

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 12

5:30pm Rev. John A. O'Rourke
74th Anniversary, 8th Pastor of St. Francis

Sunday, February 13

8:00am Reale Family &
Edward Cranshaw
10:00am William Shawn Murphy
Requested by The McElkenney family
12:00pm Walter O'Leary and
Mary Ellen Cavanaugh
Requested by Joan Cavanaugh

Monday, February 14

7:00am Dominic Coppolino
Requested by family

Tuesday, February 15

7:00am Susan Marchand
Requested by Hood family

Wednesday, February 16

7:00am Linda Palmer
Requested by Cathy Hawkins

Thursday, February 17

7:00am Anthony Schepisi
Requested by Jane & Sherry Vieira

Friday, February 18

7:00am Dr. Leonard Staudinger
Requested by wife

Saturday, February 19

5:30pm Joseph Cavanaugh
Requested by wife

Sunday, February 20

8:00am Chi Thi Anna Tran & Thanh
John Ha—*Req. by family*
10:00am Arlene Hauck
Req. by Carolyn and Paul Perkins
12:00pm Corinne Bertrand &
Mark Potter
Requested by Barbara Potter



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 13

10:00am John & Grace Carpinelli
Requested by family

Sunday, February 20

10:00am Ronald Jean Ayre
Requested by Ron Ayre



For Your Information

PARISH SUPPORT

Parish Support for February 6th was Budget—\$6,974; Monthly—\$2,735. Next weekend's second offering will be the ongoing maintenance fund offering. Thank you for your continued generosity!

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at St. Francis Church burns for a special intention: for the complete and total healing of Eliza Giallongo.

FOOD OF THE MONTH

Soup, Cereal, Baked Beans, Macaroni & Cheese and Spaghetti Sauce.

INTERNATIONAL PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE

The Pilgrim Virgin Statue commissioned by Sister Lucia will be touring the Diocese of Providence from March 4 to March 24. For an itinerary of the Pilgrim Statue call the Office of Life and Family Ministry at 421-7833 ext. 118.

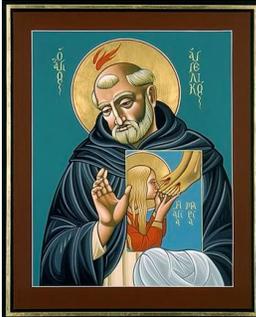
WORLD MARRIAGE DAY...

is observed on the second Sunday of every February, which is today. Take some time to explore a website sponsored by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops called "For Your Marriage." At the site, you will find numerous resources to help couples develop stronger relationships and stronger families. Take some time to visit <http://foryourmarriage.org> today or sometime this week to learn more about the sacred vocation to married life.

MARRIAGE: UNIQUE FOR A REASON

If you are looking for more information about the church's teaching regarding the sanctity of marriage, take some time to visit a new website put together by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops: <http://www.usccb.org/defenseofmarriage>. You will find some excellent resources to help in understanding and articulating the Church's rich teaching on the communion of husband and wife.

FRA ANGELICO...



is not just a liqueur! This coming Friday, February 18, the Dominican Order commemorates the feast of Fra Angelico. Blessed John di Fiesole was a Dominican friar who lived and painted in the fifteenth century. Later known as "Beato Angelico" for his skill at painting religious subjects, Blessed John remains one of the most talented artists of all time. For Blessed John, painting was an

extension of prayer, in which he contemplated the sublime truths of our faith and then expressed them through paint and brush. Aside from his "beatific" skills in liturgical artistry, Blessed John was known for his sanctity and piety. Pope John Paul II beatified him in 1982. In 1984, Fra Angelico was named the patron saint of artists.

FEBRUARY 13, 2011

Lenten Bible Study

The First Epistle of St Paul to the Corinthians

We are continuing our sixth year of Bible Study. In the upcoming Lenten season we will study the First Epistle of St Paul to the Corinthians, the source of so many favorite readings. Whether you are a newcomer or an old hand at Bible Study, you will find Paul's Epistles stimulating and spiritually rewarding.

We were richly rewarded in last fall's Bible Study by the soaring spirituality of St. John's Gospel. Paul's Epistles are much more down to earth and deal with the everyday concerns of growing Churches. Paul traveled the Roman roads around the Mediterranean seeding new Churches in many of the largest cities and continuing his teaching by means of letters. These have become a large part of the beginnings of the Church's theological tradition.

The class will be offered on Tuesdays from 7:00 to 8:30 PM in Fr. Greenan Center, starting on Tuesday, March 15th, followed by five sessions finishing on April 19th. This opening session will feature a special overview presentation on St. Paul's Epistles by Fr. Joseph Upton. Subsequent sessions will be led by Mary Vitiello, Jane Brockmann and Don Wilson.

Principal course materials will include your own Bible, the Ignatius Catholic Study of the 1 Corinthians by Scott Hahn, the Catechism, both provided by St. Francis of Assisi, and special resources as needed.

As in earlier studies of Mark's Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles, we will be emphasizing the rich oral tradition of the Epistles as presented in DVD dramatic readings by Max McClean. But, as in the past, we will allot much of our time to both small group and full group discussion of the readings.

Be sure to register early. Call 783-4411 and leave your name, phone number and parish affiliation.

In Spirit and Truth:

A Year of Liturgical and Spiritual Renewal

Saint Francis of Assisi, Wakefield & Saint Romuald, Matunuck

In less than a year, English speaking Catholics throughout the whole world will be introduced to a new translation of the collection of texts (the Roman Missal) used in the Celebration of Mass. The changes to the texts reflect more accurate translations of the Latin originals.

