

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

St. Francis Mass Intentions



Saturday, March 14

4:30pm †Sally Currie

Requested by the Parishioners

Sunday, March 15

8:00am †John MacLane

Requested by Kathleen & Jeff Carney

10:00am †The Dwyer & Dowd Families

Requested by Family

12:00nn †Richard Clarke

Requested by Eve and Pat Sweeney

Monday, March 16

7:00am †Joseph Komornik

Requested by Ann & Ollie

Tuesday, March 17

7:00am Mass for the People

Thursday, March 19

7:00am †Margaret Dolan

Requested by Ellen McElroy

Friday, March 20

7:00am †Patricia McGrath

Requested by Pat & Eve Sweeney

Saturday, March 21

4:30pm †Reinaldo "Rey" Flores

(Anniversary Remembrance)

Requested by Family

Sunday, March 22

8:00am Mass for the People

10:00am †Marguerite Sprague

Requested by Family

12:00nn †Anthony Rose

Requested by Family

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 15

10:00am †Margaret Dolan

Requested by Eve & Patrick Sweeney

Sunday, March 22

10:00am †Margaret Dolan

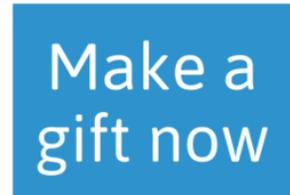
Requested by Rita Chase



SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of James Flynn.

"We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop." ~ SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA



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For more information on how your gift makes a direct impact on the lives of thousands in Rhode Island you can visit www.dioceseofprovidence.org/CCA.

Our parish goal for 2020 is \$110,100.00. You will have the opportunity to make your pledge next weekend, March 21/22 when we have our in-pew solicitation. We thank you in advance for your generosity!

As of 3/5/2020 we have received pledges of \$22,494.00 from 90 donors.

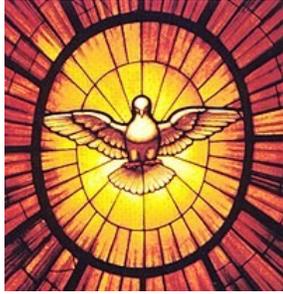
Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (175)	-	March 8	\$5,413.50
Loose Donations	-		\$ 908.00
Online Giving (# of donors-67)	-		\$2,158.00
Total Budget	-		\$8,479.50

This week's second collection is for Ongoing Maintenance. There is no second collection next week.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

MARCH 15, 2020



**Understand Prayer
by Steve Mueller**

The Holy Spirit and Prayer

“The Holy Spirit, the artisan of God’s works, is the master of prayer” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church [CCC], #741*). Prayer includes everything that we do to communicate with God in order to maintain and enhance our relationship. The Holy Spirit, who always empowers us for greater life and bonds us with others through love, is thus constantly at work whenever we pray.

The Holy Spirit bonds us with God the Trinity. “In the Holy Spirit, Christian prayer is a communion of love with the Father, not only through Christ but also in him” (*CCC, #2615*). Through the Holy Spirit, we grow in our knowledge of God and learn to express our love for God and for others in appropriate words, gestures and actions.

“The Holy Spirit, whose anointing permeates our whole being, is the interior Master of Christian prayer. To be sure, there are as many paths of prayer as there are persons who pray, but it is the same Spirit acting in all and with all. It is in the communion of the Holy Spirit that Christian prayer is prayer in the Church” (*CCC, #2672*). We trust that the Holy Spirit will guide us on our personal path to holiness and a fuller life with God.



**All-Day Confession at Our Lady of Mercy Church
Saturday, March 21, 2020 from 9:00am—3:00pm
4 Priests, No Lines and No Waiting!
“Be Courageous! Go to Confession!” —Pope Francis**

On Saturday, March 21, 2010 Confessions will be offered at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 65 Third Street, East Greenwich, RI from 9:00am until 3:00pm. Four priests will be available all day long. During this Lenten Season, we invite you to experience God’s mercy and forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. For more information, contact the OLM Parish Office at 401-884-4968 or via email at parish@olmparish.org or visit our webpage at www.olmparish.org.

THE OFFICE OF LIFE AND FAMILY

The Office of Life and Family will offer the *Our Lady of Sorrows* Bereavement Support group at St. Thomas More Church, 53 Rockland St., Narragansett on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:00pm from April 14 through June 2, 2020. The group is free and 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. Use the parking lot at the side entrance. For registration contact: Peter A. Magnotta, LICSW at 421-7833, ext. 217.



