

# PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, March 31

4:30pm Reinaldo Flores

*Requested by wife*

### Sunday, April 1

8:00am Mass for the People

10:00am Iacono & Burns families

*Requested by Deacon Iacono & Jackie*

12:00NN Walter Vachon

*Requested by family*

### Monday, April 2

7:00am Vivian Houston

*Requested by Paul*

### Tuesday, April 3

7:00am Dr. Leonard Staudinger

*Requested by wife*

### Wednesday, April 4

7:00am Lucy Winter

*Requested by family*

### HOLY THURSDAY, April 5

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

### GOOD FRIDAY, April 6

3:00pm Celebration of the Lord's

Passion at St. Romuald Chapel

7:00pm Celebration of the Lord's

Passion at St. Francis Church

### HOLY SATURDAY, April 7

8:00pm Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

### EASTER SUNDAY, April 8

#### RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

8:00am Chi Thi Anna Tran and

Thanh John Ha

*Requested by family*

10:00am Marjorie Meehan

*Requested by Jim & Susan Meehan*

12:00NN Mass for the People



## St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

### Sunday, April 1

10:00am Christopher Cannon

*Requested by family*

### GOOD FRIDAY, April 6

3:00pm Solemn Service of Our Lord's

Passion and Death

### EASTER SUNDAY, April 8

10:00am Al Marchand

*Requested by Gerri & Al Marsocci*



## For Your Information

**PARISH SUPPORT** for March 25th was: Budget-\$8,667.50. This weekend's second offering is the Operation Rice Bowl / Catholic Relief Services offering. The offering taken up on Good Friday is for the Holy Land. The second offering next weekend is the Easter Offering. Thank you for your continued generosity.

### SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns for a Special Intention.

### SOCIAL OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The Social Outreach Committee will meet this Tuesday evening at 7:00pm in Father Greenan Center. All are welcome.

### FOOD OF THE MONTH

The food and commodities needs for the month of March continue to be: juices, cereal, jelly, tomato sauce and pasta and paper towels. Thank you for your ongoing generosity.

### PRAYING THE SUNDAY READINGS

The St. Francis Bible Study Group will host Prayer and Reflections on the upcoming Sunday readings. Please join us on Tuesday evenings, starting on April 17 and running through to May 22, from 7-8:30pm in lower Father Greenan Parish Center. No advance registration required. All that is needed is to prayerfully read the upcoming Sunday readings. The Sunday readings can be found online at <http://www.usccb.org/bible/>



## THE PALM SUNDAY CONCERT

Today, Palm Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 3:00 PM, the South County Chamber Singers, under the direction of Dr. Enrico Garzilli, will present "A Concert of Sacred Music" at St. Francis Church in Wakefield, RI. The Chamber Singers are proud to have the Rev. Joseph R. Upton, Parochial Vicar, singing with the group this year. The concert will present the works of outstanding composers of the Sacred; namely, Palestrina, Victoria, and Josquin des Prez, to mention a few. The words and music of these pieces mirror the prayers and sentiments of the spiritual significance of Holy Week. Accompanying the Singers will be Dawn Chung. A free-will offering will be received. For information, call 783-0943.

## LENTE PENANCE SERVICES

Tuesday, April 3 at 7 PM – St. Veronica Chapel

Wednesday, April 4 at 7 PM – Christ the King



2012 CATHOLIC  
CHARITY APPEAL

## 2012 PARISH GOAL

**\$103,000**

Donations received as of Week 6:

**\$63,268**

62% of goal from 336 donors

APRIL 1, 2012

## FROM THE PASTOR...

With the celebration of **Palm Sunday** this weekend, we begin the most solemn week of our Church year. During **Holy Week** we complete our Lenten observance and then through the days of the **Sacred Triduum**, we participate in the great events of our salvation...the **Passion, Death and Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ**. Our celebrations this week culminate in the great feast of **Easter** when light pierces darkness, good triumphs over evil and life conquers death. What we celebrate this week is essential to our faith and touches each one of our lives. There is information about the ceremonies of Holy Week elsewhere in this bulletin. Please make every effort to join us for the various celebrations this week, especially on **Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday**. Let us all make a sincere effort to prepare spiritually for a blessed and joyful celebration of **Easter**.

