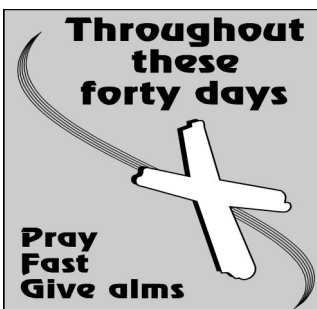


THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



Mass Intentions



Saturday, March 4

4:30 pm Joseph Boragine.

Requested by Family

Sunday, March 5

8:00am

10:00am

12:00nn R. David Smith

Requested by Family

Monday, March 6

7:00am Kathryn Beaudreau

Requested by Debbie & Kevin Gilbride

Tuesday, March 7

7:00am Eileen Morrissey

Requested by a Friend

Wednesday, March 8

7:00am Susan Marchand

Requested by Family

Thursday, March 9

7:00am Mass for the People

Friday, March 10

7:00am Gloria Carney

Requested by Jeff & Kathleen Carney

Saturday, March 11

4:30 pm

Sunday, March 12

8:00am Laura Webb

10:00am

12:00nn Kathryn Beaudreau

Requested by Mark & Diane Castro



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 5

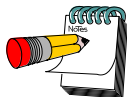
10:00am Linda Guernon

Requested by Family

Sunday, March 12

10:00am James Shields

Requested by Jean & Roger Fenaughty



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

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



PARISH LENTEN MISSION: TO KNOW, LOVE
AND SERVE GOD

BEGINS NEXT 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 on the weekends of March 11/12 & 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.

PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly Support	February 26
Budget envelopes used (221)	- \$5,431.50
Loose Donations	- \$1,207.00
Online Giving (# of donors—58)	- \$1,399.00
Total Budget	- \$8,037.50

This week's second collection is the monthly collection. Next week's second collection is the ongoing maintenance.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

MARCH 5, 2017

From the Pastor

As Lent is upon us, so is the annual Catholic Charity Appeal. Next weekend we have a double-header: Fr. David Thurber will be here to preach at all the Masses in the parish church in preparation for the Lenten mission, and the first in-pew solicitation for the Charity drive will be held. Once again I appeal to everyone to consider making a monthly pledge instead of a one-time gift. We can usually afford to give more if we space it out over the course of a year than if we have to write a check on the spot. The work that Catholic Charities does touches the lives of so many people and I am very grateful to the tremendous support this effort receives from the people of our parish. We know, too, that some of the funds return to our area to support the diocesan office in our lower church, where Eileen Noble assesses the needs and provides assistance to so many who otherwise would be without heat or electricity or a place to stay.

Here is a piece of a letter from one of our parishioners, Jeanne Behie, who worked in the social sector for some years. She testifies to the effects that Catholic Charities has on actual people she has encountered:

- ◆ Funded Emmanuel House, which is a shelter in Providence that provides temporary housing for Chuck, who is homeless.
- ◆ Assisted Rachel, who was enslaved in human trafficking, with workforce development, housing, and financial counseling.
- ◆ Given financial assistance to the Chaplaincy Office so it could offer spiritual support to Paul and other inmates through religious services and one-on-one pastoral counseling at the ACI.
- ◆ Made arrangements for a 50 gallon oil delivery to Butch as a bridge until his LIHEAP assistance was available.
- ◆ Aided Lucy, who is 85 years old and on a limited budget, with elderly housing and prescription assistance.
- ◆ Defrayed the cost of the marriage tribunal and annulment for Ann, who left her abusive husband.
- ◆ Provided assistance to the St. Matthias Recovery Program so volunteer Recovery Helpers could work one-on-one with Terrence who had substance abuse problems and wanted help.

And we could add: provided college chaplains for wherever the diocese can assign a priest.

Fr. Bodah



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Sunday, March 5th

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

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(Upper Room FGC)

7:00-8:30pm High School Youth Night (FGC)

Wednesday, March 8th

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

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

Saturday, March 11th

Banner Making Workshop for First Communion families

10:00-11:30 in Helen Bouchard Hall.

Bring your supplies and a refreshment to share.

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

Spots are going fast! We have registered for 5 spots left for the 2017 Steubenville East Youth Conference. Teenagers who are currently 8-12th grade students are eligible to attend. The conference will 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, March 6

7:30am Adoration (SF)

6:30pm Event Committee Meeting (HBH)

Tuesday, March 7

6:00pm Social Outreach Committee Meeting (FGC)

7:00pm Bible Study (↓FGC)

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (loft)

Wednesday, March 8

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

5:30pm Bereavement Group (Rectory)

Thursday, March 9

2:00pm Pondering with Padre (FGC)

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

Friday, March 10

5:30pm Lenten Soup Suppers (FGC)

7:00pm Stations of the Cross (Church)

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

Sunday, March 12

12:00NN Praise Mass



Catholic media CDs are now available at the side entrance (parking lot side) in the main church and at the chapel. These CDs are inspirational especially leading us into the Lenten Season. Please be sure to take a moment to look them over.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"Then the eyes of both of them were opened," Let us appreciate the totality of our spouses by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are Mar 17-19, 2017 in South Kingstown, RI and Apr 22-23, 2017 in Brewster, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit us at www.WWMEMA.org.

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 9, 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

Beginning this Friday and 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.**



At the Saint Martin de Porres Center in Providence, 9,680 elders and low-income families are served annually. Thank you for your gift to the Catholic Charity Appeal.

EMPTY BOWLS fight hunger in South County with Empty Bowls on Thursday, March 9 from 5:00-7:00pm at Monsignor Clarke School, 5074 Tower Hill Road, Wakefield. Enjoy locally made soups & bread. You set the price & take home a unique bowl. All proceeds benefit the Johnnycake Center of Peace Dale.



Congratulations to the proud parents and godparents of Annora Thérèse Friel who was baptized at St. Francis Church last Saturday, March 5, by Deacon Patrick Moynihan. Also, **congratulations** to the proud parents and godparent of Nova Nascenzi who was baptized at St. Francis Church last Sunday, March 6, by Deacon Patrick Moynihan. **Your parish family rejoices with you!**

LENTEN OFFERINGS AT ST. ROMUALD CHAPEL

Please join us at St. Romuald Chapel for **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Evening Prayer** at 6:30pm on Tuesday and Thursday evenings of Lent (except Tuesday, March 14th and Thursday, April 13th). **Stations of the Cross** will be prayed in the chapel on Wednesday afternoons of Lent at 12:30pm.

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