

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions



Saturday, January 14

4:30 pm Branden J. DeLuca

Requested by Family

Sunday, January 15

8:00am Laura Webb

10:00am

12:00nn Robert Stewart

Requested by the Stewart Family

Monday, January 16

7:00am Danny O'Donnell

Requested by Angela Arundel

Tuesday, January 17

7:00am John Reynolds

Requested by Gerard X. Murphy

Wednesday, January 18

7:00am Alfred & Beatrice Bonin

Requested by Viola Card

Thursday, January 19

7:00am Robert Puchalla

Requested by Jean & Concetta

Friday, January 20

7:00am Mass for the People

Saturday, January 21

4:30 pm Fred Beauchaine

Requested by Family

Sunday, January 22

8:00am

10:00am

12:00nn Deacon Joseph Turcotte

Requested by Family



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 15

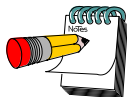
10:00am Daniel Fenaughty

Requested by Family

Sunday, January 22

10:00am Mary Marchand

Requested by Gerri & Al Marsocci



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Romuald Chapel burns in memory of Chad O'Brien.

ART SHOW & PAINTING DEMONSTRATION

WHAT: Peter Spaine will display his works of art and offer guidance, tips, and a demonstration on creatively painting your own piece of art!!

WHEN: Saturday, January 21st from 10am-noon

WHERE: Father Greenan Center

On January 14th Peter gave a complimentary explanation about the process and procedure of his art. On January 21st we will be guided by Peter to create our own work of art by painting flowers and portraits using acrylics. If you would like to join this group (even if you were not able to attend the preliminary meeting) please contact Christina Moynihan at 401-783-4411 to get more information and for the cost of this class.



"We fly to your protection, holy Mother of God. Scorn not our petitions in the hour of need. O glorious and blessed Virgin, deliver us always from every peril"

BISHOP TOBIN PROCLAIMS 2017 MARIAN YEAR IN THE DIOCESE

With the world poised to mark the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of the Blessed Mother to three humble shepherd children on a hillside in Fatima, Portugal, this year, Bishop Thomas J. Tobin has proclaimed that the Diocese of Providence will commemorate this historic moment by devoting itself to a special Year with Mary our Mother.

"This is an opportunity to renew and to refresh our devotion to Mary that we have as Catholics," Bishop Tobin said in a recent interview. "And also because we need her example of all her virtues and we need her prayers. Catholics for generations have turned to Mary for assistance and inspiration and we need to do that again because of our troubled world and our nation and our community and our Church." For more information and events taking place around the Diocese visit www.dioceseofprovidence.org.

PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (117)	-	January 8 \$4,408.50
Loose Donations	-	\$ 854.00
Online Giving (# of donors-60)	-	\$2,024.50
Total Budget	-	\$7,287.00

Ongoing Maintenance

Budget envelopes used (78)	-	\$1,128.00
Other Donations	-	\$ 394.00
Total Collection	-	\$1,522.00

This week's second collection is for the Catholic University. There is no second collection next week.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

JANUARY 15, 2017

From the Pastor



We believe with St. Paul that “Christ died for our sins in fulfillment of the scriptures.” (1 Corinthians 15:3), and the Epistle to the Hebrews teaches that this death was sufficient for the salvation of the world and that since our Lord was truly human, he cannot die again.

Remember what St. Leo the Great says (pope from 440 to 461): “What was visible in Christ has passed into the sacraments of the Church.” Jesus himself connects the food of the Last Supper with his death: “my body...given up for you; my blood...shed for you and for the many unto the forgiveness of sins.”

So the saving death of Christ, which cannot and need not be repeated, is made present to us in the Sacrifice of the Eucharist, and the same Christ is offered to the Father under the appearances of bread and wine.

This is the meaning, for example, of the funeral Mass: the saving death, made present on the altar, is offered for the sins of the one who has died and is facing judgment (cf. Hebrews 9:27).

The old Latin Vulgate version of the bible, which was the standard Catholic version for over 1000 years, has this phrase in 2 Maccabees 12:46: “It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they might be released from their sins.”

Putting all these disparate thoughts and quotations together, I’d like to encourage the venerable Catholic practice of having Masses offered for our relatives and friends who have died. Don’t let your loved ones go unremembered before God in the way Christ left to us: the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, offered daily for the living and the dead.

Please feel free to contact the rectory for your Mass requests. What better way to remember your loved ones.

Fr. Bodah



RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION CLASSES

No Classes/No Children’s Liturgy of the Word this Sunday, January 15th (Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday, Monday, January 16). No Children’s Liturgy of the Word today.



