

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



Mass Intentions

Harden not your heart



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

Monday, March 20

7:00am Marjorie Donnelly

Requested by a Friend

Tuesday, March 21

7:00am Jeannette DeLuca

Requested by Gerri & Al Marsocci

Wednesday, March 22

7:00am Martha Finger (Special Intention)

Thursday, March 23

7:00am Jeannette DeLuca

Requested by Kathleen Carney

Friday, March 24

7:00am Rev. James E. Greenan

9th Pastor 65th Anniversary

Saturday, March 25

8:30am Mass for the Annunciation of the Lord

4:30 pm Charles Cummings

Requested by Carolyn Brown

Sunday, March 26

8:00am

10:00am Kathryn Beaudreau

Requested by Jean & Family

12:00nn Martila Enriquez

Requested by Dave & Pam Lavellee



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 19

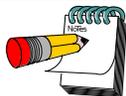
10:00am Maureen Sheehan

Requested by the J.P Cooney Family

Sunday, March 26

10:00am Marianne Ghonem

Requested by John & Regina Blair



For Your Information

2017 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL

"Faith and Good Works"

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. 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

Most recent as of 3-3-2017 the amount raised is: \$31,195.00

Your support of the Catholic Charity Appeal will enable the Interfaith Community Dire Emergency Fund to continue to serve 29,500 clients annually. Thank you.

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.

PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (222)	-	\$5,974.50
Loose Donations	-	\$1,154.00
Online Giving (# of donors-64)	-	\$1,689.00
Total Budget	-	\$8,817.50

Ongoing Maintenance Collection

Budget envelopes used (143)	-	\$1,692.50
Other Donations	-	\$ 464.00
Total Collection	-	\$2,156.50

There is no second collection this week or next week.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

MARCH 19, 2017

RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION CLASSES



From the Pastor

Let me begin with a reminder of some of the topic I wrote about last week. Professor Sandra Keating of Providence College will speak in the Father Greenan Center on Monday at 7 p.m. about “What Every Christian Needs to Know about Islam.”

Next Sunday afternoon at 3 pm our own parishioner Dr. Enrico Garzilli will debut his organ work entitled “The Annunciation.”

Our weekly Lenten soup suppers continue every Friday evening from 5:30-6:45 in the Greenan Center. Stations of the Cross follow at 7 p.m. in the church. (Coming for the supper does not oblige anyone to stay for Stations.)

Please don't forget the Catholic Charity Fund. It does so much good around our state. If you haven't had a chance to pledge or to give, call the rectory and we can get you a pledge card.

Elsewhere in the news: The seasonal food drive for the Jonnycake Center of Peace Dale and the Welcome House shelter for the homeless will begin next weekend and run through the following week. There is more information elsewhere in this bulletin.

I hope every household has a Rice Bowl (available at the doors of the church.) Save your change and turn it into bills or a check. The Rice Bowl collection will be taken up, as always, on Palm Sunday.

Also, I need to ask you to continue to support the parish financially. If you've been following the week-to-week reports on the collections, the news isn't great. Too many people want the services a parish can supply as long as others are footing the bill. It's not unfair to ask all our registered families to do their share to support the parish. God bless you for your generosity!

This Saturday, March 25, is Annunciation Day, commemorating Our Lord's conception ninth months before Christmas. I have added a Mass at 8:30 a.m. on that day to celebrate this great feast.

Finally, 11 a.m. the same day, a practice will be held in the church for any young parishioner who wants to become an altar server.

Fr. Bodah

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 this **Thursday, March 23 & March 30 at 2:00pm** in Father Greenan Center.



Sunday, March 19th
8:50-9:50am GRADES K, 1 & 2 (FGC)
9:00am Final First Eucharist Parent Mtg. HBH
9:50am St. Francis' Little Friends Child Care in HBH
10:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word during Mass
10:50-11:50am GRADES 3-6 (FGC)
GRADE 7 (FGC-upper room)

Wednesday, March 22nd
4:15-5:15pm GRADES 3-6
7:00-8:15pm GRADES 7&8 Children are to report directly to the church for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Dismissal will be from FGC as usual at 8:15pm

First Eucharist Parent Mtg Sunday morning at 9am. All children must be represented at this, our final meeting.

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.

Summer Confirmation Classes

Registration for our summer Confirmation program is ongoing. If you have a child who is currently enrolled in 8th 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 17th –Friday, July 21st from 9am-12:30pm

Summer Session Two: Monday, August 7th–Friday, August 11th 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 20

7:30am Adoration (SF)

7:00pm Speaker-Sandra Keating (FGC)

Tuesday, March 21

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (loft)

7:00pm Bible Study (↓FGC)

Wednesday, March 22

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

5:30pm Bereavement Group (Rectory)

Thursday, March 23

2:00pm Pondering with Padre (FGC)

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

Friday, March 24

5:30pm Lenten Soup Suppers (FGC)

7:00pm Stations of the Cross (Church)

Saturday, March 25

8:30am Mass for the Annunciation of the Lord

4:30 Praise Mass



Dr. Sandra Keating Presents:

"What Every Christian Should Know About Islam"

Monday, March 20 at 7:00pm (Fr. Greenan Center)

Dr. Sandra Keating will present a discussion entitled *"What Every Christian Should Know About Islam"* on **Monday, March 20 at 7:00pm in Fr. Greenan Center**. Dr. Keating, a professor at Providence College, received her Ph.D. at Catholic University of America & teaches & publishes in the area of comparative religion with an emphasis on Catholic-Muslim Relations, particularly theological exchange in the early medieval period. Dr. Keating is a member of the USCCB Catholic-Muslim dialogue group and has served as a Consultor of the Vatican Commission for Religious Relations with Muslims.



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

Reminder: On Fridays during 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 30th 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 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!



Starting weekend of April 1st, tickets go on sale after all masses for May Money Madness. A fun parish event with prizes awarded daily throughout the month of May.