

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Francis Mass Intentions

The LORD is my light
and my salvation;
whom shall I fear? the
LORD is the strength
of my life; of whom
shall I be afraid?

- Saturday, January 25**
4:30pm †Tina Marie Luciano
Requested by Family
- Sunday, January 26**
8:00am †Anna Nappi
(Birthday and Anniversary Remembrance)
Requested by Family
- 10:00am †Maryanne Riotto
Requested by Family
- 12:00nn Mass for the People
- Monday, January 27**
7:00am †Natalie Bosse
- Tuesday, January 28**
7:00am †Alan Marchand
Requested by Jean
- Thursday, January 30**
7:00am †Robert Beaudreau
Requested by Family
- Friday, January 31**
7:00am †Rev. Charles Burns
(3rd Pastor)
119th Anniversary Remembrance
- Saturday, February 1**
4:30pm †Concetta & Bob Wilson
Requested by Jean
- Sunday, February 2**
8:00am
10:00am †Brendan Sheehy
Requested by Karen & Peter O'Rourke
- 12:00nn †Stanley Villanis
Requested by the Event Committee

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

- Sunday, January 26**
10:00am †Barney Fenaughty
(Birthday Remembrance)
Requested by Family
- Sunday, February 2**
10:00am



This is the final weekend for the Baby Shower sponsored by our Social Outreach Committee. Please place donations in Collection baskets located in St. Francis Church & St. Romuald Chapel. Thank you for your support!



COLLECTED ITEMS WILL BENEFIT:
*The St. Gabriel Call
The Pregnancy Center of
Westerly
Right to Life Services*



SUGGESTED BABY SUPPLY DONATIONS

- Diapers (All Sizes up to 6/XL)*
- Warm Sleepers (0 to 24 mos.)*
- Warm Children's Clothing (2T-4T, 5-6)*
- Infant Onesies*
- Shampoo*
- Baby Wipes*
- Lotion*
- Baby Wash*
- Baby Blankets*

Cash donations also gratefully accepted.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION RETURNS TO MONDAYS

Eucharistic Adoration returns to Mondays beginning this Monday, January 27th at 7:30am through noon. Come spend some quiet time with Jesus!



Due to an early transmittal of this bulletin the collection information for January 19th was not available. This information will be in next weeks bulletin.

This week's second collection is for Latin America. Next week's second collection is for the St. Vincent De Paul Society.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

JANUARY 26, 2020

ALPHA

Have you ever asked the question, is there more to life than this? If you have you are certainly not alone as I believe most of us, if not all, have asked this at one time or another. This was what we discussed at our first introductory Alpha meeting.

Almost 30 of us got together for food, faith and fellowship. We began with a welcoming meal, a short introduction and a video regarding the question at hand. We then shared briefly our feelings, thoughts and concerns honestly and openly, without worry that we would be judged. Some folks are just beginning their journey toward a relationship with God. Other's had already began but are looking for some direction as to where do I go from here. While even others who have developed a deeper relationship with God realize that it can always be even better.

If you would like to learn more, consider joining us, or just have questions, don't hesitate to give me a call. We meet each Thursday evening at 6:30PM at Greenan Hall and we would love to have you join us.

God Bless,
Deacon Dowd

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are always interested in those parishioners who are unable to attend our services—whether it be for short term or a long time.

If you know of someone who is in a *convalescent home or who is homebound*, please call the office and give us the information.

We want to reach out to and stay connected with all of our community members. *Thank You in Advance...* Contact Jacki at the parish office, 783-4411 ext. 10.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The parish is looking for a few volunteers, male or female, to be available to serve an occasional funeral Mass as the need arises and to serve as a reader for funerals when one is called for.

