

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 4

8:00am First Saturday Mass

For the Celebrant's Intention

4:30pm Phyllis Gilmartin

Requested by family

Sunday, February 5

8:00am Mass for the People

10:00am Rosemary Walsh

Requested by a friend

12:00NN Rose Schiano

Requested by family

Monday, February 6

7:00am Special Intention for
Beverly Walters

Requested by Pilkington family

Tuesday, February 7

7am Evelyn Cafferty

Requested by Pilkington family

Wednesday, February 8

7:00am Special Intention— Birthday
Celebration - Marie Racicot Monahan

Thursday, February 9

7:00am Rev. Francis Tuite

96th Anniversary—2nd Pastor of St. Francis

Friday, February 10

7:00am Catherine Schwab

Requested by family

Saturday, February 11

4:30pm Henry H. Thayer, Jr.

Requested by Kelli R. McNulty

Sunday, February 12

8:00am Jon DeGrace

Requested by Dorothy M. DeGrace

10:00am Mass for the People

12:00NN David Smith

Requested by Johanna Henley



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 5

10:00am Grace & John Carpinelli

Requested by family

Sunday, February 12

10:00am Judy Plasse Joyce

Requested by family



For Your Information

PARISH SUPPORT for January 29 was Budget-\$8,544; Church in Latin America—\$2,261. This weekend's second offering is the Monthly offering. Thank you for your continued generosity.

SANCTUARY LAMPS

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns for a Special Intention. The sanctuary lamp at St. Romuald Chapel burns in memory of Henry H. Thayer, Jr.

NO ADORATION ON MONDAY

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will NOT be held tomorrow, Monday, February 6. Adoration will resume the regular Monday schedule (with the exception of holidays and funerals) on February 13.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The parish Youth Group will have an Ice Cream Social on Friday, February 10th from 7-9:00PM in Father Greenan Parish Center. All 6th-8th graders are invited and the cost is only \$2 for the ice cream. So mark your calendars and plan on joining us THIS FRIDAY! See you then.

RHODE ISLAND CATHOLIC

After Mass this week, complimentary copies of *Rhode Island Catholic* are available near the entrance of the church. Please take home a copy and consider subscribing to your diocesan paper to read news each week you won't find anywhere else. If you are interested in subscribing to the paper, just drop the specially marked envelope in the budget collection next week.

SOCIAL OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The Social Outreach Committee will meet this Tuesday, February 7th at 7:00PM in the library of Father Greenan Parish Center. Please note the change of day and location. All are welcome.

BELGIAN WAFFLE BREAKFAST (PUBLIC INVITED)

The Knights of Columbus will hold a Breakfast at the Council Hall, 1265 Tower Hill Road, North Kingstown on Sunday, February 12th from 7:30-10:30AM. Belgian waffles, scrambled eggs, bacon, homefries, baked beans, cold cereal, coffee and tea will be served. The cost is \$6; \$3 for children 12 and under; children 6 and under eat for free. ALL ARE WELCOME.

MONSIGNOR CLARKE 5K ROAD RACE

Runners and walkers, kids and adults, please consider joining the Monsignor Clarke School Community for our first road race! The 3.1 mile course will start and finish at Monsignor Clarke School and run through Wakefield and Narragansett. Saturday, March 3rd at 11:00. Register at www.active.com, come by the school to sign up or email Ann Murphy at wmurphy17@cox.net.

FEBRUARY 5, 2012

An Eye on the Saints

St. Jerome Emiliani
Feastday: February 8
1481 - 1537

Jerome Emiliani lay chained in the dark dirty dungeon. Only a short time before he had been a military commander for Venice in charge of a fortress. He didn't care much about God because he didn't need him - he had his own strength and the strength of his soldiers and weapons. When Venice's enemies, the League of Cambrai, captured the fortress, he was dragged off and imprisoned. There in the dungeon, Jerome decided to get rid of the chains that bound him. He let go of his worldly attachments and embraced God.

When he finally was able to escape, he hung his metal chains in the nearby church of Treviso -- in gratitude not only for being freed from physical prison but from his spiritual dungeon as well. After a short time as mayor of Treviso he returned to his home in Venice where he studied for the priesthood. The war may have been over but it was followed by the famine and plague war's devastation often brought. Thousands suffered in his beloved city. Jerome devoted himself to service again -- this time, not to the military but the poor and suffering around him. He felt a special call to help the orphans who had no one to care for them. All the loved ones who would have protected them and comforted them had been taken by sickness or starvation. He would become their parent, their family.

Using his own money, he rented a house for the orphans, fed them, clothed them, and educated them. Part of his education was to give them the first known catechetical teaching by question and answer. But his constant devotion to the suffering put him in danger too and he fell ill from the plague himself. When he recovered, he had the ideal excuse to back away, but instead his illness seemed to take the last links of the chain from his soul. Once again he interpreted his suffering to be a sign of how little the ambitions of the world mattered.

