

# THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## Mass Intentions

**Saturday, February 10**

4:30 †Jeannette DeLuca

*Requested by Family*

**Sunday, February 11**

8:00am †Mr. & Mrs. Thu Chi Tran & John Thanh Ha

*Requested by Family*

10:00am

12:00nn †Tara Higgins

(5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Remembrance)

*Requested by Family*

**Monday, February 12**

7:00am †Joseph & Florence Paquette

*Requested by Rick & Laura Skokowski*

**Tuesday, February 13**

7:00am †Rev. John A. O'Rourke

8<sup>th</sup> Pastor—81<sup>st</sup> Anniversary



### ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

7:00am †Jeannette DeLuca

(1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Remembrance)

*Requested by Family*

4:15pm Liturgy of the Word w/ Distribution of Ashes

7:00pm Mass with Distribution of Ashes

**Thursday, February 15**

7:00am Mass for the People

**Friday, February 16**

7:00am Special Intention

**Saturday, February 17**

4:30 †Michael P. Calvito

*Requested by Family*

**Sunday, February 18**

8:00am

10:00am †Marcia Signorelli

*Requested by Family*

12:00nn Special Intention

*Requested by a Friend*



## St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

**Sunday, February 11**

10:00am †John Estes

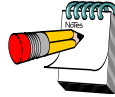
(2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Remembrance)

*Requested by Family*

**Sunday, February 18**

10:00am †Dan & Barney Fenaughty

*Requested by Mom & Dad*



## For Your Information

### SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Thu Chi Tran & John Thanh Ha.



### FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Church discipline requires that Ash Wednesday and Good Friday be observed as days of fasting. Those between the ages of 18 and 59 should take only one full meal on those days, without taking solid food between meals. Abstinence

from meat is also required on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent. Those with serious health conditions are excused from these requirements.

### LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

On each of the six Fridays of Lent (beginning this Friday) **from 5:30-6:30 pm**, a simple meatless meal of homemade soup, bread and water will be prepared and offered to all. Although there is no charge for this Lenten Supper, a basket



will be available to accept free will donations. These donations are given to the Diocesan Outreach Office for distribution to needy families in our area. ***So come and join us for soup on Fridays during Lent in Father Greenan Center! Bring a friend....it is a wonderful lead into Stations of the Cross here at St. Francis at 7:00pm.***

### FOLLOWING ARE THE DATES:

**Friday, February 16**

**Friday, February 23**

**Friday, March 2**

**Friday, March 9**

**Friday, March 16**

**Friday, March 23**

## PARISH SUPPORT

### Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (216)	-	<b>February 4</b> \$5,897.00
Loose Donations	-	\$1,062.00
Online Giving (# of donors-59)	-	\$1,814.00
<b>Total Budget</b>	-	<b>\$8,773.00</b>

### Second Collection (Monthly Collection)

Budget envelopes used (152)	-	\$2,296.50
Loose Donations	-	\$ 558.00
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>\$2,854.50</b>

There is no second collection this week. The second collection next week is for ongoing maintenance.

**As always, thank you for your continued generosity.**

**FEBRUARY 11, 2018**

## *From the Pastor,*

The holy season of Lent is upon us. This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and you can see the times of services elsewhere in this bulletin. Thanks to the generous contribution of time of several of our parishioners, we are also able to bring the sacramental of ashes to the hospital and several of the nursing homes and other residences of the area.

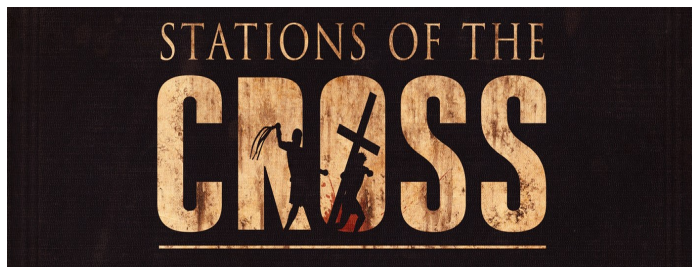
This year there is the awkward fact that Ash Wednesday, one of only two days of fasting left in the calendar, coincides with St. Valentine's Day. A suggestion: celebrate Valentine's Day on Mardi Gras, the evening before. It would be great if *families* could plan to attend our weekly Friday dinners in the Father Greenan Center. Various groups provide a variety of meatless soups each week and there is no charge: a free-will offering can be given. Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament follow from 7 to 7:30 in the church, but attending the dinner by no means obliges anyone to stay for the Stations.

We're also planning a four-part Lenten series on forgiveness on Thursdays in the Greenan Center at 1:30 P.M., beginning on February 22. All are welcome to this discussion group.

The Lenten mission will be held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of the first week of March. Our own parishioner Fr. Stephen Battey will preach on "Ancient Practices for a Modern World."

Several people have asked me about training for using the defibrillators. Bill Harding, R.N. is working on getting the fire department to do a training session and as soon as we can get a date from them, we'll let you know. Anyone who's interested would be welcome to attend. In the meantime, the defibrillators are: in the back of the church in the room under the bell tower; on the ground floor of the Greenan Center in the kitchen; on the second floor of the Center just inside the door on the north side; at St. Romuald's in the sacristy.