The new text is more theologically rich than the present one, which has been in use for over thirty years. It is important to note that nothing in the ritual of the Mass is changing, simply the words which we use.

While the transition to the new translation of the Roman Missal will not be an easy one, preparation for its arrival will be absolutely necessary to ensure its proper reception. Pope Benedict, on his recent apostolic visit to England and Wales, referred to the new translation and encouraged the Church "to seize the opportunity that the new translation offers for in-depth catechesis on the Eucharist and renewed devotion in the manner of its celebration."

Heeding that directive of our Holy Father, Saint Francis and Saint Romuald will embark on a **Year of Liturgical and Spiritual Renewal** that will help prepare our parishioners for the new translation, as well as catechize them on the centrality of the Sacred Liturgy.

Be on the lookout for opportunities to develop the liturgical and spiritual life of our parish family!



Religious Education

Grades K-6—Classes as below.

Wednesday Classes—Grades 3-6 meet from 4-5pm in Father Greenan Center.

Grades 7 & 8—Classes on Wednesday from 7-8:15pm.

Confirmation I & II—Classes on Monday from 7-8:30pm

Children's Liturgy of the Word—during the 10am Mass.



This Week

Sunday, February 13

8:50-9:50 Gr. 1 & 2 FGC

10:50-11:50 Gr 3,4 5 FGC

Gr 6

12:00pm Praise! to sing at Mass

7:00pm AA (HBH)

Monday, February 14

7:00pm Baptism Prep. Class

7-8:30pm Conf. I Class—Theology of the Body

7-8:30pm Conf. II—Guest Speaker Fr. Romain Rurangirwa parents are invited

Tuesday, February 15

6:30-7:30pm RCIA (MCCR)

7:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (loft)

Wednesday, February 16

4-5:00pm Class Gr. 3-6 (FGC)

7-8:15pm Class Gr. 7 & 8

Thursday, February 17

10:00am Mass at Brightview Commons

Friday, February 18

10:00am Mass at Scallop Shell

11:00am Mass at South Bay

"Instruct me, O Lord, in the way of your statutes, that I may exactly observe them."

Catholic School Assistance

Parents,

Now is the time to turn in tuition assistance applications for the 2011-2012 school year. If you have not yet received your forms from the school, please call 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, I am 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 are:

1. Registered members of St. Francis of Assisi Parish;
2. Contributing members for at least a one year period;
3. Attend church and are actively involved;
4. All applications are to be turned into the parish office, whether your child has been accepted yet or not, by March 30.

So, assistance is based on the assumption that there is a *need*, and that the family would not be able to afford sending a child without it. Also, as mandated by the Diocese, the parish only assists students in Kindergarten through Grade 8.

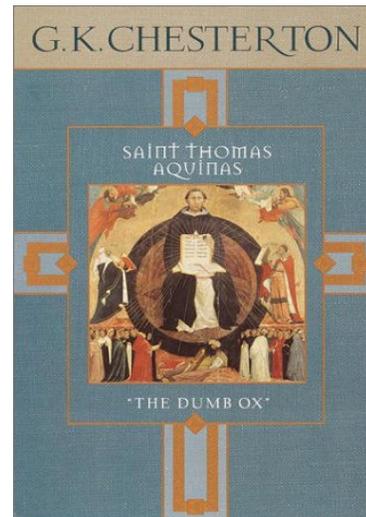
If you haven't already done so, please get your tuition applications into the parish office so that we can begin to look at our budget for F/Y 11-12. Thank you.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

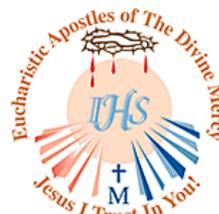
Prayer Shawls are on display at St. Francis this week.

What is the "Prayer Shawl Ministry"? This ministry began at St. Francis/ St. Romuald in October 2008. Since then we have been meeting the **1st Thursday of each month** to knit (and chat). We continue work on the shawls at home. As the Prayer Shawls are knit or crocheted, we pray for the person who will receive it. The shawls on display today are blessed and ready to be given away. If you know of someone who would benefit from a shawl (perhaps battling an illness or suffering a loss), please call Cathy Dowd 885-6564. **New knitters are always welcome.** Next meeting- March 3rd 7pm.



THE DUMB WHAT? CALLING ALL BOOKWORMS!

After several inquiries following Fr. Joe's presentation on St. Thomas Aquinas, we have decided to organize a book club. Sr. Barbara Matazzaro, A.S.C.J., will be directing a group in reading *The Dumb Ox* by G.K. Chesterton. Don't be intimidated! Chesterton's little book (only eight chapters) on St. Thomas is highly readable for the average person, and tells the dynamic story not only of St. Thomas' life but also of his teaching. This will be a wonderful opportunity to learn more about St. Thomas and the riches of our Catholic faith. The group will meet in the rectory and the books will be available for only \$10.00 through the parish. We are hoping to begin the first week in March, either on Sunday afternoons or Monday evenings. Please call the rectory to let us know if you would like to participate and your preference for a meeting time. This group is open to **EVERYONE**, even those who have no prior knowledge of St. Thomas or his thought! Please join us!



Eucharistic Apostles of Divine Mercy

Welcome House Dinner
Schedule / Team

February 16—Team 1
February 23—Team 2
March 2—Team 3
March 9—Team 1
March 16th—Team 2
March 23rd—Team 3*

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