

# THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, April 21

4:30pm Anna & Andrew Sebastian

*Requested by family*

### Sunday, April 22

8:00am Austin O'Malley, Sr.

*Requested by family*

10:00am Bobut Santos

*Requested by Betty Ann Hogan*

12:00NN Mass for the People

### Monday, April 23

7:00am Michael Perry

*Requested by Terry & Jim  
McCormick*

### Tuesday, April 24

7:00am Theresa Newton

*Requested by Cathy Hawkins*

### Wednesday, April 25

7:00am John Champion

*Requested by family*

### Thursday, April 26

7:00am Anna Mrosek &

Timothy McNulty

*Requested by Sr. Monika and Kelli*

### Friday, April 27

7:00am John Champion

*Requested by Cathy Hawkins*

### Saturday, April 28

4:30pm Norbert J. Jarbeau

*Req. by Daniel & Corinne McKinnon*

### Sunday, April 29

8:00am Daniel F. McKinnon

*Req. by Daniel & Corinne McKinnon*

10:00am Robert St. Lawrence

*Requested by a friend of the family*

12:00NN Mass for the People



## St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

### Sunday, April 22

10:00am Eugene Blair

*Req. by John and Regina Blair*

### Sunday, April 29

10:00am Earle Simmons

*Requested by family*



## For Your Information

**PARISH SUPPORT** for April 15th was: Budget-\$6,274; Monthly-\$3,048. Next weekend's second offering—Ongoing Maintenance. Thank you for your continued generosity.

### SANCTUARY LAMP

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

### FOOD OF THE MONTH

The food and commodities needs for the month of April 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, started on April 17 and will continue 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/>

### SEARCH RETREAT

The Rejoice in Hope Youth Center in Cranston is sponsoring a Search Retreat weekend on May 4-6th. Any high school youth (grade 10 +) or college age young adult is welcome to attend. Please contact the Rejoice in Hope Youth Center at 401-942-6571 or go to [www.ymcyoprov.org](http://www.ymcyoprov.org) for any additional information.

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

The Serra Club is sponsoring a Mass for vocations on Sunday April 29th at 5 pm at Saint Lucy Church in Middletown. Father Jim Mazzone, vocation director for Diocese of Worcester, will be the guest homilist. A simple reception will follow and all are welcome!

## Prayer for Vocations

O God, who willed to provide shepherds for your people,  
pour out in your Church a spirit of piety and fortitude,  
to raise up worthy ministers for your altars  
and make them ardent yet gentle heralds of your Gospel.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God for ever and ever. Amen



2012 CATHOLIC  
CHARITY APPEAL

2012 PARISH GOAL

**\$103,000**

Donations received to date:

**\$76,326**

APRIL 22, 2012

## FROM THE PASTOR...

Heartfelt congratulations to **Bill Harding** who was professed as an **Oblate of the Camaldolese Benedictines** last Sunday during the special Mass for Divine Mercy Sunday at St. Romuald Chapel. The Camaldolese Benedictines were founded by St. Romuald to whom Bill has a great devotion as is so clearly evidenced by his outstanding dedication and care for our Chapel that is under St. Romuald's patronage. I am grateful to Bill for his attention to the chapel as well as for the many other ways that he serves our parish community. I assure Bill of our prayers as he enters more fully into the spirituality of St. Romuald and the Camaldolese Benedictine community.

This Wednesday we will welcome **Bishop Robert C. Evans**, Auxiliary Bishop of Providence, to our parish to celebrate the sacrament of **Confirmation**. Our young candidates have been preparing for the past two years by attending classes, participating in retreats, and completing service projects. As they receive this sacrament and complete their initiation into the Catholic Church, please pray that the Holy Spirit will enlighten and guide them to appreciate and persevere in living their Catholic Faith.

Since I arrived in St. Francis Parish, many parishioners have told me what a great event the Fall **5-K Race** was. Last year we were unable to sponsor it because we couldn't find anyone to organize the event. Again this year, many have indicated that we should have the race, but no one has come forward to organize it. **I am making one last appeal.** It takes time to prepare for the race and, if we don't identify someone to coordinate it very soon, we will not be able to have the event again this year. So if anyone is interested (particularly if you have any past experience in organizing this type of event) please call the Parish Office (783-4411) to let us know.

Finally, as you may have already seen in the bulletin, we are bringing back the **20 Week Club**. It is without a doubt the best of its kind around with such generous grand prizes and the promise of an outstanding social event in the Fall. Plan to be a part of it...you could be a big winner!!

Msgr. Theroux



*"Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us;  
make our hearts burn while you speak to us."*



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Classes resume TODAY, April 22nd, with  
LAST CLASS BEING APRIL 29TH.



