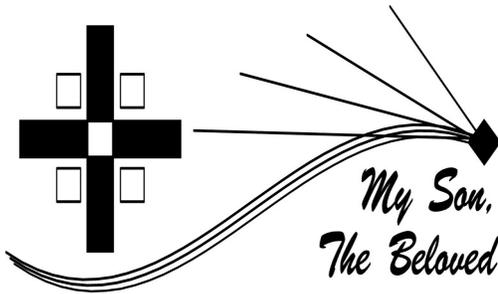


THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



Mass Intentions



*My Son,
The Beloved*

Saturday, March 11

4:30 pm

Sunday, March 12

8:00am Laura Webb

10:00am Virginia & Christine Hourigan

Requested by Family

12:00nn Kathryn Beaudreau

Requested by Mark & Diane Castro

Monday, March 13

7:00am Carol Meehan

Requested by Viola Card

Tuesday, March 14

7:00am Christopher Meehan

Requested by Jim & Susan Meehan

Wednesday, March 15

7:00am Mary Pendergast

Requested by Kathleen & Jeff Carney

Thursday, March 16

7:00am Mass for the People

Friday, March 17

7:00am John MacLane

Requested by Jeff & Kathleen Carney

Saturday, March 18

4:30 pm Reinaldo "Ray" Flores

Requested by Wife

Sunday, March 19

8:00am Mass for the People

10:00am

12:00nn



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 12

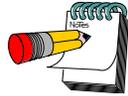
10:00am James Shields

Requested by Jean & Roger Fenaughty

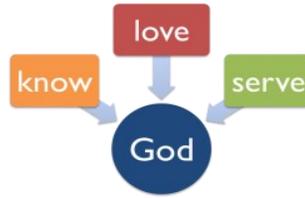
Sunday, March 19

10:00am Maureen Sheehan

Requested by the J.P. Cooney Family



For Your Information



PARISH LENTEN MISSION: TO
KNOW, LOVE
AND SERVE GOD
BEGINS THIS WEEKEND,
MARCH 11TH & 12TH

Father David Thurber will present our 2017 Lenten Mission titled, **To Know, Love and Serve God.**

• **Saturday-Sunday, March 11th & 12th**—Fr. Thurber will preach at all weekend liturgies at St. Francis Church.

• **Monday, March 13th—7pm: To Know God:** How can we know God who is so much greater than us? Is it possible and if so how?

• **Tuesday, March 14th—7pm: To Love God:** How can we love a God who loves us so immensely? (**Confessions heard 6-6:45pm**)

• **Wednesday, March 15th—7pm: To Serve God:** We are called to put our love into action and serve the God who made us. (**Confessions heard 6-6:45pm**)

2017 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL

"Faith and Good Works"

Have you given prayerful consideration to your gift for the 2017 Catholic Charity Appeal? Won't you help us by being the "Hands of Christ" in supporting the people and the work of the Diocese of Providence?

Many of you have responded to the Catholic Charity Appeal mailing from Bishop Tobin. On behalf of those served by the ministries and services funded by the Catholic Charity Appeal, we thank you for your gifts.

If you have not made a gift to this year's Appeal, you will be able to do so through our in-pew solicitation taking place this weekend & next weekend, March 18/19. Our parish goal is to attain 100% participation—a goal that can only be reached with your sacrificial help & support. All gifts, regardless of size, help to make a difference in the lives of so many individuals.

OUR GOAL FOR 2017 IS: \$110,000.00

As of 3-3-2017 the amount raised is: \$31,195.00

Through your support of the Catholic Charity Appeal, 791 youth attended 21 retreats from over 51 parishes. Thank you for your generosity.

PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (250)	-	March 5 \$6,009.50
Loose Donations	-	\$1,281.00
Online Giving (# of donors—67)	-	\$2,274.00
Total Budget	-	\$9,564.50

Monthly Collection

Budget envelopes used (151)	-	\$2,076.00
Other Donations	-	\$ 558.00
Total Collection	-	\$2,634.00

Collection for Ash Wednesday - \$1,092.00

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

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

MARCH 12, 2017

From the Pastor

Several things in the works: First of all, our parish mission begins this weekend and continues with Mass on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 7 p.m. Fr. David Thurber, our preacher, will also be available on Tuesday and Wednesday from 6-6:45 p.m. to hear confessions in the reconciliation room off the sanctuary, behind the pulpit. As I write this (on Tuesday morning) we are threatened with snow for the weekend. Sigh. Pray for favorable weather.

