

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Mass Intentions



Saturday, April 1

4:30 pm Jeannette DeLuca

Requested by Joe & Ellen Schwab

Sunday, April 2

8:00am Gloria Luongo

Requested by the DaSilva Family

10:00am Patrick Sullivan Dufficy

Requested by Mom & Dad

12:00nn

Monday, April 3

7:00am Jeannette DeLuca

Requested by Michele & Bruce Nielsen

Tuesday, April 4

7:00am Sister Mary Susan Gross

Requested by Family

Wednesday, April 5

7:00am Sylvia DeLuca

Requested by Rosina LeVasseur

Thursday, April 6

7:00am Mass for the People

Friday, April 7

7:00am Marjorie Meehan

Requested by Jim & Susan Meehan

Saturday, April 8

4:30pm Branden J. DeLuca

Requested by Family



Sunday, April 9

8:00am Laura Webb

10:00am Edward Vallette

Requested by Family

12:00nn



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, April 2

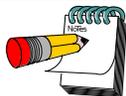
10:00am Walter (Red) Rose

Requested by Maggie Hayes-Cote

Sunday, April 9

10:00am Al Marchand

Requested by Gerri & Al Marsocci



For Your Information



THE SACRED TRIDUUM

Our Lenten preparations are ordered toward our observance of the three most sacred days of the year, the Sacred Triduum. Please plan on joining with our parish community as we commemorate the mysteries of our Redemption.

HOLY THURSDAY (April 13th)

7pm—Mass of the Lord's Supper in St. Francis Church
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will continue until 11pm
in Helen Bouchard Hall

GOOD FRIDAY (April 14th)

3pm—Stations of the Cross in St. Francis Church
7pm—Celebration of the Lord's Passion in St. Francis Church

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### HOLY SATURDAY (April 15<sup>th</sup>)

**7:30pm—Solemn Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection**  
**in St. Francis Church**

### EASTER SUNDAY (April 16<sup>th</sup>)

**8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00NN St. Francis Church**  
**10:00am St. Romuald Chapel**

## PARISH SUPPORT

| Weekly Support                 |   | March 26          |
|--------------------------------|---|-------------------|
| Budget envelopes used (236)    | - | \$5,979.00        |
| Loose Donations                | - | \$1,363.00        |
| Online Giving (# of donors—62) | - | \$1,569.00        |
| <b>Total Budget</b>            | - | <b>\$8,911.00</b> |

The second collection this week is the Monthly Collection. Next week's second collection is Catholic Relief Services/Operation Rice Bowl.

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

APRIL 2, 2017

## From the Pastor

Over the last year, our parish has been blessed with the labors of Deacon Patrick and Christina Moynihan. Although Deacon Moynihan is still working with the Haitian Project and so has to be away for so much of the time, he took over the baptismal program here, preparing the parents of the children to be baptized as well as performing the baptisms. This has been such a great help to me.

Since her arrival Christina has labored long and hard to find ways to build community spirit here at St. Francis. As you may recall, she began by organizing "family Masses" followed by receptions at the Greenan Center. Over the last year she formed programs that focused on the spiritual, intellectual and social elements of our religious life. There were evenings on Christian meditation, or on estate planning; Fr. Randall was invited to speak on the *Four Quartets* of T. S. Eliot. She arranged for parishioners to lead sessions on painting and for an ice cream social for the children of religious education and their families. She also saw to the inclusion of our youngest parishioners by inviting them to draw what they see in church and display it in the vestibule. In addition, she spearheaded the final landscaping around the outside statue of our Lady with the new wall along the south entrance of the church. And these are only a sampling of all the projects and programs she has organized in her time with us. Over and above all these things, she has carried on the day-to-day ministries of visitations of the sick in the hospital and bringing communion to the shut-ins, as well as training people to visit those who are no longer able to come to Mass.

Now it is my sad duty to announce that the Moynihans are leaving us to move to Florida, where they can be closer to their work in Haiti and where the climate is more amenable to them after 20 years in a tropical country.

They have indicated to me that they'd prefer to leave quietly and without fanfare, especially as they have much packing to do. Christina will leave on Easter Sunday and Deacon Patrick will follow at the end of April. I can't thank them enough for all their efforts here and wish them all blessings in the coming years!

Fr. Bodah



### MASS INTENTIONS

It is very much part a part of our Catholic tradition to have Masses offered for deceased relatives and friends. Parishioners are encouraged to practice and to continue this tradition. When was the last time you had a Mass offered for a deceased parent, grandparent, uncle aunt, brother or sister? To make arrangements, please call the parish office at (401)783-4411.



### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

#### Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>

**8:50-9:50am** GRADES K, 1 & 2 (FGC)

**9:50** St. Francis' Little Friends Child Care in HBH

**10:00am** Children's Liturgy of the Word during Mass

**10:50-11:50am** GRADES 3-6 (FGC)

GRADE 7 (FGC-Upper Room)

**11:00am** Join us this morning for *Step Up Close to Jesus* Stations of the Cross in FGC. First Communion Banners are due today

**7-8:30pm** High School Youth Night-Guest

Speaker: Fr. Romain Rurangirwa

#### Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>

**4:15-5:15 pm** GRADES 3- 6

Join us today for *Step Up Close to Jesus* Stations of the Cross in FGC

**7:00-8:15pm** GRADES 7 & 8

**Grade 8—Parent & Child Pre-Confirmation Meeting (Current 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and their parents are required to attend a pre-Confirmation meeting in FGC. If you are unable to attend, please call the religious education office to schedule an alternate meeting date.)**

#### **St. Francis of Assisi**

**19<sup>th</sup> Annual Easter Egg Hunt!**

**Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> 10:00-11:00**

**Fr. Greenan Center**

***Rain, Shine or Snow!***

For Toddlers to Second Graders We will provide your basket/bag to collect eggs. . .see you there!