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
(401) 792-8684**

Sunday, March 15th

8:55-9:50am GRADES K-6 (FGC)

*Join our classes this morning for **Step Up Close to Jesus** at 9am in FGC.*

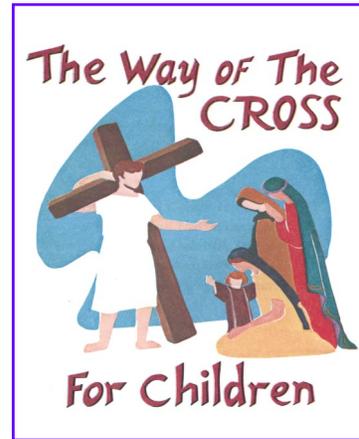
10:00am Children’s Liturgy of the Word

Wednesday, March 18th

4:15-5:15pm Grades 3-6 (FGC)

*Join us this afternoon for the second presentation of **Step Up Close to Jesus** at 4:15 in FGC*

No Class for Grades 7-9



YOUTH NIGHT!

THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 15 FROM 6-8PM

Teens grades 8-12 are invited to a night of games, music, prayer and community. Parents, please reach out and invite your kids!

Save the following dates for future youth nights: April 5, May 3 and June 7. If you have any questions contact Emily Cuellar at youthministrystmsfa@gmail.com.

This Week

Monday, March 16

7:30am Adoration (Church)

Tuesday, March 17

6:30pm Bible Study (FGC)

7:00pm Choir (Church)

Wednesday, March 18

12:30pm Stations of the Cross (Chapel)

Thursday, March 19

9-10:30am *Staff Meeting—Office closed during this time*

6:30pm Alpha Group (FGC)

7:00pm RCIA (Rectory)

Friday, March 20

5:30-6:30pm Lenten Soup Supper (**This week only in HBH**)

6:15pm Marriage Prep (FGC)

7:00pm Stations of the Cross (Church)

Saturday, March 21

8:00am Marriage Prep (FGC)



LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

On each of the six Fridays of Lent 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 St. Vincent de Paul Society 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.*



PAINT & VINO NIGHT WITH DIANE COSTANZA

NEXT THURSDAY, MARCH 26
6:30-9:00PM

FATHER GREENAN CENTER

Join Diane Costanza for a fun night of painting an Easter lily on a lighted glass block. The cost for the event is \$30.

Advanced registration is necessary. If you are interested please contact Diane Costanza at 783-5710 or email her at amos46@icloud.com.

Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome!



St. Vincent DePaul Society

Are you ready for a challenge? Is it time to step out of your comfort zone?

Consider joining us as a Vincentian here at St. Francis of Assisi. Our outreach is for families in our local area who are struggling and in financial need.

We are blessed to see Jesus as Mother Theresa said "in the distressing disguise of the poor". At times we are providing hope and encouragement to families who have nowhere else to turn.

As an associate member you can help your neighbor in need, with a commitment of only two hours a month.

Please call if you would like more information.

Buzz Corner 248-4324

St Vincent de Paul Society

SPRING FOOD DRIVE

The Social Outreach Committee is again sponsoring a food drive to benefit the Jonnycake Center's Vacation Breakfast and Lunch Program. This program benefits clients' children who participate in school nutrition assistance programs. *We will be collecting donations next weekend & the weekend of March 27/28.* Your generous donations will go toward helping these children enjoy healthy meals and snacks throughout their entire vacation and summer breaks. Foods needed are: juice boxes, jelly (all varieties), peanut butter, healthy snacks and fruit squeeze tubes. Please place donations in receptacles near St. Francis statue and entrance to St. Romuald's Chapel. Thank you as always for your continued generosity.

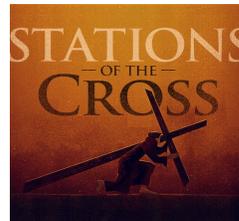


SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are heard each Saturday afternoon at 3:30-4:00pm in St. Francis Church.

All are welcome!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT ST. FRANCIS



Stations of the Cross will take place each Friday during Lent at 7:00pm

"Step Up Close to Jesus", the Stations of the Cross for children, will be offered during class times in Fr.

Greenan Center on **this Sunday, March 15 at 9:00am & Wednesday, March 18 at 4:15pm.**

"Living Stations", presented by our 7th graders, will be offered on **Wednesday, April 1 at 7pm** in St. Francis Church. *All parishioners are welcome to take part in this very moving presentation.*

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT ST ROMUALD CHAPEL

Stations of the Cross will be prayed in the chapel on Wednesday afternoons during Lent at 12:30pm.