

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 27

4:30pm Regina McCourt

Requested by Jean McGair

Sunday, February 28

8:00am Trudy Piersant

Requested by her children

10:00am Neal Fiorio

Requested by family

12:00pm Domenic Coppolino

Requested by family

Monday, February 29

7am Deb Fallacaro

Req. by Social Outreach Committee

Tuesday, March 1

7:00am Regina C. McCourt

Requested by Anne Cooney

Wednesday, March 2

7:00am Joseph Boragine

Requested by family

Thursday, March 3

7:00am Mass for the people

Friday, March 4

7:00am Rita and Tom O'Rourke and
Warren Behie

Requested by family

Saturday, March 5

4:30pm Aileen Capalbo

Requested by family

Sunday, March 6

8:00am Celebrant's Intention

10:00am Celebrant's Intention

12:00pm Jack, Jeff, Jimmy and Laurie
Fallon

Requested by Mom



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 28

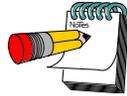
10:00am John Estes

Requested by family

Sunday, March 6

10:00am Linda Guernon

Requested by family



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Marion Maggio.



LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Join us on March 4th between 5:30—6:45pm for a meatless soup meal in Father Greenan Hall. This week's soup will be prepared and served by the upper Religious Education classes with the NET Ministries team present to assist serving. It is a wonderful lead in to Stations at 7pm. We hope to see you there.

MOTHER'S HELPER WANTED

Two afternoons per week. Must have car. Call for details 284-3036 or 742-0283.

HUNGERING FOR A HEALTHY START—If you've been following the Rice Bowl journey from the insert in your Rice Bowl box, this week we look at and pray for the African nation of Rwanda, where we're reminded to care for the unborn. This week we pray for pregnant mothers, that they may have the medical and nutritional support they need to raise healthy, thriving children. **Visit crsricebowl.org for more.**



CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL

Supporting the work of the Church

At the Saint Martin de Porres Center in Providence, 9,620 elders and low-income families are served annually. Thank you for your gift to the Catholic Charity Appeal.

Week 2 Report

2016 CCA PARISH GOAL: \$103,070

Amount pledged to date: \$25,780

of gifts: 139; % of goal—25.01%; % Participation: 6.27%

Please don't forget to turn in your pledge. Every little bit helps.

PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (284)	-	\$ 6,423.50
Loose Donations	-	\$ 1,907.00
Online Giving (# of donors – 58)	-	\$ 1,645.50
Total Budget	-	\$ 9,976.00

Ongoing Maintenance

Envelopes used (163)	-	\$ 1,875.00
Other Donations	-	\$ 434.00
Total Ongoing Maintenance	-	\$ 2,309.00

Next weekend's second offering will be the Monthly offering for March. **As always, thank you for your generosity.**

From the Pastor

Our congratulations to one of our seminarians, Stephen Battey, who was installed as an acolyte last week at St. John's seminary in Boston by Cardinal O'Malley! We keep him in our prayers and look forward to his being ordained a deacon in the spring.

Now on a different note: This past week someone approached me to discuss something he wanted my opinion on, and before we got to the subject at hand, he asked me about a rumor he was hearing around: that I am planning to close the chapel. I am grateful that he said something so that I can quash such a notion. There is not nor ever has been such a thought in my head.

I thought I had heard it all until a couple of days after that when I heard that people were distressed because of my plans to close the parish church! I was enraged by such gossip, which seems to me to be not only ludicrous but to bear a whiff of malice and needlessly upsets others.

First of all, no priest can close a church; only the bishop can make such a decision. Second, why would any priest want to close his church and put himself out of a job! How can people fall for such inane gossip? Finally, it shows that I have been unable to communicate my affection for this parish and how blessed I feel to be here. If people believe that I could callously close the parish, even if I had such authority, then they have very little regard for me as their pastor.

However, let me say clearly that, the way things are going, some parishes will in fact be closed by the bishop. If we want our parish to flourish, we have to make sure that it's on a secure foundation. This means that the families with school-aged children will have to step up and get involved, and that everyone has to chip in financially to ensure a solid basis for the future.

Fr. Bodah

Catholic School Assistance

Now is the time to turn in tuition assistance applications for the 2016-2017 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 and have enrolled in Online Giving;
3. Attend church and are actively involved;
4. All applications are turned in to 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.

