

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, May 10

4:30pm Irving P. Mason, Jr. &  
Rosemarie McNulty

*Requested by St. Francis Women's Club*

#### Sunday, May 11

8:00am Rose and James Gilgun

*Requested by family*

10:00am Walter and Frances Noone

*Req. by Michael and Elizabeth D'Attilio*

12:00NN Mary Harcourt

*Requested by Shirley H. Barney*

#### Monday, May 12

7:00am Special Intention for Sr. Pia

*Birthday Remembrance by Mom & Dad*

#### Tuesday, May 13

7:00am Betty Goodwin

*Requested by daughter Kathy Cawley*

#### Wednesday, May 14

7:00am Nancy Caswell

*Requested by Maria Posillo*

#### Thursday, May 15

7:00am Mass for the People

#### Friday, May 16

7:00am Michael Posillo

*Requested by family*

#### Saturday, May 17

4:30pm Wayne Fanning

*Requested by Yvonne Fanning*

#### Sunday, May 18

8:00am Grace Wheelan

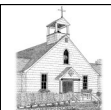
*Requested by May Taylor*

10:00am Anna & Raymond F. Kells, Sr.

*Requested by family*

12:00NN Clement & Rosalind Langlois

*Requested by family*



### St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

#### Sunday, May 11

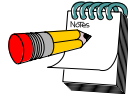
10:00am Anna Moran Hornberger

*Requested by daughter*

#### Sunday, May 18

10:00am Maureen Casey

*Requested by family*



### For Your Information

#### SANCTUARY LAMP and FLOWER MEMORIALS

This week, the sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Barbara Keaney. The sanctuary lamp at St. Romuald Chapel burns in memory of Antonio Posillo. The flowers at St. Francis Church and St. Romuald Chapel are in memory of Mason, Isabel and Owen Oakes.

#### BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Office of Life and Family will offer the *Our Lady of Sorrows* Bereavement Support program at Our Lady of Loreto Church, 346 Waterman Ave., E. Providence (church lot, rectory side door), each Thursday (except July 3rd) 7:00-8:30 p.m., June 12 through August 7. This support group provides a peaceful place to share and learn about grief, with the spiritual comfort of our Catholic faith. It is most appropriate for adults at least three months beyond their loss. There is no cost to attend! For more information, contact: Peter A. Magnotta at 421-7833, ext. 217.

### Happy Mother's Day!



Please don't forget to return your Catholic Charity Appeal envelope with your donation.

Every gift helps us toward our goal of \$103,070.

Received to date:  
**\$74,489.00**



### PARISH SUPPORT— May 11, 2014

#### Weekly Support

		May 11
Budget envelopes used (293)	-	\$ 6,146.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 1,647.50
Online Giving (# of donors 36)	-	\$ 917.00
<b>Total Budget</b>	-	<b>\$ 8,710.50</b>

#### Monthly Offering

Envelopes used (189)	-	\$2,603.00
Other Donations	-	\$ 892.00
<b>Total Monthly Offering</b>	-	<b>\$3,495.00</b>

Next weekend's second offering will be the Ongoing Maintenance offering.

**Thank you for your continued generosity.**

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## FROM THE PASTOR...

Last weekend we celebrated two very beautiful **First Communion** Liturgies. 48 of our parish boys and girls received the Eucharist for the first time. They were well prepared (not to mention beautifully dressed). Many returned in their special First Communion clothes on Sunday morning to join in offering flowers and crowning the Blessed Virgin Mary at the 10 o'clock Mass. The natural joy and excitement of the children is really great and I think it should challenge us all to rediscover the enthusiasm that we had at our own First Communion. Too often I believe we take the Eucharist for granted and fail to appreciate the great gift of the Lord's Body and Blood that strengthens us spiritually and enables us to live good Christian lives. It is my hope and prayer that these children will have the opportunity to continue to participate in Sunday Mass every week and stay close to the Lord who loves us all tremendously!

Having now celebrated First Holy Communion and having completed our religious education classes for the year, on behalf of the parish and especially our young people, I offer sincere **thanks to Barbette Cullen, our Director of Religious Education, Diane Castro, Coordinator of Religious Education for junior high and high school, our teachers, aides, parents, and all who assist in any way in our religious education program.** We have over 500 children in the program and it is no small task to keep it all organized and on track. It takes many people and much time and we are grateful. I also thank **Mimi Battey** and all who provided the beautiful music for our celebrations and, of course, **Grace Whitaker and members of the parish Women's Club** who provided the refreshments. Thank you one and all!!

On this **Mother's Day** I wish to extend our greetings and prayers for all the mothers, grandmothers and godmothers of our parish family. It isn't easy being a parent today and we often take a mother's care and love for granted, so it is good that we have this special day to acknowledge and thank these very special women in our lives.

