

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 14

4:30pm Robert C. Wilson

Requested by Concetta

Sunday, February 15

8:00am Dominic & Matilda Coppolino

Requested by family

10:00am Robert Reisinger, Sr.

Requested by Sadasiv family

12:00NN Robert Stewart

Requested by family

Monday, February 16

7:00am Mass for the People

Tuesday, February 17

7:00am John O'Brien

Requested by Amy and John Mongillo

ASH WEDNESDAY, February 18

7:00am Frank Signorelli

Requested by wife

12:00pm Eliza Giallongo

6:30pm Deacon Joseph G. Turcotte

Requested by parish family

Thursday, February 19

7:00am Marie Therrien

Requested by Irene and Greg

Friday, February 20

7:00am Deacon Joseph G. Turcotte

Requested by Rick & Liz Soltysiak

Saturday, February 21

4:30pm Fred Robinson

Req. by Dr. and Mrs. Gaglione & family

Sunday, February 22

8:00am Barbara Yemma

Requested by Cynthia Y. Faria

10:00am Neal Fiorio

Requested by family

12:00nn Fr. Owen Goodwin

Requested by Divine Mercy Cenacle



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 15

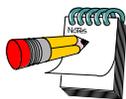
10:00am Joseph Cabral

Requested by John and Jane Estes

Sunday, February 22

10:00am Joe and Deloris Clark

Requested by Tencher and Clark families



For Your Information

PARISH SUPPORT

Parish support for February 8th was Budget—\$7,947.50. This weekend's second offering is the ongoing maintenance fund offering. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Deacon Joseph G. Turcotte. The sanctuary lamp at St. Romuald Chapel burns for all the intentions written in the intention book.



48th Annual Diocesan Faith Formation Convocation

"Teaching about God's
Gift of Forgiveness"

Saturday, March 14, 2015

Bryant University, 1150 Douglas Pike, Smithfield, RI

You are invited to a *day of learning and fellowship for all Catechists, Youth Ministers, Marriage Preparation Team Members, and any adult who wishes to enrich their spiritual journey and love for the Catholic Faith. For more information and to view the workshops offered check out: <http://www.discovercatholicfaith.org/convocation/>.*

You may download a registration form or register online.

Tickets: Early Bird Registration – **\$29 per person** (includes lunch) postmarked by February 25th. General Registration – **\$35 per person** (includes lunch) if registering after February 25th. *This Convocation has something for everyone! See you there!*



MORNING PRAYER DURING LENT

Every Wednesday during Lent, immediately following the 7:00AM Mass, we will pray *Morning Prayer* in Saint Francis Church. Morning Prayer is a simple liturgical celebration based on the praying of psalms. It is a brief service intended to lift up our hearts in gratitude to God at the beginning of the day, and to consecrate the work and activities of the day to his glory. The texts will be provided for you, all you need to do is stick around after the 7AM Mass on Wednesday's. What a great way to start the day! A "two-fer" special: Mass and Morning Prayer! *"In the morning, let me know your love..."*



ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 18, 2015

Celebration of Mass with Distribution of Ashes
7:00am, 12:00nn and 6:30pm

FEBRUARY 15, 2015

From the Pastor

There are many things I could address this week: the approach of Lent; the Catholic Charity Fund appeal; the weather. But there is something else that affects the parish community. Back in the summer, our organist and choir director, MaryEllen (Mimi) Battey, informed me of her desire to retire and despite my obfuscation, foot-dragging and counter-suggestions, she has remained adamant in her decision to step down.

The process for replacing her was bearing very little fruit until a couple of weeks ago when a young man who has been playing in Catholic churches for about 10 years came forward to apply for the position. As of this writing, nothing is set in stone but it looks good, and if all goes well I'll be able to tell you more in the near future.

I can't thank Mimi enough for her 20 years of service to the liturgy, first at St. Romuald's and then at the parish church. What I noticed and appreciated right from the beginning was that this is a ministry for Mimi, not just a job or a "gig." In addition to her work on weekends and with the choir, she has given hours of service to families preparing for weddings or funerals. And many have never been in a position to see her many hours of self-effacing service to the parish even outside the venue of liturgy.

