

# FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## Mass Intentions

**Saturday, February 9**  
 4:30pm Rev. Francis Tuite  
*2nd Pastor of St. Francis ~ 97th Anniv.*

**Sunday, February 10**  
 8:00am Brenda (Tefft) Langlais  
*Requested by family*  
 10:00am Dr. & Mrs. Orlando Iacono &  
 Mr. & Mrs. Jack O. Burns  
 12NN Mark Potter & Corinne Bertrand  
*Requested by Barbara Potter*

**Monday, February 11**  
 7:00am Ernie Haley, Sr.  
*Requested by Arundel family*

**Tuesday, February 12**  
 7:00am Dr. Leonard Staudinger  
*Requested by family*

**ASH WEDNESDAY, February 13**  
 7:00am Domenic Coppolino  
*Requested by family*  
 12:00NN Rev. John A. O'Rourke  
*76th Anniv.—8th Pastor of St. Francis*  
 4:00pm Service of Ashes  
 7:00pm John Francisco  
*Requested by Arundel family*

**Thursday, February 14**  
 7:00am Rita & Tom O'Rourke and  
 Warren Behie—*Req. by family*

**Friday, February 15**  
 7:00am Betty Goodwin  
*Requested by daughter Kathy Cawley*

**Saturday, February 16**  
 4:30pm Mass for the People

**Sunday, February 17**  
 8:00am Special Intention for Olivia Lyon  
*Requested by Gerri & Al Marsocci*  
 10:00am Walter Johansen  
*Req. by the Becker & Paull family*  
 12:00nn Mass for the People



## St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

**Sunday, February 10**  
 10:00am Henry & Alice Denny  
*Requested by their children*

**Sunday, February 17**  
 10:00am David & Virginia Monaghan and  
 William & Madeline Monaghan  
*Requested by family*



## For Your Information

### SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in honor of MRM's birthday.



### "The Worship of God, Our Sanctification"

*Theology of the Sacraments  
according to St. Thomas Aquinas*

Presenter: Fr. Upton  
 Monday, February 11th at 6:30PM  
 in Helen Bouchard Hall.

### FOOD & COMMODITY NEEDS FOR FEBRUARY

Macaroni & cheese and laundry detergent. Your donations may be placed in one of the baskets in the vestibule of the church or at the chapel. Thank you in advance for remembering those in need.

### BIBLE STUDY

The Parish Bible Study on St. Paul's *Letter to the Hebrews* will continue Tuesday evening, February 12th in Father Greenan Center from 7-8:30PM. All are welcome. **Mark your calendars** and plan on joining us for the viewing of **Catholicism DVD Series Episode 2** with discussion to follow on Tuesday evenings, **March 12th & 19th at 7pm in Greenan Center**. Topics: **The Beattitudes (Mt 5)** on the 12th and **The Final Judgment (Mt 25)** on the 19th. Discussions lead by Jane Brockman, Mary Vitiello, Vicki Montani and Jeff DiMillio.

### FISH AND CHIPS DINNER

The Knights of Columbus will hold a Fish and Chips Dinner at the Council Hall, 1265 Tower Hill Road, North Kingstown, RI on Friday, February 22nd from 5:30-7:00. Choice of Fried or Baked Fish, Stuffies, French Fries, Cole Slaw, Coffee and Tea will be served. The cost is \$9; \$5 for children 12 and under; children 6 and under eat for free. Please bring a non-perishable food donation.

<b>PARISH SUPPORT— February 3</b>	
<b>Weekly Support</b>	<b>February 3</b>
Budget envelopes (355 used) -	\$5,756.00
Loose Donations -	\$ 934.00
Online Giving (24 donors) -	\$ 470.00
<b>Total Budget</b> -	<b>\$7,160.00</b>
<b>Monthly Offering</b>	
Envelopes used (226) -	\$ 2,519.00
Other donations -	\$ 823.00
<b>Total Offering</b> -	<b>\$3,342.00</b>
Next weekend's second offering will be the Ongoing Maintenance Fund Offering. As always, thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.	

FEBRUARY 10, 2013

## From the Pastor...

This week we will begin the **Season of Lent** with our celebration of **Ash Wednesday**. In the days ahead, the Church invites us to turn back to the Lord through **prayer, fasting and almsgiving**. It is a time for us to be spiritually renewed and strengthened as we prepare to recall the sacrifice of the Lord for our salvation and celebrate the great joy of the Resurrection – the promise of eternal life! Elsewhere in today's parish bulletin and in the weeks to come, we will offer many opportunities to join the parish community in observing this grace-filled season. I particularly call your attention to the brochure that outlines our Lenten events and provides a handy calendar for the entire season. Let us be one in prayer and make the most of Lent 2013.

As I mention above, one of the pillars of Lenten observance is almsgiving. It is in this spirit that our diocese now focuses the annual **Catholic Charity Appeal** at the beginning of Lent. We are reminded of our Christian responsibility to assist those in need. Next weekend we will be doing the in-pew solicitation for the Appeal. Our parish goal is \$103,000. Your gift makes a difference and is important to the success of the Appeal in our parish. Your donation will support a collection of 39 ministries and programs throughout our diocese assisting more than 200,000 Rhode Islanders each year. Your generosity will be appreciated by many!

