

# THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## Mass Intentions



### 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*

### Monday, February 20

7:00am Joseph DeLuca  
*Requested by Family*

### Tuesday, February 21

7:00am Francesco Luongo  
*Requested by the DaSilva Family*

### Wednesday, February 22

7:00am Mass for the People

### Thursday, February 23

7:00am Jon DeGrace  
*Requested by Family*

### Friday, February 24

7:00am James Flynn  
*Requested by Kathleen & Jeff Carney*

### Saturday, February 25

4:30 pm Domenic Capalbo, Jr.  
*Requested by Dennis & Anna DeLuca*

### Sunday, February 26

8:00am  
10:00am Neal Fiorio  
*Requested by Family*  
12:00nn John (Jackie) Fallon by Honor Reposa



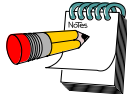
## St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

### Sunday, February 19

10:00am Thomas Walsh  
*Requested by Jean & Roger Fenaughty*

### Sunday, February 26

10:00am



## For Your Information

### SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Marion Maggio.

### JOIN US ON A LENTEN JOURNEY

#### "Ponder with Padre..."

#### Jesus' Passion: The Story of Redemptive Suffering

Father Henry Bodah will lead us through an introspective journey reflecting on Jesus' suffering on the **five Thursdays in March: March 2, March 9, March 16, March 23 &**

**March 30 at 2:00pm** in Father Greenan Center.



**SNOW POLICY FOR WEEKDAY MASSES:** This is a reminder that weekday mass will be cancelled if South Kingstown Schools are cancelled. If South Kingstown Schools are delayed there WILL be mass. This policy was put into effect for the safety of our parishioners.



the  
**POWER**  
of prayer

"The Lord said to Moses, 'Speak to the whole Israelite community, and tell them: 'Be holy, for I the Lord, your God, am holy.'... You have heard the commandment... But I say to you... offer no resistance to injury... but I say to you love your enemies, pray for your persecutors... you must be perfected as your heavenly father is perfect.'"

## PARISH SUPPORT

### Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (220)	-	<u>\$6,125.00</u>
Loose Donations	-	<u>\$1,106.00</u>
Online Giving (# of donors-60)	-	<u>\$1,619.00</u>
<b>Total Budget</b>	-	<b><u>\$8,850.00</u></b>

### February 12

**Did you know that our average weekly payroll expense is \$5,473.00.**

This week's second collection is for the ongoing maintenance. There is no second collection next week.

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

**FEBRUARY 19, 2017**

*A Reflection From **Father Richard Veras**, the director of pastoral formation at Saint Joseph's Seminary in New York. He is the author of *Jesus of Israel: Finding Christ in the Old Testament and Wisdom for Everyday Life from the Book of Revelation*.*

**THE CERTAINTY THAT MAKES US GROW**


How did original sin originate? The tempter inserted doubt into the mind of our first parents, making them uncertain about God's love for them.

Uncertainty about God becomes uncertainty about life. Without God who creates and sustains us with a loving purpose, what meaning would life have? What goal does life have if all is headed toward nothingness: If I am uncertain about the foundations of my existence, I will not be certain of anything.

We are made for love. This is evidenced as much by human experience as it is by faith. If I am not certain that I am loved, I am susceptible to any approximation of love that proposes itself. I am easily manipulated by those who want to exploit my need for friendship and belonging.

The first thing people noticed about Jesus was his authority. He was certain of God the Father's love and presence. This certainty expressed itself in Jesus' untiring love and mercy. For those who betrayed him, or who tried to tempt or trap him, could never shake the unbreakable bond of love between the Father and the Son.

Through the grace of baptism, we become sons and daughters of God, and are thus invited to the same filial certainty that Jesus has. It is certainty in the love of God that comes to us in Christ Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit which allows each son and daughter of God to flourish in unimaginable ways.



**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
**MARCH 1, 2017**  
**Celebration of Mass with**  
**Distribution of Ashes**  
**7:00am & 6:30pm**  
**Liturgy of the Word with Distribution of Ashes**  
**4:15pm**



**RELIGIOUS  
EDUCATION CLASSES**

**Religious Education**

**10:00 Mass Saint Francis' Little Friends Child Care**

**No Sunday or Wednesday Classes this week-February Vacation**

**No Children's Liturgy of the Word today**

**RELIGION EDUCATION OFFICE IS  
CLOSED THIS WEEK.**

**CLASSES RESUME ON  
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 26<sup>TH</sup>**



**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 8-12<sup>th</sup> 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 20

**HOLIDAY-PARISH OFFICES ARE CLOSED**

**NO ADORATION**

Tuesday, February 21

7:00pm Bible Study (JFGC)

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (loft)

Wednesday, February 22

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

5:30pm Bereavement Group (Rectory)

Thursday, February 23

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

Friday, February 24

7:00pm Parenting Group (FGC-3<sup>rd</sup> floor)

Sunday, February 26

12:00NN Praise Mass



## 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.

**Remember: the deadline for requests is April 30, 2017. You will be notified by MAIL regarding your request! Mail or email your request. NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE! Thank you.**

## THEOLOGY ON TAP

Thursday, March 2, 2017: 6:00 - 8:30 PM

Welcoming Young Adults, single or married, in their 20s and 30s!

The Malted Barley, 334 Westminster St., Providence, RI 02903

### Pursuit of Happiness

Come join us for a conversation on what God has to say about how to be happy. Fellowship starts at 6:00 PM followed by a presentation and Q&A at 7:00 PM. Speaker: Rev. Christopher Murphy, Assistant Vocation Director. There is no fee for this event. A free-will donation will be collected. Participants are welcome to purchase food and beverages. Must be 21 to order alcoholic beverages.

Sponsored by the Diocese of Providence Young Adult Ministry. For more information, visit [www.discovercatholicfaith.org](http://www.discovercatholicfaith.org).



## ST. FRANCIS CEMETERY

### (FINAL NOTICE)

It is winter cleanup time! We would like to ask everyone to please discard all plants, flowers, Christmas decorations, etc. from the graves no later than February 28<sup>th</sup>. Anything that remains on the graves after that time will be removed by our maintenance personnel. Thank you in advance for your help.

If anyone is interested in purchasing cemetery lots for themselves or for your family, please feel free to contact Cemetery Manager, Carol McDole, to make an appointment at 401-782-2711.

*Also, we are considering adding a columbarium for ashes at our cemetery. Please call Carol if this is of interest to you and your loved ones.*

Many thanks to our most generous parishioners who participated in the 2017 Baby Shower. We collected a respectful amount of needed items plus \$300 in cash donations. Many thanks. God bless, The Social Outreach Committee



## 50<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.**



St. Francis of Assisi  
Faith and Family Night with the URI  
Rams

Men's Basketball Game  
Rhode Island vs Davidson  
Saturday March 4<sup>th</sup> at 6pm

Specially priced tickets just \$20 per person for their last home game of the season! Payment holds your ticket. Submit ticket request which can be found at the entrances to the church and on our parish website to the Religious Education Office by 2/27/17.

**Make checks payable to St. Francis of Assisi Church**