The date of her last weekend has not yet been set but I know she's looking forward to her new-found freedom. It's lucky for us that she intends to remain a parishioner and keep up her interest in service to the community. We wish her good health and many years to enjoy the fruits of her labors.

Fr. Bodah

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) 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.



Religious Education

*No Classes this week
~ School Vacation.*

Classes resume Sunday, February 22nd.



This Week

Sunday, February 15

11am Choir Rehearsal (SR)
5:30pm Praise rehearsal (FGC)
7:00pm AA (HBH)

Monday, February 16

**All Parish Offices closed—
President's Day**

Tuesday, February 17

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (loft)
7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

ASH WEDNESDAY, February 18

Masses with Distribution of Ashes at:
7:00am, 12:00nn & 6:30pm
**NO RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES
& NO 4PM SERVICE OF ASHES**

Thursday, February 19

2:00pm Mass at Brightview
6:30pm Adoration & Evening Prayer (SR)
7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (FGC-↓)

Friday, February 20

10:45am Pastoral Visit to Peace Dale House
11:05am Pastoral Visit to Indian Run
7:00pm Stations of the Cross (SF)

Saturday, February 21

10am—1pm Sacred Art Workshop (HBH)

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!**

LENT

MORNING PRAYER DURING LENT

Every Wednesday during Lent, immediately following the 7AM Mass, we will pray *Morning Prayer* in Saint Francis Church.



ADORATION W/EVENING PRAYER

Join us each Tuesday and Thursday evening during the Lenten Season for Adoration w/Evening Prayer at 6:30PM at Saint Romuald Chapel, Matunuck.

ROSARY—SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary will be prayed each Friday morning during Lent, immediately following the 7AM Mass at St. Francis Church.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross with Benediction will be offered on the Friday evenings of Lent at 7PM in St. Francis Church. The "Step Up Close to Jesus Stations," presented by our grades 3-6, will be offered Sunday, March 1st at 11AM in Fr. Greenan Center and again on Wednesday, March 11th at 4PM. Saint Romuald Chapel offers an afternoon opportunity to pray the Stations on Wednesdays throughout Lent at 12:30PM.

SAVE THE DATE: LENTEN MISSION

Our 2015 Lenten Mission is based on the *Challenge to be Catholic Today* and will be presented by Fr. Nicholas P. Smith.

Theme: *Spiritual C.P.R.* Please consider joining us as we enter into the Lenten season, a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Saturday-Sunday, February 28—March 1—Weekend Mass
Mission Kick-Off

Monday, March 2—7PM Mission Service with Exposition
and Benediction

Tuesday, March 3—7PM Penance Service with Mission
Homily

Wednesday, March 4—7PM Celebration of Mass

ST. FRANCIS CEMETERY Position Opening

We are looking for someone to take over management of the parish cemetery. This individual would be responsible for Accounts Receivable billing, deposits and posting into Quickbooks, a custom software created for St. Francis Cemetery, as well as keeping well managed records on paper and online. This is a very special ministry to grieving families and those interested in purchasing pre-need lots. Reading maps is a plus. This is a part-time position requiring close collaboration with funeral homes in making necessary burial arrangements. **First and foremost, applicants should be aware that this is a ministry and must possess compassionate communications skills.**

Individuals interested in this very special ministry, kindly send your resumes to Father Bodah at:

Rev. Henry J. Bodah, Pastor
St. Francis of Assisi Church
114 High Street
Wakefield, RI 02879

Parish Survey/ Evangelization Team Update

A generous parishioner who has experience in data collection and analysis has been diligently working on a custom database that will record all of the information from the parish surveys. That project, thankfully, is more or less done. Now the surveys can be tallied, and we are still expecting to provide some kind of report during Lent, if even a preliminary one. The Evangelization Team met this past week to discuss possibilities for Lenten outreach to the community. We will keep you posted as discussions continue. As always, if you have any questions, comments, or recommendations please feel free to approach any of our parish clergy, staff or Evangelization Team members.