

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 3

4:30pm Dana Fanning

Requested by Yvonne Fanning

Sunday, May 4

8:00am Mass for the People

10:00am For the Souls in Purgatory

Requested by Divine Mercy Cenacle

12:00NN Manuel & Mary Caetano

Requested by family

Monday, May 5

7:00am Luke and Henrietta Pucella

Requested by family

Tuesday, May 6

7:00am Joseph and Eldora Lord

Requested by Mark & Laurie Friel

Wednesday, May 7

7:00am Walter DiPrete

Requested by Dolores DiPrete

Thursday, May 8

7:00am Tina Marie Luciano

Requested by family

Friday, May 9

7:00am James and Margaret Flynn

Requested by Kathleen and Jeff

Saturday, May 10

4:30pm Irving P. Mason, Jr.

Requested by St. Francis Women's Club

Sunday, May 11

8:00am Rose and James Gilgun

Requested by family

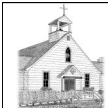
10:00am Walter and Frances Noone

Req. by Michael and Elizabeth D'Attilio

12:00NN Rosemarie McNulty &

Mary Harcourt

Requested by Kelli & Shirley



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, May 4

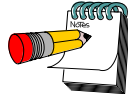
10:00am Henry H. Thayer, Jr.

Requested by Thayer family

Sunday, May 11

10:00am Anna Moran Hornberger

Requested by daughter



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week, the sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Sally Gallo. The sanctuary lamp at St. Romuald Chapel burns in memory of Barbara McLaughlin.

SOCIAL OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The Social Outreach Committee meets on the first Tuesday of the month and will be meeting on Tuesday, May 6, at 7:00pm in Father Greenan Center. All are welcome.

GLORIFY: PRAISE & WORSHIP FOR TEENS AND THEIR FAMILIES!

The Diocesan Office of Catholic Youth Ministry will be hosting a Glorify evening on Monday, May 5th at 6:30pm the Rejoice in Hope Youth Center, Cranston, with Br. James Dries. Live music will be provided by Spirit Alive. Also offered this evening is the Sacrament of Reconciliation, beginning at 6:30pm. Come and take some time to praise and worship our Lord! Everyone welcome!

LORD JESUS, OPEN THE SCRIPTURES TO US; MAKE OUR
HEARTS BURN WHILE YOU SPEAK TO US.



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:
\$72,389.00



PARISH SUPPORT— April 27, 2014

Weekly Support

	April 27
Budget envelopes used (271)	- \$ 5,077.00
Loose Donations	- \$ 1,511.50
Online Giving (# of donors 37)	- \$ 929.00
Total Budget	- \$ 7,517.50

Ongoing Maintenance Offering

Offering Envelopes	- \$ 1,877.50
Other Donations	- \$ 544.00
Total Ong. Maintenance	- \$ 2,421.50

This weekend's second offering is the Monthly offering for May. Thank you for your continued generosity.

MAY 4, 2014

From the Pastor...

Last Sunday at the Noon Mass, I had the privilege of conferring the Sacrament of Confirmation on two adults of our parish. **Kathryn Iacono and Catherine Welch** prepared for several months to complete their initiation into the Catholic Church. I extend our prayers and congratulations to them. I am grateful to **Deacon Paul Iacono** who always does such a great job in teaching adults who are seeking to become Catholic or to complete the sacraments of initiation.

This weekend we celebrate **First Communion** for the boys and girls of our parish who have been preparing all year for this great event. They are always so enthusiastic and excited to receive Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time. Please pray with me that they and their families will continue to appreciate and celebrate the great gift of the Eucharist with our parish community every weekend.

Next weekend our parish **Social Outreach Committee** will sponsor our annual **Baby Shower** to benefit expectant mothers served by **The Gabriel Project, The Pregnancy Center of Westerly and Right to Life Services, Inc.** Please check the insert in this bulletin to see a list of items that are needed. There will be baskets to receive your unwrapped donations at the church and chapel entrances next weekend. I applaud the Social Outreach Committee for organizing this event and I hope many parishioners will make a donation.

