

# THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



## Mass Intentions

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### 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*

### Monday, March 27

7:00am Posillo Brothers

*Requested by Family*

### Tuesday, March 28

7:00am Frederick Cloos

*Requested by Jim & Susan Meehan*

### Wednesday, March 29

7:00am Ned Carney

*Requested by Jeff & Kathleen Carney*

### Thursday, March 30

7:00am Mass for the People

### Friday, March 31

7:00am Gerard Cote

*Requested by Maggie Hayes-Cote*

### Saturday, April 1

4:30 pm Jeannette DeLuca

*Requested by Joe & Ellen Schwab*

### Sunday, April 2

8:00am

10:00am Patrick Sullivan Dufficy

*Requested by Mom & Dad*

12:00nn



## St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

### Sunday, March 26

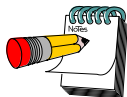
10:00am Marianne Ghonem

*Requested by John & Regina Blair*

### Sunday, April 2

10:00am Walter (Red) Rose

*Requested by Maggie Hayes-Cote*



## For Your Information

### SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Ned Carney.

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

Written and Performed by

**Dr. Enrico Garzilli**



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

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

### 2017 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL

*"Faith and Good Works"*

**OUR GOAL FOR 2017 IS: \$110,000.00**

**As of 3-17-2017 the amount raised is: \$35,015.00**

Your support of the Catholic Charity Appeal helps 2,000 deaf and hard of hearing, 2500 developmentally disabled and 800 blind individuals. Thank you for your generous gift!

## PARISH SUPPORT

### Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (229)	-	March 19
Loose Donations	-	\$6,546.50
Online Giving (# of donors-63)	-	\$1,057.00
<b>Total Budget</b>	-	<b>\$1,609.00</b>
		<b>\$9,212.50</b>

There is no second collection this week. Next week's second collection is the Monthly Collection.

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

MARCH 26, 2017

## From the Pastor

This past Monday, a group of nearly 100 people assembled in the Father Greenan Center to hear Professor Sandra Keating of Providence College introduce us to the essential points of Islam. What is Sharia? What are Shiites and how are they different from Sunnis? What about the place of women in the Islamic tradition. What are the Five Pillars of the religion? To what did it owe its remarkable success in spreading itself from Iran to the border of Spain with France in less than a century? Of course, we could only skim the surface of all this, and religions always look different to those who hold them from those who see them from the outside. Still, the hour and a half was well-spent and we gained a greater appreciation of this religion of over a billion people who profess a belief in one God, “the Merciful, the Compassionate, the Ruler of Judgment Day.” Dr. Keating also spoke of the Muslims’ respect for the Mother of Jesus, pointing out that the Koran says more about her than does the New Testament. Certainly, Muslims make pilgrimages to Fatima and to other Marian shrines. Perhaps the Blessed Mother will be a way we can find some common ground between our two religions, which believe in the oneness of God but which in many other respects hold incompatible beliefs. Many thanks to Christina Moynihan for arranging this event and to Diane Castro, Barbette Cullen and Bobby Kelly for setting up and lending their assistance to make this so successful.

Elsewhere in the news: Don’t miss out on the debut of *The Annunciation Symphony* by Dr. Enrico Garzilli, this Sunday at 3pm in the church. This work for organ and voice of about 50 minutes in length, celebrates the conception of our Lord at the coming of the Archangel Gabriel to the Blessed Virgin Mary. A reception will follow downstairs in the Helen Bouchard Hall.

Also, don’t forget the food drive to support the Jonnycake Center of Peace Dale and the Welcome House shelter for the homeless.

The Catholic Charity Fund appeal continues apace.

And finally, the parish Pastoral Council will meet on Monday at 7 p.m. in the rectory meeting room to discuss ways to ensure the growth and solid future of our parish.

Fr. Bodah



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



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

**Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**

**10am-5:30pm** (includes attending 4:30pm Mass) 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Retreat FGC

**Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**

**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 29<sup>th</sup>**

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

**7:00-8:15pm** GRADES 7&8

**St. Francis of Assisi**

**19<sup>th</sup> Annual Easter Egg Hunt!**  
**Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> 10:00-11:00**

**Fr. Greenan Center**  
**Rain, Shine or Snow!**

For Toddlers to Second Graders We will provide your basket/bag to collect eggs... see you there!

**Donations of wrapped candy gratefully accepted**



### Summer Confirmation Classes

Registration for our summer Confirmation program is ongoing. If you have a child who is currently in 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 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.



Fr. Romain Rurangirwa, an associate pastor at St. Irene Church in Carlisle, MA and a survivor of the Rwandan genocide will be speaking to our teenagers on Love and Mercy on Sunday, April 2nd from 7-8:30pm in Fr. Greenan Parish Center. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

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

## This Week

### Monday, March 27

7:30am Adoration (SF)

7:00pm Pastoral Council Meeting (MCCR)

### Tuesday, March 28

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (loft)

7:00pm Bible Study (↓FGC)

### Wednesday, March 29

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

5:30pm Bereavement Group (Rectory)

### Thursday, March 30

2:00pm Pondering with Padre (FGC)

6:30pm Easter Felting with Vicky Montani (FGC)

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

### Friday, March 31

5:30pm Lenten Soup Suppers (FGC)

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

7:00pm Stations of the Cross (Church)



## 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 for the final session on **Thursday, March 30 at 2:00pm** in Father Greenan Center.

## LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Don't forget on the 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.



## HUMILITY IN AN AGE OF POWER

How do we live with a heart of humility in a world obsessed with power? On **Monday, March 27 at 7:00 p.m.** noted author and Scripture scholar Alice Camille will challenge your perceptions about power and give you the tools to develop a humble heart. This is a great opportunity to enrich your Lenten experience and practice.

Please join us at **Christ the King Parish 180 Old North Road** for this wonderful opportunity!

## 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 this weekend, March 25 & 26 and April 1 & 2.**



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!

## Interested in World Youth Day 2019?

Join us for a **preliminary meeting to gauge interest and discuss possible travel options for the Diocesan Pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Panama, January 22-27, 2019**

How about taking a cruise ship with Bishop Frank Caggiano and other pilgrims from around the country? We will be meeting at the Diocesan Chancery Building **Wednesday, March 29, 2017**

**6:30 PM**

**One Cathedral Square**

**Providence Rhode Island, 02903**

Young adults, priests, deacons, religious, youth ministers, catechists, parents, interested youth, and anyone who would like to listen and contribute are welcome. Sponsored by the Diocese of Providence Young Adult Ministry and Office of Youth Ministry. For more information please contact Michael Aoyama at [mjpaoyama@dioceseofprovidence.org](mailto:mjpaoyama@dioceseofprovidence.org).