

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 23

4:30pm Wayne Fanning

Requested by Yvonne

Sunday, April 24

8:00am Perpetual Mass Association

10:00am Richard DeJoseph

Birthday Remembrance

12:00pm Margaret R. and James Sullivan

Requested by son James

Monday, April 25

7:00am John Champion

Requested by family

Tuesday, April 26

7:00am Walter DiPrete

Requested by wife

Wednesday, April 27

7:00am Anthony Guariello

Requested by family

Thursday, April 28

7:00am Norbert & Marguerite Jarbeau

Req. by Dan and Corinne McKinnon

Friday, April 29

7:00am Daniel F. McKinnon

Req. by Dan and Corinne McKinnon

Saturday, April 30

4:30pm Ruth Sweet

Requested by Rosina Leasseur

Sunday, May 1

8:00am Mass for the people

10am Wayne, Dana & Howard Fanning

Requested by Yvonne

12:00pm Clinton Salisbury

Requested by Elizabeth



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

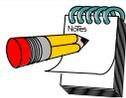
Sunday, April 24

10:00am Gertrude M. Roy

Requested by Anne Cooney

Sunday, May 1

10:00am Gertrude M. Roy



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

The sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of John Champion.

ST. FRANCIS FRIENDS AVAILABLE TO VISIT

At a time when our family, friends, and neighbors are dealing with difficulties, St. Francis wants you to remember our parish's community outreach services. We can send a SFF (St. Francis Friend) to visit a loved one and provide encouragement, comfort, quality time, and the Holy Eucharist. Please reflect on those who are unable to attend Mass because of advanced age, handicaps, or illness and call us to arrange a visit at 401-783-4411.

GRILL THE PRIESTS

Did you ever have a question that you wanted to ask a priest? Come join us for GRILL THE PRIESTS on Friday, May 13, 2016 at 7:00PM at Dave & Buster's, Providence Place Mall, 40 Providence Place, Providence, RI 02903. Welcoming Young Adults, single or married, in their 20s and 30s! Come join us for appetizers at 7:00 PM followed by a Q&A with a panel of Priests. Featuring: Msgr. Albert Kenney, Rev. Ryan Connors, Rev. Christopher Murphy, Rev. Philip Neri Reese, OP, and Rev. Timothy Reilly. Tickets for this event are \$20 and must be purchased before the event. Event includes appetizer buffet. Cash bar available. Must be 21 to purchase alcoholic beverages. Tickets will not be sold at the door. Grill the Priests has sold out every year. If you would like to come please purchase your tickets as soon as possible. Sponsored by the Diocese of Providence Young Adult Ministry. Tickets are available at www.discovercatholicfaith.org or call our office at 401-278-4646.



CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL
Supporting the work of the Church

Over 8,700 immigrants and 1,500 refugees are helped because of your generous gift to the annual Catholic Charity Appeal. Thank you.

CCA Report

2016 CCA PARISH GOAL: \$103,070 / pledged to date: \$91,343.00

of gifts: 366; % of goal—88.62%; % Participation: 17.59%

Please don't forget to turn in your pledge. Every little bit helps.

PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (263)	-	\$6,907.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 1,135.00
Online Giving (# of donors - 61)	-	\$ 1,790.50
Total Budget	-	\$ 9,832.50

Maryknoll Missions

Total donations to date	-	\$3,056.00
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This weekend's second offering will be the Ongoing Maintenance fund offering. Next weekend's second offering will be the Monthly offering for May.

As always, thank you for your generosity.

APRIL 24, 2016

From the Pastor

During “Holy Years” like this “Year of Mercy,” there is more mention than usual of indulgences. I don’t know about you, but when I was young I got the impression that an indulgence was “days off your time in purgatory.” There was a book called *The Raccolta*, which contained every prayer you could think of and indicated how many days indulgence was attached to each. The Hail Mary for example earned 50 days indulgence. Some poor souls became obsessed with piling up and keeping track of how many days they had earned, which they believed would be subtracted from any time they might be consigned to atoning for their sins after death.

Blessed Pope Paul VI did away with the system of days; now there are only the partial and the plenary indulgence. But what does it mean?

It comes from the ancient, in fact biblical, belief that our sins damage our relationship not only with the Lord in heaven but also with his Body on earth, the Church. The Church was given authority on earth to forgive all sins, but the spiritual environment has been in a sense polluted by our choices against the law of God and must be restored by penance. As you probably know, for many centuries there was no private confession: people were excluded from communion for grave sins and had to do public penance, sometimes for many years, before they could be reconciled. An indulgence is the remission of penance we owe the Church community. So sins are forgiven by the absolution by the priest, who acts in the name of Christ and his Body, the Church; the penance owed to the Church is remitted by indulgence.

So 50 days indulgence is the remission of 50 days of public penance, whatever that is worth in the sight of God. The Baltimore Catechism defined it this way: “An indulgence is the remission of temporal punishment due to sin.” The operative word is “temporal,” that is, punishment (or penance) due *in this life*. Any good deed or prayer earns a partial indulgence, that is, it is a means of fulfilling one’s duty to make up for the harm caused by sin. (I can write about plenary indulgence another time.)