Msgr. Theroux

### YOU ARE INVITED

Please join us on Saturday, April 7, 2012, for

### THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT

at 8:00PM

in St. Francis Church

as the following members of our parish family complete their Christian Initiation:

*Amy Cottrell  
Gregory Decoteaux  
Helen Edwards  
Deidra Graves*

A reception will follow the Mass in Helen Bouchard Hall  
Please make every effort to be with us as we greet the  
Resurrection of the Lord in Solemn Vigil

**MANY THANKS:** A word of special thanks to our parish retreat team for pulling off an amazing evening of prayer, reflection and fellowship. The team, led by **Fr. Joe and Cathy Dowd**, included **Jane Brockmann, Jane Estes, Bob Gass, Greg Hartnett, Dana Hawkins, Noreen Linskey and Kelli McNulty**. We are truly blessed by the witness and example of so many people of faith. As the disciples of Jesus passed on the faith from one to another, and built each other up in Christ, our retreat team has shown us by word and deed what it means to have hearts turned to the Lord! Thank you!



## Religious Ed. Notes

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

#### Sunday, April 1

8:50-9:50am Grades 1 & 2

9:50-10:50am KINDERGARTEN

10:50-11:50am GRADES 3-6

#### Monday, April 2

7-8:30pm Confirmation I and II **Last Class**

#### Wednesday, April 4

4-5:00pm GRADES 3-6

7:00pm Grades 7 & 8



## This Week

### Sunday, April 1

(Rel. Ed. Class Schedule see above)

3:00pm Sacred Concert under the direction of Dr. Enrico Garzilli and featuring the So. Co. Chamber Singers (church)

2-4pm Middle School Youth Group (FGC)

7:00pm AA (HBH)

### Monday, April 2

7-8:15pm Confirmation I & II Last Class

Conf. I—your sponsor name is due today

### Tuesday, April 3

7:00pm Lenten Regional Penance Svc at St. Veronica Chapel

7:00pm Social Outreach Mtg. (FGC library)

7:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (loft)

### Wednesday, April 4

7:30am Morning Prayer (church)

4-5pm Gr 3-6 Rel Ed Classes

5-6:15 Children's Choir Rehearsal (loft)

7-8:15pm Class Grades 7 & 8

7:00pm Penance Service (Christ the King)

### Holy Thursday, April 5

Adoration following Mass until 11:00PM in Helen Bouchard Hall

### Good Friday, April 6

3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion (St. Rom's)

3pm Stations of the Cross (church)

7pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion (church)

### Holy Saturday, April 7

10-11:00am Easter Egg Hunt (FGC)

8:00pm Solemn Vigil of Easter (church)

**PLEASE NOTE:** The **Celebration of the Lord's Passion** (which includes the reading of the Passion, the Veneration of the Cross and a service of Holy Communion) will be held twice on Good Friday to accommodate those who prefer an earlier service. The 3:00PM service will be held at St. Romuald Chapel in Matunuck. The 7:00PM service will be held at St. Francis in Wakefield. The service is the same in both places. Stations will be held as usual at 3:00PM in St. Francis Church.

## PREPARATION FOR EASTER

Among all the preparations underway for Easter, the most important is interior preparation! If you have not yet had the chance to receive the healing mercy of God in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, consider doing so this week. Two penance services (with the opportunity for individual confession) will be held this week: on **Tuesday at 7PM in St. Veronica Chapel, Narragansett** and on **Wednesday at 7PM in Christ the King Church, Kingston**. Catholics are reminded of Canon 989, which states: "After having reached the age of discretion, each member of the faithful is obliged to confess faithfully his or her grave sins at least once a year." There is no better time for "Spring cleaning of the soul" than Holy Week! Please join us!