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 16-17. Thank you.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday, February 28th

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

9:50-10:50 Kindergarten

10:50-11:50am GRADES 3-6 (FGC)

GRADE 8(FGC)

Wednesday, March 2nd

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

5-8:00 NET Retreat Grades 7& 8 begin in church



This Week

Sunday, February 28

Religious Classes see schedule above

10am Children's Liturgy of the Word

11:00am Step Up Close to Jesus Stations of the Cross during class (FGC)

11:00am Choir Rehearsal (SR)

4-5pm High School Youth Tubing@Yawgoo

Monday, February 29

7:30am Adoration

6:30pm Event Committee Mtg. (HBH)

Tuesday, March 1

6pm Social Outreach Committee Mtg. (FGC)

6:30pm Adoration & Evening Prayer (SR)

7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (loft)

Wednesday, March 2

12:30pm Stations of the Cross (SR)

4:15-5:15pm Classes Gr. 3-6 (FGC)

5-8pm NET Retreat for Gr. 7 & 8 (HBH/FGC)

Thursday, March 3

6:30pm Adoration & Evening Prayer (SR)

6:30pm Prayer Shawl Meeting (MCCR)

7:00pm Divine Mercy Cenacle (SR)

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (JFGC)

First Friday, March 4

7:30am Rosary—Sorrowful Mysteries (SF)

10am-1pm Pastoral Visits—Fr. Bodah

5:30pm Lenten Soup Meal—SOC (HBH)

7:00pm Stations of the Cross (SF)

Saturday, March 5

11-4:30 NET Ministry Retreat for Conf. I

4:30pm Youth Mass

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday, March 4, is World Day of Prayer 2016. World Day of Prayer is an ecumenical celebration of informed prayer and prayerful action. This service is sponsored by the South County Church Women United. The service will be held at North Kingstown United Methodist Church 450 Boston Neck Rd. N.K., RI at 1pm.

HEARTFELT THANKS

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for those who donated clothing to help me achieve my goal of helping those in our community. We have ample amounts of clothing ranging from, toddler sizes to full grown adult. I am pleased to say that people in need will have the convenience of obtaining clothing if need be. In addition, I would not have been able to do this without everyone's generosity and caring hearts. I am proud and thankful to be a part of a parish which is filled with loving and thoughtful people.

~ Adeline Wilkinson

RICE BOWLS

The annual "Rice Bowl" ... is not just a means of feeding the hungry but a whole program designed to deepen our Lenten journey of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. The Rice Bowl itself contains a brochure with daily scripture quotes, witness stories, and even food-recipes, enabling us to eat, pray, and be in solidarity with those who are hungry and in need of our compassion and generosity.

STEVE ANGRISANO IN CONCERT

Steve is a world renowned musician, composer and youth minister who has been featured at 7 World Youth Days, served as Emcee for several National Catholic Youth Conferences, Emcee'd the last 6 Pro-Life March Youth Rallies, and has been featured at numerous World Youth Days and diocesan youth conventions/conferences. Join us for an unforgettable evening of his music on Saturday, March 5 at 6 pm. The concert is free and open to the public.

DIOCESAN FAITH FORMATION CONVOCATION

Saturday, March 19, 2016: Safeguarding the Dignity of Every Human Person. For more information or to register go to: www.discovercatholicfaith.org/convocation/. If you would like to car pool with our Rel Ed catechists let us know by calling 792-8684. We will leave St Francis parking lot at 7:30am.

SEMI-FORMAL DINNER DANCE

Immaculate Conception parish, Westerly invites you to a semi-formal Dinner Dance featuring live music by the SOS Big Band, the legendary standards of Frank Sinatra, and the authentic, home-style Italian cuisine of Trattoria Longo Meatballs and Martinis, on Saturday, April 2nd, 6-10 p.m. at the Westerly Armory Building. This is a fundraiser hosted by Immaculate Conception Church to benefit those in need in our community through the services of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Deborah K. Fallacaro Westerly Pregnancy Center. You may purchase tickets by calling the parish office at 401-596-2130.

"And some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit ... thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold."

~ Mark 4:8

The Evangelization Committee invites all parishioners to take part in their Catholics Anonymous mission by spreading a few seeds of the Word during Lent. Please take one or more of the mini-flyers from the baskets at the doors and leave them for others to find wherever the Spirit might move you: tucked in a library book, on a store shelf or a bulletin board. Wherever! Who knows what fruits they might yield!

ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERVICES

Every Lent, area churches participate in Ecumenical Lenten Services on the Wednesdays of Lent followed by a light lunch in the parish hall of the church hosting the service each week. Please note that the services begin at 12Noon. We encourage all who are able to attend. Below is the remaining schedule for this Lent:

- ◆ **March 2nd** at Christ United Methodist Church, 2291 Kingstown Rd., Kingston with Rev. Miguel LaBoy, Pastor of Church of the Nazorene, Wakefield
- ◆ **March 9th** at Wakefield Baptist Church, 236 Main Street, Wakefield with Rev. Angela Sagasse, Senior Pastor at the Church of God, Peace Dale
- ◆ **March 16th** at Peace Dale First Church of God, 209 Allen Avenue, Peace Dale with Rev. Mary Hansen-Joyce, Pastor of Church of the Good Shepherd, Kingston

Cluny School Drama Club
presents

Seussical Jr.

Music by
Stephen Flaherty

Lyrics by
Lynn Ahrens

Book by
Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty

Co-conceived by
Lynn Ahrens, Stephen Flaherty and Eric Idle

Based on the works of
Dr. Seuss

Music Supervised, Adapted and Produced by
Bryan Lousselle

Thursday & Friday
March 10-11, 6pm

Suggested donation:
\$8 adults, \$5 children

