The Dedication of The Lateran Basilica



Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 8 4:30pm Dean Streeper Requested by wife Sunday, November 9 8:00am All Souls Requested by May Tran 10:00am Patrick Dufficy *Requested by parents* 12:00NN Frances and James Thomas *Requested by family* Monday, November 10 7:00am Vivian Drury 20th Anniversary Tuesday, November 11 7:00am John Meehan Requested by Jim and Susan Meehan Wednesday, November 12 7:00am Michael Posillo Requested by family Thursday, November 13 7:00am Rose Silva Requested by granddaughter Friday, November 14 7:00am William Cloos Requested by Jim and Susan Meehan Saturday, November 15 4:30pm Robert T. Connaughton Requested by wife Alicia Sunday, November 16 8:00am Louis Maggio *Requested by family* 10am Martiniano & Palmiotto families Requested by family 12:00nn Mary and Nelson Burke Requested by family



Sunday, November 9 10:00am Patrice Munson Requested by family

Sunday, November 16 10:00am John & Grace Carpinelli Requested by family



For Your Information

PARISH SUPPORT

Parish support for November 2nd was Budget—\$7,776.50; Monthly— \$2,428.00; All Saints—\$812.50; All Souls—\$1,250.50. Next weekend's second offering will be the Ongoing Maintenance Fund offering. Thank you for your continued generosity.

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Rose "Gam" Silva.

FOOD OF THE MONTH

For the month of November: cereal, macaroni & cheese and soup. Thank you.

CHURCH BELLS RING FOR OUR VETERANS

State Command Chaplain for the Rhode Island National Guard, Father Robert I. Marciano, Chaplain, Colonel, USAF has asked all pastors throughout the Diocese of Providence to ring their church bells on Tuesday, November 11th, 2014, Veterans Day, at 11:00am to honor our veterans. He states, "As you know the brave men and women who serve and have served in uniform make us proud by their commitment to the cause of freedom around the world. Their sacrifices have been great and some gave to their fullest and final measure. Let us together use this special public and personal salute to them and their families.

God bless our veterans and God bless America."

We will be honored to ring our church bells in honor of all past and present veterans on Tuesday at 11. We sincerely thank all those who have served this great nation in the cause of freedom.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR WOMEN

November 22, 10am-3pm at Our Lady of Mercy Chapel, Salve Regina University, Newport. Topic: An Advent Thanksgiving Journey with Pope Francis. Confessions available. Director: Sr. Eugenia Brady, Sister of St. Joseph of Cluny. Please bring a "bag lunch". Coffee, donuts, muffins provided. Free will offering accepted. Parking on Leroy Ave. For information call Pat Crandall 401-782-9856.

ALL CLASSES (21+) REUNION—ST. PIUS V SCHOOL

St. Pius V School, Providence is having an all classes reunion (21+) on November 29, 2014. For information, email heather.butler@stpiusvschool-ri.org or call (401) 265-4799.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY - DIOCESE OF PROVIDENCE invites all young adults to **Theology on Tap:** *Catholics and Muslims in the* 21st Century: Changing Relationships in the New Millennium. Come join us on **Thursday, November 13th, 2014** for fellowship at 6:00 PM, followed by a presentation and Q & A session at 7:30 PM, featuring Dr. Sandra Toenies Keating, Associate Professor of Theology at Providence College, who also served on the Vatican Commission for Religious Relations with Muslims. This event will be located at <u>Cancún Family Mexican Restaurant</u>, 175 Putnam Pike (Rt. 44), Johnston, RI 02919. Please invite anyone you may know in their 20's and 30's to join us for this special event.

NOVEMBER 9, 2014

From the Pastor

In last week's bulletin I said something about living within or outside the parish boundaries. What does that mean? Each parish is based on a given territory of land, a subdivision of a diocese governed by a bishop. These are based on the division of territory of the Roman Empire and were kept as the empire was Christianized. I remember the days when a Catholic was not permitted to join any parish except the one he or she lived in; nor could one stay in a community if one moved out of its proper territory. Today things are more fluid and thus, as I mentioned last week, our parish is blessed with many great parishioners from outside the territory.

What are our parish boundaries? They begin at the North Kingstown-South Kingstown line just north of the tower and run south along the east side of route 1 between the highway and the Pettaquamscutt (or Narrow) River. The west side of the highway is Christ the King parish until Saugatucket and Curtis Corner Roads: the south side of those streets is the northern border of our parish, which then runs around the north side of Worden's Pond and down the South Kingstown-Charlestown line to route 1. The boundary then jogs back east along route 1 to Moonstone Beach Road and runs down the center of that road to the shore and along the shore back to the inlet across from Galilee. The Catholics who live in Jerusalem and the pastor of St. Mary's, Star of the Sea, agree that, although it is legally in Narragansett, Jerusalem belongs to St. Francis Parish.

When I turn from Saugatucket Road onto North Road or as I come down South Road and cross Curtis Corner Road, I know I'm entering my parish, a place for which I have a special responsibility and a special affection.