**Donations of wrapped candy gratefully accepted**



#### Summer Confirmation Classes

Registration for our summer Confirmation program is ongoing.

#### Classes will be held as follows:

**Summer Session One:** Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup> from 9am-12:30pm

**Summer Session Two:** Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup> – Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup> from 9am-12:30pm

Registration forms can be found on our parish website under the Confirmation tab.

**YOUTH NIGHT:** Fr. Romain Rurangirwa, an associate pastor at St. Irene Church in Carlisle, MA and a survivor of the Rwandan genocide will be speaking to our teenagers on Love and Mercy on Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 7-8:30pm in Fr. Greenan Parish Center. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

## This Week

### Monday, April 3

7:30am Adoration (SF)

6:30pm Event Committee Meeting (FGC)

### Tuesday, April 4

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (loft)

7:00pm Bible Study (JFGC)

### Wednesday, April 5

1:00pm & 7:00pm Women's Group (Rectory)

5:30pm Bereavement Group (Rectory)

### Thursday, April 6

6:30pm Prayer Shawl Meeting (MCCR)

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (FGC-Foyer)

### Friday, April 7

5:30pm Lenten Soup Suppers (FGC)

7:00pm Stations of the Cross (Church)



## SPRING FOOD DRIVE 2017

The Social Outreach Committee is again sponsoring a spring food drive. This year it will benefit not only The Jonnycake Center of Peacedale but also The Welcome House. *The food drive ends this weekend, April 1 & 2.*



Your generous donations will go toward helping these children enjoy healthy meals and snacks throughout their school vacations and their entire summer break. **Foods being requested are:** pasta, juice boxes, jelly, (not just grape please), cereal, peanut butter and healthy snacks including fruit squeeze tubes. **The Welcome House of South County is a leading provider of homeless services in southern RI. Their needs are as follows:** paper towels, toilet paper, shampoo and laundry detergent pods.

This can be a meaningful way of almsgiving during this Lenten season. Thank you for your continued generosity. *Please place donations in receptacles by the St. Francis statue in the church and by the front entrance at St. Romuald Chapel.*

### LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS: Fr. Greenan Center

Don't forget on the Fridays of Lent **from 5:30-6:30pm**, a simple meatless meal of homemade soup, bread and water will be prepared and offered to all. Although there is no charge for this Lenten Supper a basket will be available to accept free will donations. These donations are given to the Diocesan Outreach Office for distribution to needy families in our area. *Bring a friend...it is a wonderful lead into Stations of the Cross here at St. Francis at 7:00pm.*



## PIZZA/BINGO

Pizza/Bingo is back this **April 21 from 4:30 -7:00pm** in Fr. Greenan Center!



Please help support our second annual night of fun with family and friends by donating an item (or items for either an adult or child).

Donations can be left with your child's CCD teacher, in a box at the entrance to Father Greenan Center, at the rear of the church or at the rectory Monday through Friday from 9am to 4pm. All donations can be made the last week of March through April 20.

*Remember...save the date, April 21.* Thank you for your generosity and God bless!

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Stations of the Cross with Benediction each of the Fridays of Lent at 7:00pm at St. Francis Church.**

### 2017 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL "Faith and Good Works"

**OUR GOAL FOR 2017 IS: \$110,000.00**

**As of 3-24-2017 the amount raised is: \$39,940.00**

**Total # of gifts: 197; % of Goal—36.31%;**

**% of Participation—9.50%**

Because of your generosity to the annual Appeal, over 1,000 individuals are served through the HIV/AIDS Ministry. Thank you for your support.

### Catholic Relief Services Collection/Operation Rice Bowl Weekend of April 8/9

Imagine a situation so dangerous you need to flee with your family from your home to an unknown country. What would you bring? Where would you live? Where would your kids go to school?

Your donations to the Catholic Relief Services are providing educational opportunities for refugee children including catch-up & remedial classes. Now, over 6,000 students in 21 schools are getting the education they need to protect the future ahead of them. Your donations are putting these children on a road of hope.

As you walk with these children, you walk with **Jesus in disguise.** Support the CRSC today. For more information, visit [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).



## MAY MONEY MADNESS

Beginning this weekend tickets go on sale after all masses for May Money Madness. *Tickets will only be sold throughout the month of April* and will be sold after weekend masses. Tickets will also be available at the parish office Monday-Friday from 9am-4pm. *A fun parish event with prizes awarded daily throughout the month of May.*

Ocean Tides, a ministry of the Christian Brothers at Christian Brothers Center in Narragansett, has immediate openings for Residential Counsel/Youth Care Workers, and a part-time RN. RN schedule is a family friendly 9:00am-2:00pm, Monday-Friday. Interested individuals should contact Ocean Tides at 401-789-1016 or [administrator@oceantides.org](mailto:administrator@oceantides.org).

**"Do not be afraid. Open wide the doors to Christ."** — Pope St. John Paul II