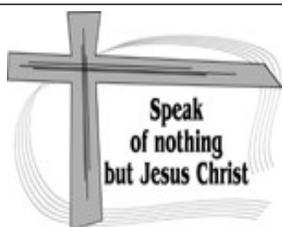


THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions



Saturday, February 11

4:30 pm Robert C. Wilson

Requested by wife, Concetta

Sunday, February 12

8:00am Thu & Chi Thi Anna Tran & Thanh John Ha

Requested by Family

10:00am Donna R. Blair

Requested by Family

12:00nn Rev. John A. O'Rourke

8th Pastor—80th Anniversary

Monday, February 13

7:00am Mass for the People

Tuesday, February 14

7:00am Domenic & Matilda Coppolino

Requested by Family

Wednesday, February 15

7:00am Theresa Garceau.

Requested by Angela Arundel

Thursday, February 16

7:00am Arlene Cherlin

Requested by Jane Phenix

Friday, February 17

7:00am Geraldine Fein

Requested by Tom & Renee Palermo

Saturday, February 18

4:30 pm The Natalini & Corvese Families

Requested by Family

Sunday, February 19

8:00am Laura Webb

10:00am

12:00nn James W. & Margaret R. Sullivan

Requested by son, James



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 12

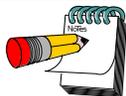
10:00am John Estes (1st anniversary remembrance)

Requested by Family

Sunday, February 19

10:00am Thomas Walsh

Requested by Jean & Roger Fenaughty



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Thu & Chi Thi Anna Tran & Thanh John Ha.

Elementary School Tuition Aid

Now is the time to turn in tuition assistance applications for the **2017-2018** school year. If you have not yet received your forms from the school, please call the school and inquire about them.

Regarding Catholic School Assistance:

The Diocese of Providence urges all parishes to support Catholic Schools by giving aid, as far as possible, when parents request it. As a believer in the value of Catholic Schools, we are happy to do that, both to the fullest extent allowable, and to the extent that the parish can afford. Some things to note, however! Eligibility for consideration requires that families:

1. **Complete the Facts Form from the Catholic School Office.**
2. **You must be registered parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi Parish & contributing members for at least a one year period.**
3. **Attend Mass regularly.**
4. **Be actively involved in St. Francis of Assisi parish life.**
5. **All requests are to be turned into the parish office, whether your child has been accepted or not, by April 30.**

Please submit your assistance request **either by mail** to St. Francis of Assisi, 114 High St., Wakefield, RI 02879 or **by email** to saintfrancis00@aol.com. You must state in this request how you are active in this parish.

Deadline: All requests must be received via mail or email no later than **April 30, 2017**. You will be notified by **MAIL** regarding your request! **NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE!** Thank you.

Welcome House Presents "Faces of Homeless"

As part of the Contemporary Theater—Company's Springboard Season

February 24 at 7:00pm at 327 Main St., Wakefield, RI

An original production portraying their remarkable stories of heartache and hope. Tickets are \$10 & can be purchased at the Contemporary Theater Company, visit website at contemporarytheatercompany.com/

PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (233)	-	\$6,006.50
Loose Donations	-	\$1,162.00
Online Giving (# of donors—63)	-	\$2,049.00
Total Budget	-	\$9,217.50

Monthly Collection

Budget envelopes used (157)	-	\$2,121.50
Other Donations	-	\$ 467.00
Total Collection	-	\$2,588.50

There is no second collection this week. Next week's second collection is the ongoing maintenance.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

FEBRUARY 12, 2017

From the Pastor

This week we received a communication from the diocese that a bill has been introduced to the legislature that would extend and protect the practice of abortion in all circumstances and remove any consideration for the children developing in their mothers' wombs. We have been asked to encourage all those eligible to vote in our area to contact their representatives and urge them to oppose House Bill #5343.

By way of clarification I should point out that the people who sponsor this bill are much too clever to state outright that it would allow "partial birth abortion" or allow legal abortion at any time until birth, but the bill would ensure that an abortion can be performed up to the point that *the individual doctor and his patient* decide that the developing child would be viable outside the womb. In other words, if the doctor and the woman announce that they believe a child is not viable until after natural birth, they may proceed with the abortion at any time without fear of legal repercussion.

The telephone numbers for the Representatives for this part of the state—Kathleen A. Fogarty, Teresa A. Tanzi, and Carol Hagan McEntee—can be found at vote.sos.ri.gov or by calling (401)222-2340. There are also some flyers at the doors of the church and chapel containing their phone numbers and other relevant information, as well as a statement from the Rhode Island Catholic Conference affirming the integrity of the Church's stance on war, capital punishment, euthanasia, health care, poverty, and immigration as "pro-life."

Elsewhere in the news: Here is a message from the priest who will be leading our Lenten Mission the week of March 12.

Dear Parishioners,

I am thoroughly excited to be with you for this year's Lenten Mission! Our theme will be, "To Know, Love and Serve God." As many of you may remember from the Baltimore Catechism, that is our mission in this life. For thousands of years philosophers have asked, "Why are we here?" Through our Faith, we have the answer to that question. I should also add that I like to have fun and laugh! This will not be a dull and boring series of lectures. I want to actively engage all of you to discover your God-given mission and live your life as an authentic disciple of Jesus Christ. I would like to thank your pastor Fr. Bodah for inviting me to be with you and I look forward to our time together.