Fr. Bodah



Bus Trip to LaSalette Shrine

All are invited to join in an upcoming bus trip sponsored by the St. Francis Women's Club to the 2014 Christmas Festival of Lights at LaSalette Shrine.

Date: Thursday, December 4, 2014 **Departure:** Bus leaves Church lot at 4:30pm **Return:** Bus departs Shrine for home at 7:15pm <u>Cost:</u> \$7 per person

Reservation forms and liability waivers are at all church and chapel entrances. Completed forms and fees may be returned to the rectory or placed in the collection basket no later than Tuesday, November 25th. Reservations will be recorded in the order received. We are limited to 52 people. For questions call Kathleen Puchalla at 783-1132.



Religious Education

RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES Sunday, November 9th 8:50-9:50am GRADES 1 & 2 (FGC) 10:50-11:50am GRADES 3-6 (FGC) GRADE 7 (FGC) Monday, November 10th 7-8:30 Confirmation II (FGC) Wednesday, November 12th 4:00-5:00 Grades 3-6 (FGC) 7:00-8:15 Grades 7 and 8 (FGC)

FIRST EUCHARIST PARENT MEETING for Reconciliation preparation, next Sunday, November 16th at 8:55 am in the lower church *(please note change in time)*. All students must be represented at this meeting.



Sunday, November 9 1-5:30pm Confirmation I Retreat (FGC) 7:00pm AA (HBH) Monday, November 10 7:30-12N Adoration (SF) 7-8:30pm Conf. 2 Class—(FGC) Tuesday, November 11 VETERANS' DAY—OFFICE CLOSED 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (loft) Wednesday, November 12 4-5pm Classes Grades 3-6 (FGC) 7-8:15pm Grade 7 & 8 (FGC) Thursday, November 13 1:30pm Mass at South Bay Manor



THIS weekend & NEXT

Sponsored by the Social Outreach Committee Donations to benefit the Jonnycake Center may be dropped off in the bins located at the St. Francis statue in the back of the church and at chapel entrances. Requested items: canned veggies, gravy (no glass), corn bread/quick bread mixes, canned pumpkin, fruit pie filling, cranberry sauce, stuffing mix. Thank you for supporting our brothers and sisters in need.

HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING!



It's that time again! Time for our Children's Choir to begin rehearsals for Christmas Eve Mass!! Calling all boys and girls ages 6-12!! Rehearsals will be on Wednesdays, 5-6:15pm beginning December 3rd !!

We will sing at our

Christmas Eve Mass at 4:30pm

Make this the year you try choir! We need YOU to make our celebration truly joyful and glorious!! See YOU in the loft! **Bring a friend!!**



Questions? Call me-Mimi Battey- 792-8301



18th Annual BUY NOTHING DAY WINTER COAT EXCHANGE Friday, November 28th,

10am-12nn in Helen Bouchard Hall. If you have a coat to give, please drop it off. If you need a coat, please pick one up.



PARADE OF LITTLE SAINTS

A host of Little Saints joined us for our Family Liturgy and Parade of Little Saints last Sunday at the 10:00am Mass. Perhaps you found yourself sitting next to St. Michael the Archangel, St. Agnes or was it St. Elizabeth Ann Seton or St. Francis? It was great to see so many of our children dressed as their favorite saint in honor of All Saints Day. The All Saints celebration continued in Fr. Greenan Center after Mass where over 80 children and several families enjoyed various games, led by our graders and their teachers. The children participated in games such as: Fishers of Men, Feed My Sheep, The Good Samaritan Relay, A Shower of Roses, Halo Toss just to name a few. Refreshments were served on the first floor with something for everyone. A special word of thanks to all those who provided us with delicious treats for the occasion!

BISHOP HENDRICKEN OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, November 16, from noon—3pm. Information on admissions and financial aid as well as academics, college placement, athletic and extracurricular activities will be available. The Entrance Exam will be on Sunday, December 6th at 8:15am. To register, please call the Admissions Office at 739-3450, ext. 162.

What are we celebrating today?

Today the liturgy celebrates the dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome, called "mother and head of all the churches of the city and the world." In fact, this basilica was the first to be built after Emperor Constantine's edict, in 313, granted Christians freedom to practice their religion.

Initially the observance of this feast was confined to the city of Rome; then, beginning in 1565, it was extended to all the Churches of the Roman rite. The honoring of this sacred edifice was a way of expressing love and veneration for the Roman Church, which, as St. Ignatius of Antioch says, "presides in charity" over the whole Catholic communion (Letter to the Romans, 1:1).

"Dear friends, today's feast celebrates a mystery that is always relevant: God's desire to build a spiritual temple in the world, a community that worships him in spirit and truth (cf. John 4:23-24). But this observance also reminds us of the importance of the material buildings in which the community gathers to celebrate the praises of God. Every community therefore has the duty to take special care of its own sacred buildings, which are a precious religious and historical patrimony. For this we call upon the intercession of Mary Most Holy, that she help us to become, like her, the "house of God," living temple of his love." — Benedict XVI, Angelus Address, November 9, 2008