Islam is one of the most populous religions of the world and has been interacting with Christianity over the course of centuries, often as a rival and sometimes even as a threat. What should Christians know about this religion of over a billion people? Dr. Sandra Keating of Providence College, an expert on Islam, will be here on March 20 at 7 p.m. to speak to us about this timely topic. Although some of the publicity says that this talk will be held in the parish church, we have decided to move it to the Father Greenan Center. I hope you'll plan to be with us.

Soup and bread suppers are held in the Greenan Center every Friday during Lent from 5:30-7. The meal is prepared by various groups and ministries of the parish and is free of charge. Please come on by. Stations of the Cross, for those who wish to attend, are held in the church at 7.

Each Thursday afternoon of Lent from 2-3 o'clock, a couple of dozen people, some from other parishes, meet in the Greenan Center to follow a course of meditation and discussion on the bible's account of the Passion and death of the Lord. All are welcome to jump in at any point along the way.

Our own parishioner, Dr. Enrico Garzilli, the music director at Kingston Congregational church and for many years the director of the South County Chorus, will debut his new organ composition *The Annunciation* here in St. Francis church on Sunday, March 26, at 3 p.m.

The annual Catholic Charity Fund appeal continues with in-pew solicitation this weekend and next. Please do what you can to support this effort which does so much good in our state.

Finally, in honor of St. Patrick, whose feast day falls on a Friday this year, we are dispensed this Friday from the obligation to abstain from eating meat. Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Fr. Bodah

From the Office of the Chancellor: Lenten Dispensation

This year, St. Patrick's Day (March 17) falls on a Friday during Lent. On this specific occasion, in light of the festive nature of the day, Bishop Tobin hereby dispenses Catholics in the Diocese of Providence from the discipline of fast and abstinence that are normally required on the Fridays of Lent.

Catholics who take advantage of this dispensation are reminded that, in maintaining the penitential spirit of the Lenten Season, some other form of penance, prayer, or charitable work should be substituted at an appropriate time.

As we celebrate the Feast of St. Patrick, a great bishop and missionary of the Church, we should be mindful of the spiritual nature of the day. Let us resolve to imitate St. Patrick's faith, holiness, and apostolic zeal in our daily lives.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Sunday, March 12th

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

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

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

10:50-11:50am GRADES 3-6 (FGC)
GRADE 7 (↑FGC)

Wednesday, March 15th

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

Children are to report directly to the church for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Dismissal will be in FGC as usual at 5:15

7:00-8:15pm GRADES 7&8 (FGC)

Confirmation Retreat

Permission slips/fee for our Confirmation retreat led by NET Ministries is due by Monday, March 20th. The fee and permission slip can be dropped in the collection basket (please indicate *Religious Education Office* on the envelope) or mailed to the Religious Education Office. Letters with the necessary paperwork were mailed on February 15th. If you did not receive it, please contact the religious education office as soon as possible.

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### Summer Confirmation Classes

Registration for our summer Confirmation program is ongoing. If you have a child who is currently in enrolled in 8<sup>th</sup> grade at Msgr. Clarke and have not received the registration paperwork, please contact the religious education office.

### 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.*

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

## This Week

### Monday, March 13

7:30am Adoration (SF)

7:00pm Parish Mission (SF)

### Tuesday, March 14

7:00pm Parish Mission (SF)

### Wednesday, March 15

1:00pm Women's Group (Rectory)

7:00pm Parish Mission (SF)

### Thursday, March 16

2:00pm Pondering with Padre (FGC)

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

### Friday, March 17

5:30pm Lenten Soup Suppers (FGC)

7:00pm Stations of the Cross (Church)



## US ON A LENTEN JOURNEY

"Ponder with Padre..."

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

Father Henry Bodah continues to lead us through an introspective journey reflecting on Jesus' suffering on the **Thursday, March 16, March 23 & March 30 at 2:00pm** in Father Greenan Center.



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS



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

## LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

For each of the six 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. **So come and join us for soup on Fridays during Lent in Father Greenan Center! Bring a friend...it is a wonderful lead into Stations of the Cross here at St. Francis at 7:00pm.**



## EASTER EGG FELTING

**Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm**  
**Father Greenan Center**

**ALL** are invited to join Vicky Montani in celebrating the Joy of Easter by learning the art of Easter Egg Felting.

Prior registration is requested by contacting the office at 401-783-4411 by Monday, March 27. An \$8.00 supply fee will be needed for this event. Come join in this special event!



## The Annunciation Symphony: An Organ Symphony in five movements

Written and Performed by

**Dr. Enrico Garzilli**



**3PM, Sunday, March 26, 2017**

**Here at St. Francis Church. All are welcome!**

## 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 will be running for two weekends: March 25 & 26 and April 1 & 2.**



The JCC's Vacation Breakfast and Lunch Program program benefits clients' children who participate in school nutrition assistance programs. 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.**

## 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!