He committed his whole life and all he owned to helping others. He founded orphanages in other cities, a hospital, and a shelter for prostitutes. This grew into a congregation of priests and brothers that was named after the place where they had a house: the Clerks Regular of Somascha. Although they spent time educating other young people, their primary work was always Jerome's first love -- helping orphans.

He is the patron saint of abandoned children and orphans.

Prayer:

Saint Jerome Emiliani, watch over all children who are abandoned or unloved. Give us the courage to show them God's love through our care. Help us to lose the chains that keep us from living the life God intended for us. Amen.

- Courtesy of <http://www.catholic.org/saints>



Religious Ed. Notes

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Sunday, February 5

8:50-9:50am Grades 1 & 2
9:50-10:50am KINDERGARTEN
10:50-11:50am GRADES 3-6

Monday, February 6

7-8:30pm Confirmation I and II

Wednesday, February 8

4-5:00pm GRADES 3-6 (FGC)
7-8:15pm GRADES 7 & 8 (FGC)



This Week

Sunday, February 5

Rel. Ed. Classes—see above schedule
1:30pm Baptisms
7:00pm AA (HBH)

Monday, February 6

8am-3pm Prout Junior Retreat (FGC)
7-8:30pm Confirmation I & II—Guest
Speakers for Conf. II: Carol Owens
and Mary Lynch —parents invited.

Tuesday, February 7

8am-3pm Prout Junior Retreat (FGC)
6:30-8:00pm RCIA (HBH)
7pm Social Outreach Mtg. (library-FGC)
7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (loft)

Wednesday, February 8

8am-3pm Prout Junior Retreat (FGC)
4-5pm GRADES 3-6 (FGC)
7pm Camp Marist Info. Night (HBH)
7-8:15pm CLASSES GRADES 7 & 8 (FGC)

Thursday, February 9

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (Library FGC)
7:00pm Couples in Recovery (HBH)
7pm Divine Mercy Cenacle at St. Rom's

Friday, February 10

7-9:00pm Middle School Youth Group Ice
Cream Social (FGC)

Let my prayer rise like incense before You; the lifting of my hands, like the evening sacrifice. - Ps 140:2

"Pray also for your brothers and sisters and for all the children of the world, especially those who are poor and hungry. Pray for those who do not know Jesus, for those who are alone and sad." - Pope John Paul II



Food Pantry Needs

FOOD OF THE MONTH
The food and commodities needs for the month of February are: juices, cereal, canned meats, soup, peanut butter and jelly, rice and personal toiletries. Thank you for your ongoing generosity.



HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

NET Ministries, a national evangelization team consisting of 11 young adults will be leading our Confirmation Retreats again this year. They spend 10 months travelling the country leading retreats. During their stay in Rhode Island on March 13-20, our parish is responsible for providing lodging. Team members travel with their own sleeping bag so they are just looking for floor space, hot showers and a meal. 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). Thank you.



Way of the Cross with Musical Meditations

On Sunday, March 18th at 3:00pm in the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul, the Gregorian Concert Choir will present the "Way of the Cross with Musical Meditations" to benefit the Haitian Project, which assists in the education of poor Haitian children free of charge. Haiti remains one of the poorest countries in the world. The Meditations for the Way of the Cross were composed by Pope Benedict XVI and the musical responses will include some of the greatest music from the Church's rich musical heritage. Tickets are \$10 per person and may be purchased by calling the Cathedral office at 331-2434. Tickets will also be sold at the door on the day of the Concert.

HELP SEND KIDS TO CAMP

Camp Marist is a traditional residential summer camp for boys and girls, ages 6 to 16. Nestled on 300 acres in the White Mountain region of New Hampshire, it offers children an opportunity to continue learning about their faith, learn about character and community, develop strong self-esteem and self-awareness, and grow in confidence while practicing new skills. It is multinational, multilingual and diverse for both staff and campers.



As part of her Confirmation service project, Hailey Bergner and her family are raising funds to sponsor possibly two children from our parish to attend camp this summer on scholarship. Her family has received many blessings from their participation in Camp Marist and they want to share this joy with other St. Francis parishioners. Here is what they have to say about Camp Marist: *"Camp is fun and you meet lots of kids from all over the world. You get to do things you can't do at home like the high ropes course, or go karts, or learn to water ski."* *"I have made great friends at camp that I stay in touch with all year long."*

If you are interested in finding out more about this camp and how you may apply for this scholarship the Bergner family will be hosting an informational meeting on Wednesday, February 8th at 7pm in Helen Bouchard Hall. In addition, they will be selling pashmina and infinity scarves for \$10 after Religious Education classes on Sunday, February 5th in the foyer of Fr. Greenan Parish Center. Please come and support their fundraising efforts.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Mass Readings for every day of the month can be found online at:

<http://www.usccb.org/nab/>

Here are the readings for next Sunday's liturgy:

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS READINGS

1st Reading: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46

2nd Reading: 1 Cor 10:31-11:1;

Gospel Reading: Mk 1:40-45