Elsewhere in the news:



Don’t forget that the parking lot will be repaired this week and the lot will be unusable. Please God, it’ll be finished by next weekend. In any case, I’ve been reassured by the contractor that, even if it’s not

completely finished, it’ll be usable by next weekend. Excelsior!

Fr. Bodah



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday, April 24

8:50-9:50am Grades 1 & 2
9:50-10:50am KINDERGARTEN
10:50-11:50am GRADES 3-6

SUMMER CONF. CLASSES

Registrations for our summer Confirmation program have been mailed out this week to all families whose child is currently enrolled in grade 9. If you have not received this packet, please contact the Religious Education Office. All 8th grade families should have received the registration form at the 8th grade parent meeting. If you were unable to attend and have not contacted the religious education office, please do so at your earliest convenience. (Your child will not automatically be enrolled in these classes.) Classes will be held as follows:

Summer Session One: Monday, June 27th – Friday, July 1st from 9-12:30am

Summer Session Two: Sunday, July 31st – Thursday, August 4th from 5-8:30pm

SPONSOR CERTIFICATES for all Confirmation Two (candidates who are currently in grade 9) need to be submitted to the religious education office by June 1st. Please make sure your sponsor completes the sponsor form and has their parish priest sign it. (This can be accomplished by speaking with him after Mass or making an appointment with him during the week.)



This Week

Sunday, April 24

Rel Ed Classes see above schedule
11:00am—Choir Rehearsal—(SRC)
7-8:30pm Youth Ministry (FGC)

Monday, April 25

7:00pm Pastoral Council Mtg. (MCCR)

Tuesday, April 26

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (loft)

Thursday, April 28

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (JFGC)



MAY MONEY MADNESS

Tickets are \$10 each/book of six-\$50, 12 for \$100 and will be sold throughout the month of April following all weekend Masses at the church and chapel. Tickets will also be available to purchase through the parish office, Monday through Friday from 9am to 4pm. Beginning May 1st, there will be weekly drawings, Monday through Saturday - \$50 and on Sunday - \$100 and on May 31st there will be a grand drawing of \$500. Daily winners will be eligible for all future drawings.



MSGR. CLARKE SCHOOL EARLY CHILDHOOD OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, April 28th 4pm-6pm
Full STEAM Ahead!

MCS goes beyond daycare, offering a childcare program that nurtures a lifelong love of learning. Visit our open

house to learn more about the only STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Math) Early Childhood Program in the area.

ATTENTION MONSIGNOR CLARKE ALUMNI

If you or anyone you know graduated from Msgr. Clarke School, we are looking for you! Please register on our website at:

www.monsignorclarkeschool.org/alumni

Don't forget to "Like" us on Facebook [Monsignor Clarke School Alumni page](#).

WELCOME HOUSE METRIC CYLING

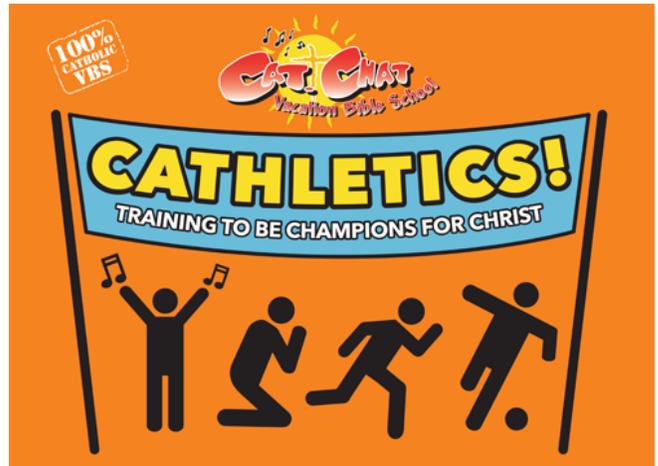
On May 21st, Joe Dziobek, parishioner and Executive Director of Welcome House, and several other cyclists will be riding in a 100km cycle through South County as a fundraiser for Welcome House. This event is to help raise money in order to meet the many demands for services in our community. If you would like to sponsor Joe or one of the other cyclists, you can donate online at <http://www.welcomehouseofsouthcounty.org> or send a donation to Welcome House, 8 North Rd., Peace Dale, RI 02879. What a great opportunity to help our neighbor, Welcome House! Thank you very much!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is BACK!

June 21st-June 24th

All children in Kindergarten through 4th grade are invited to attend. If you have an older child that would like to help out, we'd love to have them!



WHAT: This sports-themed VBS is packed with rock-solid songs, unforgettable games, cool crafts and interactive lessons that will motivate kids in grades K-4 to run the great race of faith. Just as it takes hard work to train for the Olympics, it is also important to get the right training to live out our Catholic faith.

WHEN: Tues., June 21st through Fri., June 24th

TIME: 8:30am-11:30am.

COST: \$40.00 per child.

HOW: Registration forms can be found at the main entrances to the church.

Why not invite a friend?

Call the Religious Ed. Office with any questions 792-8684.



STEUBENVILLE EAST YOUTH CONFERENCE

There are **2 spots left** for any teenager currently enrolled in grades 8-12 to attend the Steubenville East Youth Conference on July 15-17, 2016. If interested, contact the Religious Education Office as soon as possible. Remaining spots are on a first come first serve basis.