## This Week

### Sunday, April 22

8:50-9:50 Gr. 1 & 2 FGC  
9:50-10:50 Kdg lower church  
10:50-11:50 Gr 3-6 FGC  
5:30-7:00pm PRAISE! Rehearsal (FGC)  
7:00pm AA (HBH)

### Monday, April 23

7:30-12pm ADORATION (church)  
11am-12pm Divine Mercy Cenacle  
Adoration at the main church  
6:00pm Confirmation Candidates meet  
In the church for Sacrament of  
Reconciliation Confirmation  
Sponsors meet in (HBH)  
7:00pm Rehearsal for Confirmation  
begins in (HBH)

### Tuesday, April 24

11am-3pm Matunuck Community  
Women's Club (FGC)  
7-8:30pm Praying the Sunday Readings  
(FGC)  
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (loft)

### Wednesday, April 25

6:30pm Candidates and Sponsors  
assemble in (HBH)  
7:00pm Confirmation - Bishop Evans  
presiding

### Thursday, April 26

2:00pm Mass at Brightview Commons  
7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (Floor 3-FGC)  
7:00pm Couples in Recovery (HBH)  
4-5pm Practice for First Communion  
readers in church  
7:00pm Wrap-up Teacher Mtg. for  
Confirmation I (FGC)  
7-8:30pm Divine Mercy Cenacle at St.  
Romuald Chapel

### Friday, April 27

7pm Talk by Fr. Nick and Fr. Tim (FGC)



## As the Father has sent me, so I send you ...

Legend has it that a missionary, lost at sea, was by chance washed up on the shore of a remote native village. Half dead from starvation, exposure and seawater, he was found by the people of the village and nursed back to full health.

Subsequently, he lived among these people for twenty years.

During the whole of that time he confessed no faith. He sang no songs. He preached no sermons. He neither read nor recited any scripture. He made no personal faith claim.

But when people were sick, he attended them, sitting long into the night. When people were hungry he gave them food. When people were lonely, he was a source of company. He taught the ignorant. He was a source of enlightenment to those who were more knowledgeable. He always took the side of those who had been wronged. There was not a single human condition with which he did not identify.

After twenty years had passed, missionaries came across the sea to the village and began talking to the people about a man named Jesus, and after hearing of Jesus, the natives insisted that he had lived among them for the past twenty years.

"Come," they said, "we will introduce you to the man about whom you have been speaking." The missionaries were lead to a hut, where they found their long-lost missionary brother they had presumed dead. It was our own patron St. Francis of Assisi who said, "Preach the gospel at all times. If necessary use words." May we be living witnesses of the gospel we proclaim.

## He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures

The part of the Mass known as the "Liturgy of the Word" exposes us to the Sacred Scriptures, and should cause our hearts to burn as we hear the story of God's raging love for his people. You'll note the disciples sit down to a meal with the Risen Jesus. It is in the breaking of the bread that they come to see him as the Lord.

In our experience at Mass, after hearing God's Word proclaimed, we experience a meal. But the meal that we experience at Mass is unlike any other. This meal is also a *sacrifice*. **We come to know Jesus in the breaking of the bread**, the sacrament of the Eucharist, which makes present to us the sacrifice of Jesus on Calvary. **Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we cannot see Jesus, but we know he's there. At every Mass, we should come to know him in the breaking of the bread, so that our hearts can burn within us!**



**JOIN US THIS FRIDAY, APRIL 27th at 7:00PM** in Father Greenan Center. Father Nick and Father Tim will be down to discuss their recent trip to Assisi and Rome. Come and hear all about it!

We'll have a slide presentation in the hall along with some refreshments and Martha's Helpers will prepare a few goodies for the evening.

## 20 Week Club

We are still looking for team captains (someone able to sell 10 tickets) for our 20 Week Club. Tickets are on sale through the parish office and through one of the Team Captains. Tickets are \$5/week for 20 weeks or \$100 for a paid membership.

We will have two weekly drawings of \$25 from May 13th through September 30th. On Saturday, October 6th, our feast weekend, prize drawings will take place at Father Greenan Center with an event catered by Ginger from Belmont's. Grand Prizes drawn on October 6th will be: 1 at \$2,500; 1 at \$2,000; 2 at \$1,000; 3 at \$500; and 4 at \$200. Don't miss out! Tickets will also be sold following Masses at the church and chapel soon. More information forthcoming.

There will be a special drawing of \$100 at our May 20th Breakfast for all who have paid in full as of that date.

If you'd like to be a captain and sell tickets, please call Jean McGair at 783-1633, Ellen Schwab at 789-7707, Fran Fitzpatrick at 783-4343, Kathleen Puchalla at 783-1132 or Kelli McNulty at 783-4411.

## MAY: THE MONTH OF MARY

Every May we turn to Mary and honor her anew. We crown her, we bring her flowers, we pray the rosary with a renewed devotion. And why May for all this? There is nothing in Scripture pointing to this "extended feast" of May for Mary. There is nothing on the Church's calendar either that makes May any more likely than any other month to honor her. The answer to May's devotions is simply found in life...May is the month of Mary because it is the month of fragrance and freshness. It is the month of life and light. It is not a Church calendar that points us to Mary; it is our heart's desire for what Mary represents and what she always offers: growth in everything. -Fr. James M. Sullivan, O.P.

**St. Romuald Chapel will host May devotions weekdays throughout May with the Holy Rosary at 7pm. Please join us!**