For more information, call the rectory. Thank you and God bless.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
(401) 792-8684

Sunday, January 26th
8:55-9:50am Grades K-6 (FGC)

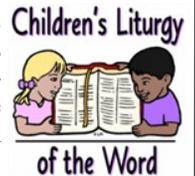
10:00am Mass-Celebration of Listening to God's Word. Coffee 'n to follow in HBH. All are invited

Wednesday, January 29th
4:15-5:15pm Grades 3-6 (FGC)
6:30-7:45pm Grades 7, 8 & 9 (FGC)

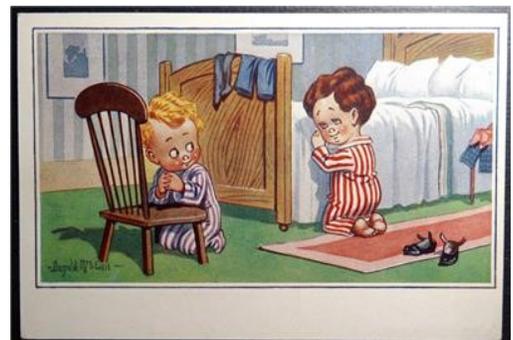


Maureen Rooney has returned to Mexico with 75 Dr. Seuss books! These books will be used in the Yucatan school system to help the students learn the English language. Thank you for your generosity!

Volunteers needed for Children's Liturgy of the Word. CLW takes place during the 10:00 Mass. Volunteers are needed to read the Sunday readings to the children and to briefly discuss it with them. All reading and discussion materials are provided.



Confirmation age youth, Parents and Grandparents are most certainly welcome and needed! You would be responsible to present once every 4 to 5 weeks. We have a team of dedicated parishioners who have been active in this ministry for many years and we would love to have you join us! Please prayerfully consider the call to volunteer with the Children's Liturgy Ministry. If you are interested in this rewarding ministry, please contact Barbette in the Rel. Ed. Office at 792-8684 or email her at Cullen_StFrancis@verizon.net.



This Week

Monday, January 27

7:30am Adoration (Church)

7:00pm Pastoral Council Meeting (Rectory)

Tuesday, January 28

6:30pm Bible Study

7:00pm Choir (Church)

Thursday, January 30

6:30pm Alpha Group (FGC)

7:00pm RCIA (Rectory)

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (Rectory)

Share YOUR Faith

Support the Collection for the Church in Latin America

This weekend, we take up the collection for the Church in Latin America! Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean do not have access to church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity makes it possible for our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous to the special collection! To learn more, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.



...As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to

them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him.

He walked along from there and saw two other brothers, James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They were in a boat, with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him.—A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew



ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it.—Proverbs 3:27

Feed the hungry and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon.—Isaiah 58:10.

Our parish has certainly given evidence of heeding these scripture passages. While SVDP offers service to those in need, our primary goal is to grow spiritually – those of us who are Vincentians as well as those who support our work. The amazing gift response from the giving tree will provide resources for our conference throughout the year. Cards from grocery stores, CVS, Job Lot and Marshalls will allow our clients to shop for themselves independently and with dignity. VISA, MC and American Express cards can be used for our new car repair program. Assistance with car repairs has been a frequent but difficult request to manage. Our clients often have older cars needing repairs beyond our resources. Yet these vehicles provide essential transportation to jobs and medical appointments for families. We have begun a new program in coordination with Chariho High School's Career and Technical Center. Our conference will pay for parts and the school will provide the labor. The students will have experience with a variety of cars, and we will be able to provide assistance at reasonable costs. Two tires for a client's car were recently replaced for a total of \$187.00.

Assistance with housing continues to be a frequent request and was 57% of our financial aid this past year. Some of our clients have been impacted by the recent decrease in food assistance. Only 1% of our funds has been used for any operating expenses, 99% went for direct financial assistance. We have now helped over 100 families, a total of 225 people.

New members are welcome at any time. Call the conference phone at 401-871-8936 and leave your contact information. An associate member can be involved on a part time basis for as little as 3 hours a month, attending one meeting and one home visit.

Thank you for making our work possible as together we continue to help our neighbors in need.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

NET Ministries, a national evangelization team consisting of 12 young adults will be leading our Confirmation Retreats again this year. They spend 10 months travelling the country leading retreats. During their stay in Rhode Island from March 7-9, our parish is responsible for providing lodging. Team members travel with their own sleeping bag so they are just looking for floor space, a hot shower and a meal. We are in need of parishioners to open their home to 2 (or more) NET team members. If you are interested in hosting them, please contact Diane Castro at 783-3924 or by email at dlcastro82@gmail.com. Thank you.