*Fr. Bodah*



### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**The Stations of the Cross with Benediction  
each of the Fridays of Lent at 7:00pm at  
St. Francis Church.**

**and**

**The Stations of the Cross will be prayed at St. Romuald Chapel  
on Wednesday afternoons of Lent at 12:30pm.**



## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES**

### **Sunday, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>**

**8:55-9:50am** Grades K, 1 & 2 (FGC)

**10:00am** Children's Liturgy of the Word  
during Mass

**10:55-11:50am** Grades 3-6 (FGC)  
Grade 7 (FGC)

**First Communion Parent Meeting** this  
morning **9:00am** (HBH)

All students must be represented at this  
mtg.

**12Noon** Lenten Catechist Mtg for Grades  
1-6 in FGC

### **Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**

**4:15pm** Grades 3-6 to attend Ash  
Wednesday Service of Ashes and then class  
at Fr. Greenan Center until **5:15pm**

**7:00pm** Grades 7-8 to attend Ash  
Wednesday Mass with their family and then  
class at Fr. Greenan Center until 8:15pm

**Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup> begins School  
Vacation~No Classes and No CLW**



### **ATTENTION ALL TEENS ages 13-18**

We have some exciting news! Starting at 7:30pm Monday 2/19 – 7:30am Tuesday 2/20, St. Thomas More and St. Francis will be teaming up for a LOCK-IN in Fr. Greenan Center. We will be staying up all night playing games, sports, dodgeball, watching movies, and closing the event with 7:00am Mass in the morning. There will be plenty of food to last the entire night! We hope to see you there and feel free to bring some friends. For more information and to receive a permission form please email youth minister Emily Cuellar at [emcuellar95@gmail.com](mailto:emcuellar95@gmail.com).

## This Week

### Monday, February 12

7:30am Adoration (SF)

### Tuesday, February 13

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (SF)

7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

### Thursday, February 15

9-10:30am Office Staff Meeting (office closed during this time)

7:00pm RCIA (MCCR-at rectory)

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (↓FGC-Foyer)

### Friday, February 16

5:30-6:30pm Lenten Soup Supper (FGC)

7:00pm Stations of the Cross (SF)

### Monday, February 19

**HOLIDAY-OFFICE CLOSED/NO ADORATION**



### Faith and Good Works"



**2018 CATHOLIC  
CHARITY APPEAL**

If you have not made a gift to this year's Appeal, you will be able to do so through our in-pew solicitation which will take place on the weekends of February 24/25 and March 3/4. Our parish goal is to attain 100% participation—a goal that can only be reached with your sacrificial help and support. All gifts, regardless of size, help to make difference in the lives of so many individuals.



**Congratulations** to the proud parents and godparents of Harper Rayan Rodman & Maxwell Owen Halt who were baptized on Sunday, February 4 by Fr. Henry Bodah. *Your parish family rejoices with you!*

A heartfelt thank you to the parish family of St Francis of Assisi for the generosity that you have extended to the clients of the Deborah K Fallacaro Pregnancy Center of Westerly. Your ongoing support with diapers, toiletries, blankets and baby clothing has allowed us to continue to help women and their families with their basic needs. We have over 100 clients registered now so the need is great. Please know that I will keep your parish family in my prayers and please keep all who call or come into the Pregnancy Center in yours.

Sincerely in Christ, *Valerie Sistare*, RN director



Get **FORMED** Now! It's EASY and **FREE** to Register!

- Visit [formed.org](http://formed.org) with a web browser
- Click on Register (lower right of page)
- Enter Parish Access Code: 876N29

Enter your email and create a password (you need this to login later)

# REVEALED

*Steubenville East  
Youth Conference  
Registration is now  
open*



**"In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might**

**have life through him."** – 1 John 4:9 Registration for the 2018 Steubenville East Youth Conference to be held on July 13-15, at the University of Massachusetts, Lowell Campus is now open. We have reserved 25 spots for our teenagers who are currently in grades 8-12. If you are interested in participating in this powerful retreat, registration forms are available in the Religious Education Office or on our parish website, <http://stfranciswakefield.com/youth-ministry/>. Complete the form and submit it along with the \$100 deposit to the religious education office to secure your spot.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

#### BREAKFAST

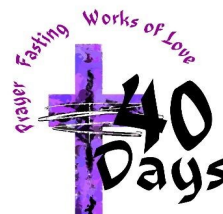
**THIS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>**  
**(7:30-10:30AM)**  
**(Public Invited)**



The Knights of Columbus will hold a Special Valentines Breakfast at the Council Hall, 1265 Tower Hill Road, North Kingstown, on Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, from 7:30-10:30am.

**Serving:** Eggs (Scrambled or Fried), Toast, Home Fries, Sausage links, Belgian Waffles, Baked Beans, Chocolate dipped strawberries, Hot and Cold Cereal, Orange Juice, Coffee and Tea.

**The cost is \$10.00; children 6 & under are free.**



### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

**Lenten Kick-off Rally on  
Ash Wednesday, February 14**

**Join us for the 12:05pm Mass &  
Distribution of Ashes at the  
Cathedral of SS Peter & Paul**

Following Mass and a "special blessing"...we will gather outside the Cathedral with the **Ancora Mobile Ultrasound Clinic** leading us on the walk to Planned Parenthood, 175 Broad Street for a short rally & meditation on the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary.

For more information contact the Office of Life & Family Ministry: Carol Owens/Director at 421-7833 ext. 218

**40 Days for Life Website: [40daysforlife.com/providence](http://40daysforlife.com/providence)**