We have begun **the month of May, dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary**. I encourage you to find some way to honor our Blessed Mother. During this month, **the Rosary is prayed every evening, Monday through Friday at 7 PM at St. Romuald's Chapel**. All are welcome.

Msgr. Theroux

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. Romauld 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.



Religious Education

RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES

Religious Ed classes have ended for the year.



This Week

Sunday, May 4

10:00am May Crowning at Mass
5:30-7pm Praise! Rehearsal (FGC)
7:00pm AA (HBH)

Tuesday, May 6

6:30pm Event Committee (HBH)
7:00pm Bible Study Q&A w/Fr. Joe
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (loft)

Wednesday, May 7

7pm Grade 8 Parent Mtg (HBH)

Thursday, May 8

1:30pm Mass at South Bay Manor
7:00pm Men of St. Joseph Mtg. (FGC)

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Our Lady of Sorrows Bereavement Support Group will be offered by the Office of Life and Family at St. Anthony Church, Parish Center, Pope St., North Providence, each Thursday, May 8 through June 26 from 7-8:30pm. This group is free and provides a peaceful place to share their experiences and feelings about grief, with the spiritual comfort of our Catholic faith. Most appropriate for adults at least three months beyond their loss. For registration and information, please call Pat Owen at 274-3854.

CHAPEL CLEANING CREWS

Please help keep our chapel beautiful! We are once again seeking some new volunteers to help with the cleaning of the chapel. It only requires about an hour and a half of time every six weeks on a Saturday morning. Most teams are made up of 4 people and no heavy lifting or window washing is involved, primarily just vacuuming, dusting and cleaning the bathrooms. We are blessed to have such a lovely place to worship. Won't you consider giving some of your time to help? Please call Mary Grace Hood at 401-374-2395 (cell) or email her at mary_grace@cox.net. You can also leave your name in the sacristy with Bill Harding after Mass. Thank you!



HISTORY OF MAY DEVOTIONS

May is considered the beginning of growth, the season of the beginning of new life, that is why the month of May is traditionally dedicated to Mary in many cultures.

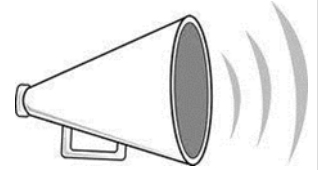
May devotions originated in Italy, some sources say as early as the 16th century as a private exercise of piety. From Italy, the May devotion to Mary spread to Central Europe, and became more and more public. In the middle of the nineteenth century many bishops gave a clear sign of their approval by actively participating in the May celebrations. May devotions received their strongest impetus through the dogmatization of Mary's Immaculate Conception (1854).

Pope Benedict XV ordered a prayer for peace written by him in 1915 to be prayed during May devotions. In 1939, Pope Pius XII called upon the faithful to pray to Mary for peace among people during the May devotions. Children were to participate in this prayer a wish that the pope regularly repeated between 1939 and 1944. In the encyclical *Mediator Dei* (1947) May devotions are recommended under exercises of piety (# 180).

Over the years, the May devotion became a daily or weekly celebration in many parishes and the opening and closing ceremony of the month of May was often in the hands of the local or auxiliary bishops. The devotion usually lasted from half an hour to an hour of prayer, rosary, litanies and was closed with benediction.

We'll offer **May Devotions at Saint Romuald Chapel throughout the month of May. Please join us for the Holy Rosary, Monday through Friday at 7:00PM.** All are invited.

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 26th, 27th, 30th July 1st and 2nd!



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.



MARVELOUS MYSTERY
The Mass Comes Alive

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be held June 26th, 27th 30th and July 1st and 2nd from 8:30-11:30. We will spend a week discovering more about the Mass and deepening our love for Jesus in the Eucharist through faith teachings, music, games, crafts, snacks and more!

Register by June 13th. Forms are at the main entrance to the church. For more information call the Religious Ed Office 792-8684.