

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

## St. Francis Mass Intentions



**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*

**Monday, March 23**

7:00am †Alan Marchand  
*Requested by Ellen McElroy*

**Tuesday, March 24**

7:00am †Rev. James E. Greenan  
(9<sup>th</sup> Pastor)  
*68<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Remembrance*

**Thursday, March 26**

7:00am †Jean G. Boisse  
*Requested by Family*

**Friday, March 27**

7:00am †Rita & Tom O’Rourke & Warren Behie  
*Requested by Family*

**Saturday, March 28**

4:30pm †Jeannette DeLuca  
*Requested by Family*

**Sunday, March 29**

8:00am  
10:00am †Vera Banks  
*Requested by Ed & Diane Rudegeair*  
12:00nn †Richard Clarke  
*Requested by Steve & Jacki*

## St. Romuald Mass Intentions

**Sunday, March 22**

10:00am †Margaret Dolan  
*Requested by Rita Chase*

**Sunday, March 29**

10:00am †Margaret Dolan  
*Requested by Ed & Kathleen Puchalla*



**SANCTUARY LAMP**

This week’s sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of John Champion.

### Statement of Bishop Thomas Tobin Regarding the Suspension of Public Masses in the Diocese of Providence

In light of the growing coronavirus crisis in Rhode Island, in response to the request of public officials, and upon the recommendation of health experts, I hereby direct that the celebration of all public Masses and other liturgical services be suspended in the Diocese of Providence effective Tuesday, March 17, 2020 and continuing until further notice.

The celebration of funerals and weddings may continue, but must be celebrated without Mass using approved liturgical forms. Every effort should be made to limit the size of the congregation to necessary participants only and the health precautions previously announced by the Diocese of Providence and the State of Rhode Island should be carefully followed.

To the extent possible, churches should remain open during the day for personal prayer, devotions and visits to the Blessed Sacrament. Individual confessions may also be heard during this time.

This is an exceedingly difficult and painful decision, but it is necessitated by our commitment to promote the health and well-being of our brothers and sisters, especially the frail and the elderly. That is a moral priority we should all share. May we continue to pray for and support one another in these very trying times, and through the intercession of Saint Patrick, Saint Joseph and Our Lady of Providence, may God be with us.



<b>Weekly Support</b>	<b>March 15</b>
Budget envelopes used (75 )	-
Loose Donations	\$ 512.00
Online Giving (# of donors-63)	-
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$2,058.00</b>

<b>Second Collection (Ongoing Maintenance)</b>	
Budget envelopes used (49)	-
Loose Donations	\$591.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$203.00</b>

There is no second collection this week or next week.

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

MARCH 22, 2020

### From the Pastor,

The Coronavirus sweeping the globe is named for the Latin word for "crown."

The magazine *The Economist* explains:

*Little noticed by doctors, let alone the public, until the outbreak of SARS (severe acute respiratory syndrome) that began in Guangdong in 2002, the coronavirus family was first recognized by science in the 1960s. Its members got their name because, under the early electron microscopes of the period, their shape seemed reminiscent of a monarch's crown. (It is actually, modern methods show, more like that of an old-fashioned naval mine.) There are now more than 40 recognized members of the family, infecting a range of mammals and birds, including blackbirds, bats and cats. Veterinary virologists know them well because of the diseases they cause in pigs, cattle and poultry.*

Another Web site notes: *Right in the middle of the Coronavirus pandemic is the city of Anzù, Italy. There is a basilica in Anzù where the relics of St. Victor and St. Corona have been preserved since the 9th century. Ironically, St. Corona is considered as one of the patron saints of pandemics.*

So, let's invoke the intercession of this second century teen-aged martyr that we may be freed from the scourge of this pandemic.

Fr. Bodah



PARISH INDOOR YARD SALE  
APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup> FROM 1:00AM-2:00PM  
FATHER GREENAN CENTER

*We are having our first indoor yard sale!* Table rental is \$20.00. While tables are provided, renters are responsible for removing any unsold items by the end of the day. If you are interested in renting a table please fill out this form and return it with your \$20. This form can be mailed to the office or brought into the rectory.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_



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### NO CLASSES

SUNDAY, MARCH 22<sup>ND</sup>  
&  
WEDNESDAY,  
MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup>



### UPCOMING YOUTH NIGHTS!

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 upcoming youth nights: April 5, May 3 and June 7.

If you have any questions contact Emily Cuellar at:

youthministyrstmsfa@gmail.com.



# This Week

**All Parish Activities have been cancelled until further notice.**



## MAY MONEY MADNESS

*Tickets For May Money Madness are being sold after Masses the weekends of April 4/5, April 18/19 and April 25/26. They can also be purchased at the parish office, Monday through Friday 9am to 4pm. **The last day to buy a ticket is April 30.***

*Ticket prices are: \$10 each, 6 for \$50 or 12 for \$100. A fun parish event with prizes awarded daily throughout the month of May.*

**Drawing Prizes: Monday thru Saturday—\$50; Sunday—\$100; May 31 drawing—\$500.**

**Fill out the form below and include payment. Return through the weekly offertory or mail to: May \$ Madness, St. Francis Church, 114 High St., Wakefield, RI 02879. Tickets will be forwarded to you.**

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Tickets: \_\_\_ \$10 each \_\_\_ 6 for \$50 \_\_\_ 12 for \$100



## St. Vincent DePaul Society

*Just a reminder that our St. Vincent de Paul chapter here at St. Francis needs your help. They ask your help by using their poor boxes located in the church and chapel so that they can assist those in need in our area (Gift cards are accepted). **Please keep them in your prayers!***

## 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 this weekend and next weekend—the church will be unlocked during the day.*** 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.

## AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,

I believe that You

are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment

receive You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and

unite myself wholly to You. Never permit

me to be separated from You.

Amen.