Don't forget that it is the **Month of Mary our heavenly mother.** The Rosary is prayed Monday through Friday at 7 PM at St. Romuald's Chapel. Try to remember at least to say a Hail Mary, if not the Rosary, each day.

*Msgr. Theroux*



*"Beloved: If you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good, this is a grace before God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in his footsteps." 1 Pt 2:20b*



## Religious Education

### RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES

Religious Ed classes have ended for the year.

#### A very special thank you to:

Grace Whitaker and the St. Francis Women's Club for graciously hosting and providing the delicious food for our First Communion receptions last Saturday and also to our First Grade families and volunteer bakers for baking for this very special occasion.

**First Communion banners** may be picked up downstairs in Helen Bouchard Hall this week and next.



### This Week

#### Sunday, May 11

7:00pm AA (HBH)

#### Monday, May 12

7:00pm Baptism Prep Class (HBH)

7:00pm Holy Rosary (SRC)

#### Tuesday, May 13

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (loft)

7:00pm Holy Rosary (SRC)

#### Wednesday, May 14

7:00pm Holy Rosary (SRC)

#### Thursday, May 15

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph Mtg. (FGC)

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

7:00pm Holy Rosary (SRC)

#### Friday, May 16

7:00pm Holy Rosary (SRC)

### MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE

May 24/25 is Memorial Day weekend which means that we'll be adding a couple of Masses to the weekend schedule at Saint Romuald Chapel in Matunuck. The new Mass schedule will be:

Saturday, 5:30PM

Sunday, 8:00AM and 10:00AM

A sure sign that summer is just around the corner!

## ST. FRANCIS WOMEN'S CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

The St. Francis Women's Club is pleased to announce two \$1000 scholarships for the year 2014 available to graduating high school seniors, who are parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Wakefield, R.I. Scholarship information and application may be picked up after masses at the church or at St. Romuald Chapel on Sunday, May 11 and on Sunday, May 18, or may request one from the Parish Office from Monday, May 12 through Friday, May 23. Applications must be returned to the St. Francis of Assisi parish office at 114 High Street, Wakefield, RI 02879 no later than Friday, May 23, 2014. The recipients will be notified on Thursday, May 29, 2014. Awards will be presented during the 10 a.m. mass at St. Francis Church, Sunday, June 1, 2014.

### THANK YOU'S RECEIVED

Monsignor Theroux and the St. Francis of Assisi Women's Club recently received letters of gratitude for donations of \$500 toward KEEP THE HEAT ON by Bishop Tobin and by THE JONNYCAKE CENTER of Peace Dale for 95.5 lbs. of food donated to their food pantry.

Thank you for your continued generosity for our less fortunate brothers and sisters in Christ.

### I Am the Prodigal Mom

*By Susan Hines-Brigger*

When I came back to work this past January after being off for three months on maternity leave, my four-year-old son, Alex, was not happy. In fact, he didn't talk to me a lot the week before I came back. And when he did, it was to lay on the guilt.

"Who's going to play with me? Who's going to snuggle with me and watch cartoons? Who's going to eat lunch with me?" he would ask.

The silent treatment extended into my first few days back at work, too. But then Friday rolled around. I'm lucky enough to be able to work at home on Fridays so I can spend more time with my kids—and get lots of material for this column. That morning, I was greeted with big hugs and lots of kisses from Alex.

As we snuggled in bed and watched cartoons, he said, "I missed you. I'm glad you're here."

All was forgiven. / Source: [www.americancatholic.org](http://www.americancatholic.org)

## CALLING ALL ADULTS AND TEENAGERS



We need you to help lead Vacation Bible School for the young children of our parish.

We have all the materials for a fun – faith - filled week of VBS – the only thing missing is YOU!

IF you have musical and/or dance talent we could use your help leading the young children in song each day.

IF you are artistic, we could use your help decorating the halls and painting large murals.

IF you like to act/perform, we could use your help leading skits for the young children.

IF you love working with young children, we could use your help in organizing and running games each day, helping with snack preparation or being a leader for a small group of children.

IF you are interested, please contact Mrs. Cullen or Mrs. Castro at 792-8684.

VBS dates are June 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> July 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>!



**FOOD/COMMODITY FOR THE MONTHS** of April/May is: fruit juices, snacks, crackers, P&J. As always thank you for your continued generosity to those in need.



### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Don't forget to mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School.

Marvelous Mystery: The Mass Comes Alive

When: June 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, July 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>

VBS is jam packed with great songs, crafts and fun activities for children in grades K-4 to help them better understand the celebration of the Mass and deepen their love for Jesus in the Eucharist. For more information or to register call the Religious Ed Office at 792-8684.