Fr. David G. Thurber, Jr.

Fr. Bodah

WOMEN'S EVENING GROUP

All women are invited!

Wednesdays at 7pm

In St. Francis rectory. If interested contact the Pastoral Assistant, Christina Moynihan at 783-4411 ext. 14.

For You, Lord, give light to my lamp;

my God brightens my darkness.

With You, I can rush an armed band.

With my God to help, I can leap a wall.

Psalm 18: 29,30



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Sunday, Feb. 12th

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

9:50-St. Francis' Little Friends Child Care (HBH)

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

10:50-11:50am Grades 3-6 (FGC)
Grade 7 (FGC)

First Communion Parent Meeting
this morning **9:00am** (HBH)

All students must be represented at this mtg.

Wednesday, February 15th

4:15-5:15pm Grades 3-6 (FGC)

5:20 Catechist Lenten Mtg

7-8:15pm Grades 7 & 8 (FGC)



HOST FAMILIES NEEDED for NET Ministry Team

NET Ministries, a national evangelization team consisting of 12 young adults will be leading our Confirmation Retreats again this year. They will be in our diocese for the week from March 24-31 leading retreats. Our parish is responsible for providing lodging during their stay in Rhode Island. Team members travel with their own sleeping bag so they are just looking for floor space, hot showers and a meal. Spending time with these young adults is a real blessing! If you are interested in hosting some of them, please contact Diane Castro at our Religious Education Office by phone (792-8684) or email (castro_stfrancis@verizon.net).

Steubenville East Youth Conference

We have registered for 26 spots for teenagers who are current 8-12th grade students for the 2017 Steubenville East Youth Conference to be held on July 14-16 at the University of Massachusetts, Lowell. If you are interested in participating in this powerful retreat, registration forms are available in the Religious Education Office or on our parish website, <http://stfranciswakefield.com/youth-ministry/>

CALL BARBETTE CULLEN OR DIANE CASTRO
AT 792-8684 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

This Week

Monday, February 13

7:30am Adoration (SF)
6:30pm Event Committee Meeting (HBH)

Tuesday, February 14

7:00pm Bible Study (JFGC)

Wednesday, February 15

10:00am Rosary Making (FGC)
1:00pm or 7pm Women's Group (Rectory)
5:30pm Bereavement Group (Rectory)

Thursday, February 16

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



THE PASTORAL ASSISTANT NEEDS YOUR HELP!!



I am compiling a list of all of our parishioners who are unable to attend our services— whether it be for short term or a long time.

If you know of someone who is in a *convalescent home or who is homebound*, please call the office and give us the information.

We want to reach out to and stay connected with all of our community members. **Thank You in Advance...**
Christina Moynihan, 783-4411 ext. 14

50th Annual Diocesan Faith Formation Convocation

**Saturday, March 18, 2017
Bryant University, Smithfield, RI**



All adults are invited to be refreshed in your faith, enjoy fellowship with other Catholics, and be equipped to discuss your Catholic Faith with others. Hear dynamic speakers including Msgr. Stuart Swetland, host of Relevant Radio's *Go Ask Your Father*, Fr. Michael Gaitley, M.I.C., author of *33 Days to Morning Glory*, and local author and columnist Genevieve Kineke.

Topics include Catholic Ecology, Praying with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Evangelization, Sharing the Faith with Children and Teens, and more. The day begins with Holy Mass at 8:30 AM celebrated by The Most Rev. Robert Evans. The schedule runs from 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM and includes inspirational general sessions, informative workshops, lunch, Confessions, and Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Advance ticket sales only. Purchase tickets and view the full schedule and list of speakers at www.discovercatholicfaith.org. For more information contact the Office of Faith Formation at 401.278.4646.

***Catechists may register through the Religious Ed Office. Call Barbette or Diane at 792-8684 no later than Feb. 13th.**



**St. Francis of Assisi
Faith and Family Night with the URI
Rams
Men's Basketball Game
Rhode Island vs Davidson
Saturday March 4th at 6pm**

Specially priced tickets just \$20 per person for their last home game of the season! Payment holds your ticket. Submit ticket request to the Religious Education Office by 2/27/17. **Make checks payable to St. Francis of Assisi Church.**

**DEVOTION FELLOWSHIP
WHILE
ROSARY MAKING**



**Join us in FGC at 10am on
Wednesday, February 15th
In honor of this year, 2017,
"A Year with Our Mother..."**

- *Recite devotions while working
- *Bring your favorite beads and crucifix
- *Some supplies provided
- *All finishing work done by Christina Moynihan

Registration is necessary. Please contact Christina at the parish office.



...God predetermined before the ages for our glory, and which none of the rulers of this age knew; for, if they had known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But as it is written:

What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him,

this God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit scrutinizes everything, even the depths of God.~1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Thank you for your recent donations of baby items and monetary gifts to the Deborah K. Fallacaro Pregnancy Center of Westerly. The people of your parish have been very generous in having a baby shower for the month of January. It is because of your generosity that we are able to continue to serve the women and their families that are in need. The center has seen 73 new clients in just the past year! Thank you again for your support and please keep us in your prayers.
Sincerely in Christ—*Valerie Sistare, RN*/director of Deborah K Fallacaro Pregnancy Center of Westerly

