is: cereal,
soup and paper products.
As always thank you for
your continued generosity
to those in need.



THE SIGHTS AND SOUNDS OF LENT

Our worship spaces now reflect the starkness of the Lenten season. Flowers and greens will have no place by the altar and even unbleached candles, used in past centuries throughout the penitential seasons, will make an appearance in the sanctuaries of our church and chapel. At St. Francis Church, a special crucifix—handcrafted by parishioner **Peter Spaine** and beautifully painted by **Deacon Iacono**—will accompany us throughout Lent and will be venerated by our parish community on Good Friday. Also in St. Francis, striking wreaths made of simple branches and pussy willow—masterfully crafted by **Elaine Godfrey** of Weedweavers in Wakefield—convey a sense of the barrenness of the season. Simple earthenware—handmade by local artist **Thomas Ladd**—will also make an appearance at both St. Francis and St. Romuald. Even our singing will reflect the solemn tone of the season. These signs, sounds and symbols are meant to foster a deeper sense of prayer and conversion as we pray for the grace of Christ to arise in us!