

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 7

4:30pm Mary McGuire

Sunday, February 8

8:00am James Posillo

Requested by family

10:00am Tara M. Higgins

Requested by family

12:00nn Domenic Capalbo, Sr.

Requested by family

Monday, February 9

7:00am Rev. Francis J. Tuite

2nd Pastor—99th Anniversary

Tuesday, February 10

7:00am Raymond Wright

Requested by a friend

Wednesday, February 11

7:00am Mass for the People

Thursday, February 12

7:00am Rev. John A. O'Rourke

8th Pastor—78th Anniversary

Friday, February 13

7:00am Edmond Brennan

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



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 8

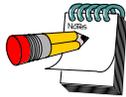
10:00am Richard Page

Requested by Maggie Cote

Sunday, February 15

10:00am Joseph Cabral

Requested by John and Jane Estes



For Your Information

PARISH SUPPORT

Parish support for February 1st was Budget—\$8,312.50; Monthly—\$2,771.50. Next weekend's second offering will be the ongoing maintenance fund offering. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

SANCTUARY LAMPS

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Eliza Giallongo. The sanctuary lamp at St. Romuald Chapel burns in memory of Mary McGuire.

2015 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL

"Faith and Good Works"

The start of the 2015 Catholic Charity Appeal is fast approaching. Many of our parishioners will be receiving a mailing from Bishop Tobin asking for your support of the 2015 Appeal. For your convenience, a pledge card has been enclosed within this mailing. **Please be assured that your parish will receive credit for the gift that you make through the mail.**

Your gift to the 2015 Appeal reaches out to countless people in need throughout our diocese. No matter where you turn, you find someone who will benefit from your kindness.

Please give generously to the 2015 Catholic Charity Appeal.

"BEING A BLESSING," a Spirituality for Everyday Living mini-retreat led by Peggy Patenaude of Taking Time Out will be held on Wednesday, February 11 at Sacred Hearts Retreat Center in Wareham, MA from 10:00am -12:30pm. There will be no 9:00am Mass that day. Cost is \$20. Pre-registration required. Contact Peggy at 508-548-9149 or timeoutretreats@comcast.net. For more information, visit www.timeoutretreats.com.

WOMEN'S RETREATS:

"New Beginnings," March 6-8 at Sacred Hearts Retreat Center, Wareham MA and "My One Wild & Precious Life," March 20-22, Immaculate Conception Spiritual Renewal Center, Putnam, CT. For more information contact Peggy Patenaude at 508-548-9149 or timeoutretreats@comcast.net.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2015 W/POPE FRANCIS

Join the Diocese of Providence as we celebrate this once in a lifetime event! Families from around the world will come together on September 21 - 27, 2015 in Philadelphia for prayer, speakers, celebrations, and activities for all ages. The conference theme will be, "Love Is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive." Travel options include a 7 day, 6 night pilgrimage or a 4 day, 3 night pilgrimage. Join our Holy Father Pope Francis in his first visit to the USA for the Festival of Families and a Papal Mass to conclude this event. For more information, please contact Keith and Lisa Kline at 401-349-0428 or at leeleejack@aol.com. **REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!**

FEBRUARY 8, 2015

From the Pastor

Just a few words of explanation on the financial report that was included in last week's bulletin: The \$34,000 difference in church expenditures between fiscal years (FY) '13 and '14 is due mostly to the addition of lighting in the parking lot, the renewal of the bathrooms, the repainting of Helen Bouchard Hall and the huge cost of snow removal last winter, as well as to the cost of the increased-giving campaign. The reduction in rectory spending from FY '13 to '14 is because in the former year the windows had to be replaced and the heating and hot-water systems updated.

One of the biggest differences between the two years under consideration is the rise in income from the Sunday collections and the on-line giving. Thanks to the increased-giving campaign the income went up over \$78,000. This allowed us to finish in the black by \$6,000.

Three additional notes: First and foremost, the bible teaches that 10% of our income must be given in charity as a thank-offering to God. Decide what percentage of that should go to your parish. Second, please consider switching to on-line giving. It's easier for you and for us. Go to stfranciswakefield.com and follow the instructions. Third, let me express my sincere appreciation to all who support the parish financially through regular giving. Some are making real sacrifices for the continuation of "The Mother Church of South County."

Fr. Bodah

FOOD OF THE MONTH

For February: pasta, tomato sauce, soup, beans.
Thank you for your continued generosity.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY:

Universal: That prisoners, especially the young, may be able to rebuild lives of dignity. **Evangelization:** That married people who are separated may find welcome and support in the Christian community.



ASH WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 18, 2015

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



Religious Education

Sunday, February 8th

8:50-9:50am GRADES 1 & 2 (FGC)
GRADE 7 (FGC)
10am Catechist Mtg (FGC) Gr. 1&2
10:50-11:50am GRADES 3-6 (FGC)
GRADE 8 (FGC)
12:00 Catechist Mtg (FGC) Gr. 3-6

Monday, February 9th

7-8:30PM Confirmation II (FGC)

Wednesday, February 11th

4-5pm GRADES 3-6 (FGC)
7-8:15 CLASSES GR. 7 & 8 (FGC)

Parents of 7th, 8th & 9th graders are invited to attend a meeting to discuss proposed changes to our Confirmation program. This meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, February 26th at 7pm in Helen Bouchard Hall. If you are unable to attend please contact the religious education at 792-8684.

No Classes Next Week-February Vacation. Religious Education office will be closed. Classes resume on Sunday, February 22nd.



This Week

Sunday, February 8

Rel. Ed. Class Schedule—see above
11am Choir Rehearsal (SR)
5:30pm Praise rehearsal (FGC)
7:00pm AA (HBH)

Monday, February 9

7:30-12:00nn Adoration (SF)
7-8:30pm Conf. II Class—(FGC)

Tuesday, February 10

4:00pm Social Outreach Mtg. (FGC)
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (loft)
7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

Wednesday, February 11

4-5pm Classes Gr. 3-6 (FGC)
7-8:15pm Grade 7/8 Class (FGC)

Thursday, February 12

8am-2pm Prout Grade 11 Retreat (FGC, SFC)
1:30pm Mass at South Bay Manor
7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (FGC-↓)

Saturday, February 14

10am-1pm Fra Angelico Institute - Sacred Art Workshop (HBH)
5:30-9pm Appreciation Dinner for all Parish Volunteers—Catered by Ginger from Belmonts—with DJ Frank Frisella

Catholic School Assistance

Parents,

Now is the time to turn in tuition assistance applications for the 2015-2016 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 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. 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 15-16. Thank you.

Fr. Bodah



We're now offering a secure and convenient way for you to contribute to St. Francis Parish!

Online donations may be made at any time from the privacy and comfort of your own home or any place with internet access. Online donations are credited to your tax statement for the end of the year (except when made anonymously), and each user can change his or her preferences or desired donation amounts at any time!

Visit our website for more information on how to get started:

www.stfranciswakefield.com



Hiring ... St. Francis Cemetery

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. 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 should contact Fr. Bodah at 783-4411.

