

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

### St. Francis Mass Intentions



**Saturday, March 7**

4:30pm †John Honig  
*Requested by Jean*

**Sunday, March 8**

8:00am †The Luongo & De Sousa Families  
*Requested by Family*

10:00am †Rita McKinnon  
*Requested by Dan & Corinne*

12:00nn

**Monday, March 9**

7:00am Mass for the People

**Tuesday, March 10**

7:00am †Gloria Carney  
*Requested by Jeff & Kathleen Carney*

**Thursday, March 12**

7:00am †Carol Meenan  
(Birthday Remembrance)  
*Requested by Viola*

**Friday, March 13**

7:00am †Mary Pendergast  
*Requested by Kathleen & Jeff Carney*

**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*

### St. Romuald Mass Intentions

**Sunday, March 8**

10:00am †Linda Guernon  
*Requested by Family*

**Sunday, March 15**

10:00am †Margaret Dolan  
*Requested by Eve & Patrick Sweeney*



#### SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Reinaldo Flores & Clara E. Latowski.

10:00 AM  
**YOUTH MASS!**  
- EVERY 1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH -



Dear families and teenagers,  
Every first Sunday of the month, we will be having a Youth Mass. The goal of this Mass is to provide a mix of traditional/contemporary music and an atmosphere that helps the younger generation to enter into prayer. It also gives teens a chance to step-up in leadership roles such as leading music, being a lector, and greeting people at the door. Please **INVITE** all families and teens to our next Youth Mass **April 5<sup>th</sup>**. Also reach out to Emily Cuellar if your child is interested in getting more involved. Email: [youthministrystmsfa@gmail.com](mailto:youthministrystmsfa@gmail.com).



**PAINT & VINO NIGHT WITH DIANE COSTANZA**  
**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](mailto:amos46@icloud.com).

Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome!



<b>Weekly Support</b>		
Budget envelopes used (177)	-	\$4,541.50
Loose Donations	-	\$1,543.00
Online Giving (# of donors-65)	-	\$2,118.00
<b>Total Budget</b>	-	<b>\$8,202.50</b>

<b>Second Collection (Monthly Collection)</b>		
Budget envelopes used (129)	-	\$1,920.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 426.00
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>\$2,346.00</b>

**Ash Wednesday Collection: \$1,744.00**

There is no second collection this week weekend. Next week's second collection is for Ongoing Maintenance.

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

MARCH 8, 2020

## From the Pastor,

### *Persevering in Prayer*

Taken from *Magnificat*-March 2020

Prayer by itself has value as an objective act....Considering prayer as a simple, potent activity that a person must fulfill in order for his life to be complete, eliminates a whole series of false questions about sincerity or insincerity. Going to Mass when we feel nothing for God is not at all a form of hypocrisy—it is faith....To make the emotions the gauge of religion would end in many aberrations. This is true of all personal relationships: love is situated beyond our emotions, which does not, however, mean that we distrust them. Emotion means the wonderful experience of love through a certain harmony of being. Love, on the other hand, is the very fact of a communion established between two beings situated on a level that is more profound than the sphere of our feelings.

Sincerity does not consist in conforming our behavior to our spiritual states, but rather in maintaining our behavior in spite of our spiritual states, in maintaining our profound fidelities in spite of our superficial infidelities. To be sincere means to be faithful to that to which we have truly given our heart in the fullness of freedom. This is what ought to exist in marriage and in friendship, in spite of all the possible external vicissitudes. Loving God means knowing that we can count on God and that God can count on us in spite of our emotional complications. Referring to the theological virtues, Jacques Rivière once said that “faith means to believe in God in spite of appearances; charity, to love our brothers in spite of what they may do to us; hope, to hope for spiritual goods even when they seem to be impossible.” We must therefore protect the substance of prayer from the vicissitudes of our experience and from our religious feelings, because it is founded on something that lies beyond them: prayer is the expression of our fundamental relations to God.

*Cardinal Jean Daniélou—Cardinal Daniélou (†1974) was a Jesuit priest, theologian, liturgist, historian, and member of the Académie Française.*

Fr. Bodah



### 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](mailto:parish@olmparish.org) or visit our webpage at [www.olmparish.org](http://www.olmparish.org).



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
(401) 792-8684

### Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>

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

**Sacrament of Reconciliation for Grades 5 & 6 during class time.**

10:00am Children’s Liturgy of the Word

11:00am Blessing Cup painting event for First Eucharist families at Create! Color Art Studio

### Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>

4:15-5:15pm Grades 3-6 (FGC) **Sacrament of Reconciliation during class time**

6:30-7:45pm Grades 7, 8 & 9 (church) **Sacrament of Reconciliation during class time**



Please join our Religious Education classes in grades K-6 **next Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>** at 9:00am or **Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>** at 4:15 in Fr. Greenan Center for a **special**

**presentation of The Stations of the Cross called “Step Up Close to Jesus”**



### YOUTH NIGHT!

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 [youthministyrtmsfa@gmail.com](mailto:youthministyrtmsfa@gmail.com).



# This Week

**Monday, March 9**

7:30am Adoration (Church)  
6:30pm Event Committee Meeting (FGC)

**Tuesday, March 10**

6:30pm Bible Study (FGC)  
7:00pm SVD Meeting (FGC)  
7:00pm Choir (Church)

**Wednesday, March 11**

12:30pm Stations of the Cross (Chapel)

**Thursday, March 12**

6:30pm Alpha Group (FGC)  
7:00pm RCIA (Rectory)

**Friday, March 13**

5:30-6:30pm Lenten Soup Supper (FGC)  
7:00pm Stations of the Cross (Church)



**PARISH INDOOR YARD SALE  
APRIL 25<sup>th</sup> FROM 9:00AM-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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**“WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED”**

Pregnant? Need Help? The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops is declaring a year of service called “Walking with Moms in Need.” This is the mission of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Providence’s special ministry called “St. Gabriel’s Call.” The Diocese has seven locations that reach out to help moms, families and babies during and beyond pregnancy. Our help is free and confidential! For information regarding our pastoral outreach services and locations, contact Carol Owens at 278-2518.



**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.

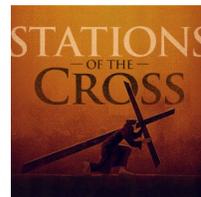
As an associate member you can help your neighbor in need, with a commitment of only two hours a month.

Please call if you would like more information.  
Buzz Corner 248-4324  
St Vincent de Paul Society

Just a reminder that there are inspirational *Catholic media CDs* available at the side entrance (parking lot side) in the main church and at the chapel. Please be sure to take a moment to look them over as we have recently placed some new CDs in the display.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**Confessions** are heard each Saturday afternoon at 3:30-4:00pm in St. Francis Church. Our parish will also offer Reconciliation on Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:15pm for Grades 3-6 and at 6:30pm for Grades 7, 8 & 9. 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 **Sunday, March 15 at 9:00am & Wednesday, March 18 at 4:15pm.**

“Living Stations”, presented by our 7<sup>th</sup> 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.