*Msgr. Theroux*



**ASH WEDNESDAY  
FEBRUARY 22, 2012**

**Celebration of Mass with  
Distribution of Ashes  
7:00am, 12:00nn and 7:00pm**

**Liturgy of the Word with Distribution of Ashes  
4:00pm**

**in Saint Francis Church**

*O Beauty ever-ancient, O Beauty ever-new,  
You the mirror of my life renew!  
Let me find my life in you!*



## Religious Ed. Notes

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

#### Sunday, February 10th

8:50-9:50am GRADES 1 & 2 (FGC)  
GRADE 7 (FGC)

9:50-10:50am Kindergarten (HBH)

10:50-11:50am GRADES 3-5 (FGC)  
GRADE 6 (HBH)  
GRADE 8 (HBH)

**\*Please note Grade 6 will meet in  
Father Greenan Center this week.**

#### Monday, February 11th

7-8:30PM Confirmation I (FGC)

#### Wednesday, February 13th

4-5pm GRADES 3-6 (FGC)

7-8:15 CLASSES GRADES 7 & 8 (FGC)

### NO RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES NEXT WEEK, FEBRUARY 17TH...SCHOOL VACATION.

The Religious Ed. Office will be closed  
the week of February 17th.



## This Week

#### Sunday, February 10

*(See Religious Ed. Class schedule above)*

10am Grades 1&2 Teacher Mtg. (FGC)

12nn Grades 3-6 Teacher Mtg. (FGC)

7-9pm Youth Group (Upper Room)

7:00pm AA (HBH)

#### Monday, February 11

6:30pm St. Thomas Aquinas Presentation  
in Helen Bouchard Hall

7:00pm Confirmation II Class (FGC)

#### Tuesday, February 12

12nn Jonnycake Center Mtg. (FGC)

6:30pm RCIA (HBH)

7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (loft)

#### ASH WEDNESDAY, February 13

No Classes: Grades 3-6 to attend Ash  
Wednesday 4pm Service of Ashes

No Classes: Grades 7&8 to attend Ash  
Wednesday Mass at 7pm

*"Remember that you are dust,  
and to dust you shall return."*

# LENT

## LENT 2013 THEME:

### LET ME FIND MY LIFE IN YOU

Throughout the season of Lent, we will pray and reflect together on our parish theme, “Let me find my life in you.” The song, “O Beauty Ever Ancient, Ever New,” from which we drew our Lenten theme, will be sung throughout the season and is based on a famous passage from the *Confessions* of Saint Augustine. One of the best known converts in Christendom, Saint Augustine reflected honestly on his search for happiness in all the wrong places until his famous realization: “*Our hearts are restless until they rest in Thee, O God!*” He had sought fulfillment in created things, but failed to find his true life in the Creator. Perhaps Lent 2013 will prove to be a turning point toward a deeper relationship with Christ and his Church. Apart from them, there is no life! May the words of Saint Paul guide us on our Lenten journey: “*Your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.*”

## THE SIGHTS AND SOUNDS OF LENT

Our worship spaces will soon reflect the starkness of the Lenten season. Flowers and greens will have no place by the altar and even unbleached candles—used in centuries gone by throughout the penitential seasons—will make an appearance in the sanctuaries of our church and chapel. At St. Francis Church, a special crucifix will accompany us throughout Lent and will be venerated by our parish community on Good Friday. Even our singing will reflect the solemn tone of the season. These signs, sounds and symbols are meant to foster a deeper sense of prayer and conversion as we find our life more deeply in Christ.

## LENTEN CALENDAR

In today’s bulletin, you will find our 2013 Lenten Calendar. Please keep the calendar on hand throughout the season; perhaps you could even make room on your refrigerator! Our parish staff has planned a number of enriching opportunities for prayer and education throughout the season and we hope you will take advantage of all that will be going on!

## THE THREE PILLARS OF LENT

The Lenten Season is characterized by an emphasis on three elements of the Christian life: PRAYER, FASTING and ALMSGIVING.

- **PRAYER**—During Lent, consider spending some extra time each day reading from Sacred Scripture (the daily Mass readings are a good place to start and can be accessed at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)) or simply making yourself available to *listen* to God. Resolve to attend Mass on at least one weekday. Try to recite our parish Lenten prayer everyday throughout Lent.
- **FASTING**—This pillar concerns not only the fast days of the season (Ash Wednesday and Good Friday) but also voluntarily refraining from something to foster self-control. For example, perhaps you could fast from television or from the internet for a set period of time each day. Talk to your friends about what you plan on “giving up” for Lent; perhaps they have (or need) ideas as well!
- **ALMSGIVING**—Lent is a time to share our treasure with others. Operation Rice Bowl is an annual fundraiser which benefits Catholic Relief Services. Place it in a prominent place in your home and let the whole family contribute to it. Another possibility is to contribute some additional food to the basket at the church entrance.

## SAVE THE DATE: LENTEN MISSION

Our 2013 Lenten Mission is based on the *sacramental life of the Church* and will be presented by Fr. John Reutemann of the Archdiocese of Washington, DC. Please consider joining us as we enter into the Lenten season, a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

**Saturday-Sunday, February 23-24**—Weekend Mass  
Mission Kick-Off

**Monday, February 25**—7PM Mission Service with  
Benediction

**Tuesday, February 26**—7PM Penance Service with  
Mission Homily

**Wednesday, February 27**—7PM Celebration of Mass

## WHAT IS A LENTEN MISSION?

Traditionally, a Lenten Mission serves as an opportunity for a parish community to come together for prayer, reflection and learning in anticipation of the Easter Season. Lent provides the context for a “spring cleaning” of the soul! A Lenten Mission is meant to help in that endeavor. With engaging talks, extra time for prayer, the opportunity for Confession, and communal worship, the traditional Lenten Mission has been a source of grace for parish communities year after year. If you’ve never been, consider joining us this year! Come to any or all of the nights! And bring a friend along!