St. Francis’ Little Friends-

Child Care for children from **infant to 4 years old** will be available every Sunday during the 10am Mass in the lower church.

Wednesday, January 18th

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

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

STEBENVILLE EAST YOUTH CONFERENCE

Registration for the 2017 Steubenville East Youth Conference to be held on July 14-16 at the UMass, Lowell Campus will open up in mid-January. Our teens get a lot out of this weekend. Here are some of their reflections: "It was nothing like I expected. I felt so close and connected to God." "I definitely feel like a stronger Catholic and I think as many people that have the option to come should." Each year we reserve spots for our teenagers who are current 8-12th grade students. We are trying to get a feel for how many spots to reserve so if you are interested in participating, contact the Religious Education Office.. At this point, you are not under any obligation to attend.

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

This Week

Sunday, January 15

12NN Praise Mass

Monday, January 16

HOLIDAY (MLK)—OFFICES CLOSED

NO ADORATION

Tuesday, January 17

7:00pm Bible Study (↓FGC)

Thursday, January 19

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

Saturday, January 21

10:00am-12nn Affairs of the Arts w/ Peter Spaine (FGC)

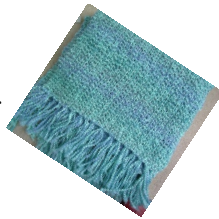


BABY SHOWER

Don't forget that the Social Outreach Committee is sponsoring the **Baby Shower 2017** for the month of January. Please bring unwrapped items such as diapers, toiletries, sleepers & toddler clothes. Please place donations at the entrance of the church and chapel. The agencies benefitted are: The Gabriel Project, The Pregnancy Center of Westerly, and Right to Life Services, Inc. Any questions, please contact Anne Cooney at 783-7034.

PRAYER SHAWLS

The St. Francis of Assisi Prayer Shawl Group has many beautiful prayer shawls available. If you know of someone that could benefit from receiving a prayer shawl please contact Jean McGair at 401-783-1633.



FOR SALE: 128 PIECE LIMOGES CHINA

DONATED BY A PARISHIONER—PROCEEDS FOR ST. FRANCIS CHURCH

“Haviland and Company, Limoges for Tilden-Thurber Company” Porcelain with gold trim. Set includes 4 piece set for 12, serving platters, tea cups, casserole dish, bread, salad, and dessert plates, etc. Come by the office to view display set. All offers considered. For more information contact Christina Moynihan at 783-4411.

St. Mary Academy-Bay View, an independent, Catholic school for girls, invites you to our Open House for Lower and Middle School on Sunday, January 29 at 12PM. To find out more about our school, or to pre-register for Open House, go to www.bayviewacademy.org.

MSGR. CLARK SCHOOL

Admissions Open House at Msgr. Clarke School

Sunday, January 29th 1-3pm (Pre-K thru Grade 8)

Also Welcoming Little Angels ages (18 months - 3 yrs)

Tuition Assistance Informational Seminar at

Monday, January 30th 6:30pm

Representatives from FACTS Tuition Management and the Diocese of Providence will be here to answer your questions and explain how the process works. Open to current families and anyone considering enrolling in Catholic School.

MEET AND MINGLE

(here at St. Francis Church in Helen Bouchard Hall—downstairs in the church)

Msgr. Clarke Students and Families at 11am (after 10 Mass)

*Hear testimonies of students about the benefits of Catholic education...

*Enjoy refreshments and fellowship...

*All invited!

THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA

National Collection



Today's special second collection is for The Catholic University of America, unique among universities in the United States, as **the national university of the Catholic Church**. Nearly one third of all of the U.S. **bishops**, archbishops, and cardinals in our country are alumni, along with more than **12,400** living priests and religious from around the world. Located in Washington, D.C., the university provides an education based in Catholic intellectual tradition to nearly 7, 000 students through its 12 schools—that include arts and sciences, music, engineering, philosophy, social work, law, and business, in addition to ecclesiastical degrees in canon law and theology.

Your contributions will strengthen the work of our top scholars, many of whom help to explain Catholic social teaching to the rest of the world. It will also support scholarships for students in our diocese and others in achieving our mission of preparing the next generation of leaders for our Church and nation—including those studying to become our future priests and religious. We appreciate your generosity.



“But as I say, I did not recognize him. The one who sent me to baptize with water told me: ‘When you see the Spirit descend and rest on someone, it is he who is to baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ Now I have seen for myself, and have testified, ‘This is God’s chosen One.’”