

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions



Saturday, February 4

4:30 pm

Sunday, February 5

8:00am

10:00am John McLoughlin

Requested by Family

12:00nn Joseph Walton

Requested by Sharon Henderson

Monday, February 6

7:00am John McLaughlin

Requested by Barbara Etchingham

Tuesday, February 7

7:00am Mass for the People

Wednesday, February 8

7:00am Domenic Capalbo, Sr.

Requested by Family

Thursday, February 9

7:00am Rev. Francis J. Tuite

2nd Pastor—101st Anniversary

Friday, February 10

7:00am Rita & Tom O'Rourke & Warren Behie

Requested by Family

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



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 5

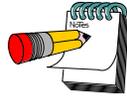
10:00am Tara Higgins

Requested by The Higgins Family

Sunday, February 12

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

Requested by Family



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Domenic & Matilda Coppolino.

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.

South County Church Women United in cooperation with the local churches and clergy are happy to announce the Lenten Services Schedule for 2017

March 8th Wakefield Baptist Church with Rev. Mary Hansen-Joyce

236 Main St. Wakefield, RI 02879

March 15th Kingston Congregational Church Fr. Rob Travis

2610 Kingstown Rd. Kingston, RI 02881

March 22nd Peace Dale Congregational Church with Fr. Craig Swan

261 Columbia St. Peace Dale, RI 02883

March 29th St. Peter's-by-the-Sea with Rev. Clay Berry

72 Central St. Narragansett, RI 02882

April 5th Church of the Ascension with Rev. Miguel LaBoy

370 Main St. Wakefield, RI 02879

Services are held at noon and will include a light luncheon. All are invited to attend.

PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (260)	-	January 29 \$7,045.00
Loose Donations	-	\$1,414.00
Online Giving (# of donors-59)	-	<u>\$1,524.00</u>
Total Budget	-	\$9,983.00

Latin America

Budget envelopes used (135)	-	\$1,485.00
Other Donations	-	<u>\$ 507.00</u>
Total Collection	-	\$1,992.00

This week's Second Collection is the Monthly Collection. There is no second collection next week.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

FEBRUARY 5, 2017

RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION CLASSES



From the Pastor

Did you see the lead article in last week's *Rhode Island Catholic*? The bishop has established a committee of priests, deacons and lay people to assess the viability of maintaining the present number of parishes and make plans for a more realistic structure for the future. It goes without saying that financial viability will have a lot to do with whether or not a parish survives a general restructuring. But usually financial stability depends on the number of people willing to support the parish with their presence and involvement. I am not aware of any Roman Catholic parish that will be able to depend in the future on the income from large endowments as do many of the Episcopal parishes in our area. Our future viability will be assessed on the support of the good people of the local area who continue to give of their time and talent as well as their treasure to the work of the Lord and who think of a parish as a spiritual community to which they belong and which connects us with the Body of Christ which is his Church. I don't see why any parish should be closed just because there are not enough priests to supply a resident pastor; parishes will certainly close for lack of lay people.

I cannot thank enough those who continue to support us by their attendance at weekend Mass and who treat the Mass with respect and reverence as something important, indeed essential, to the continuance of the Catholic faith. Thanks, too, to all who so generously give of their time in service to others. God bless you for your loyalty and love!

Elsewhere in the news: This weekend and next we welcome two friars of the Order of Preachers from Providence College: Fr. Mark Nowel, Ph. D, who is Dean of Undergraduate and Graduate Studies and an associate professor of biology, and Fr. Ambrose Little, young friar who is a professor of philosophy and the director of the Angelic Warfare Confraternity, which you may ask him about when he's here for Mass.

Fr. Bodah

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE... THE VISITATION PROGRAM

We, Friends of St. Francis, are committed to creating and nurturing strong, stable, safe and reliable relationships with adults and caregivers.

Our home visits are meant to continue the tradition of charitable and compassionate care for the community members of St. Francis of Assisi parish. Contact the office if you would like a visit.

Sunday, Feb. 5th

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)

Wednesday, February 8th

4:15-5:15pm Grades 3-6 (FGC)
7-8:15pm Grades 7 & 8 (FGC)

First Communion Parent Meeting

Next Sunday, February 12th 9:00 (HBH)
All students must be represented at this mtg.



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 6

7:30am Adoration (SF)

Tuesday, February 7

6:00pm Social Outreach Committee (↓FGC)

7:00pm Bible Study (↓FGC)

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (loft)

Wednesday, February 8

1:00pm Women's Group (Rectory)

5:30pm Bereavement Group (Rectory)

Thursday, February 9

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

Friday, February 10

7:00pm Parenting Group (FGC—3rd floor)



COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

Thank you for your generous support last week of the Collection for the Church in Latin America. As a parish, we collected \$1,992.00, which will be used to share the faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections and click "How to Give" on the left. Your gift will certainly make a difference.

HOPE HOSPICE & PALLIATIVE CARE RHODE ISLAND *Touching Lives*

In their continuing effort to give back to our community, the Nardolillo Family is pleased to host Hope Hospice & Palliative Care Bereavement Groups at both their facilities with their group facilitator, Dr. Mari Nardolillo-Dias, NCC,FT,GC-C,CG-C., Director of Gracepointe Grief Center.

Free and open to the public, it is their intention to make Hospice Bereavement Groups more convenient to bereaved members of our community. Please reference the dates and times below and direct any questions to Hope Hospice bereavement services 401-415-4200.

Loss of Spouse held monthly at the Nardolillo Funeral Home, SOUTH COUNTY CHAPEL, 1111 Boston Neck Road., Narragansett on the following Mondays: February 27, March 27, April 24 and May 22 from 5-6:30pm.

General Grief Support held monthly at the Nardolillo Funeral Home, 1278 Park Avenue, Cranston on the following Thursdays: February 23, March 23, April 27 and May 25 from 5-6:30pm.



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*

WOMEN'S GROUP

All women are invited to take part in this group. We meet on Wednesdays in the rectory at 1:00pm.

Children are welcome!



...Where women PEACE together their stress, responsibilities, and joy to create a balance in their lives...

ST. FRANCIS CEMETERY

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 28th. 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.



Rhode Island Catholic's annual February Subscription Campaign is underway. To receive or renew a year of in-home delivery of the diocese's national award-winning weekly newspaper for \$30, visit www.thericatholic.com/subscribe.html to purchase or renew a subscription with a credit or debit card; or call the newspaper's Circulation Desk at 272-1010 to subscribe by phone. Rhode Island Catholic depends on its faithful readers to continue its more than 140-year mission of bringing the good news of the church to your home each week.