## COULD YOU NOT WATCH ONE HOUR WITH ME?

For many years, the custom of visiting seven churches on Holy Thursday night to adore the Blessed Sacrament was observed. After attending the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, plan on staying for a short time with the Blessed Sacrament in Helen Bouchard Hall. A guide for reflection will be provided for those who wish to stay for prayer. You are encouraged to then visit the other churches in our area, as well, for a brief period of silent prayer and adoration. If you'd rather go home immediately after Mass, you are welcome to return to Helen Bouchard Hall for adoration later in the evening. The hall will remain open for adoration until **11:00PM**. Please plan on spending some time on Holy Thursday in adoration of our Blessed Lord.

## MORNING PRAYER

We will pray Morning Prayer on Wednesday of Holy Week after the 7AM Mass in St. Francis Church. All are welcome!

## SAVE THE DATE!

On April 15, we will observe Divine Mercy Sunday at St. Romuald Chapel in Matunuck. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held at 1PM. Confessions will be heard from 1PM to 2:45PM. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed at 2:50PM and the afternoon will conclude with the Celebration of Mass at 3:00PM, the hour of mercy. This year will be especially significant, as several new members of the Divine Mercy Cenacle will be inducted formally into the prayer group and Bill Harding will make his first public profession as an Oblate of the Camaldolese Benedictines, the order founded by St. Romuald! More information will be forthcoming. Save the date now!

## Annual Easter Egg Hunt

NEXT Saturday, April 7th

10:00-11:00

Fr. Greenan Center

RAIN or SHINE

Toddlers to Second Graders welcome!

*Donations of candy and plastic eggs gratefully accepted. The collection box is located at the entrance to the church. Thank you!*

Holy Week is the climax of the entire liturgical year. Today, **Palm Sunday** marks the beginning of the Holy Week, when we commemorate Christ's royal entry into Jerusalem.



On Monday evening, our parish priests will gather with the Most Reverend Bishop at the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul in Providence to participate in the **Chrism Mass**. During this special Mass, all of the priests of our diocese will renew their priestly promises before the bishop and will receive the newly blessed oils for use throughout the coming year (the Oil of Catechumens, the Oil of the Sick, and the Oil of Sacred Chrism).



On Holy Thursday, Lent ends and the **Sacred Triduum** begins. The Sacred Triduum, the three sacred days marking the final events of our Lord's earthly life, forms the core of Holy Week.

On Holy Thursday evening, we will celebrate the **Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00PM** in St. Francis Church. This special Mass commemorates the institution of the Holy Eucharist and the Ministerial Priesthood. At the conclusion of the Mass, the Blessed Sacrament is carried in procession to the "repository" which is located in Helen Bouchard Hall, where adoration will continue until **11:00PM**. Meanwhile, the altar is stripped of its appointments, as a remembrance of Christ's being stripped of his garments.

On Good Friday, we recall with great solemnity the death of Jesus on the cross. **Stations of the Cross** will be prayed at **3:00PM** in St. Francis Church. This is the only day of the year that Mass is not celebrated! The **Celebration of the Lord's Passion** will be held at two different times this year: first at **3:00PM** at St. Romuald Chapel and again at **7:00PM** in St. Francis Church. This distinctive service, which is *not* a Mass, contains the familiar Veneration of the Cross and the distribution of Holy Communion.

On Holy Saturday, the most sacred night of the year, we will gather at **8:00PM (please note change in time)** in Saint Francis Church for the **Easter Vigil**, the mother of all vigils, when we watch for Christ's resurrection. This Mass begins in total darkness with the blessing of the Easter Fire and the lighting of the Easter Candle. We hear several readings, retelling us the story of our salvation and the mighty power of God's work in the course of the world's history. Our adult candidates who have been preparing throughout the past year will be received into the Church and Confirmed. All present will renew their baptismal vows.

Please make every effort to attend these sacred services of the Triduum. Without them, we would not be who we are!

**Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00PM**

*(Saint Francis Church)*

**Good Friday - Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3:00PM**

*(Saint Romuald Chapel)*

**Good Friday - Celebration of the Lord's Passion 7:00PM**

*(Saint Francis Church)*

**Holy Saturday - The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night 8:00PM**

*(Saint Francis Church) - Note change of time.*