

## 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### Mass Intentions

#### **Saturday, January 15**

5:30pm Joseph DeLuca

*Requested by family*

#### **Sunday, January 16**

8:00am Tom & Margaret McCormick

*Requested by family*

10:00am Dorothy Caouett

*Requested by Diane Rudegear*

12:00pm Rosemary Warburton

*Requested by Ralph Warburton*

#### **Monday, January 17**

7:00am Robert Cote

*Requested by family*

#### **Tuesday, January 18**

7:00am Ed Kedzierski

*Requested by Ed & Kathleen Puchalla*

#### **Wednesday, January 19**

7:00am Sonny Goodwin

*Requested by daughter Kathy Cawley*

#### **Thursday, January 20**

7:00am Margaret Clark

*Req. by Irene Clark & Greg McLaughlin*

#### **Friday, January 21**

7:00am Leonard Drake

*Requested by Dan Theiss*

#### **Saturday, January 22**

5:30pm Branden DeLuca

*Requested by family*

#### **Sunday, January 23**

8:00am Brian Russell

*Requested by family*

10:00am Walter Noone

*Req. by Michael & Elizabeth D'Attilio*

12:00pm Edward Lombardi

*Requested by wife*



### St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

#### **Sunday, January 16**

10:00am John Carpinelli

*Requested by family*

#### **Sunday, January 23**

10:00am Mary Marchand

*Requested by Gerri & Al Marsocci*



## For Your Information

### PARISH SUPPORT

Parish Support for January 9th was Budget—\$6,045; Monthly—\$3,438.50. This weekend's second offering is the annual Catholic University of America offering. Next weekend's second offering—Ongoing Maintenance. Thank you for your continued generosity!

### SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Dr. Leonard Staudinger.

### ASKING AND GETTING

I asked God for strength that I might achieve;

I was made weak that I might learn humbly to obey.

I asked for help that I might do greater things;

I was given infirmity that I might do better things.

I asked for riches that I might be happy;

I was given poverty that I might be wise.

I asked for all things that I might enjoy life;

I was given life that I might enjoy all things.

I was given nothing that I asked for;

But everything that I had hoped for.

Despite myself, my prayers were answered;

I am among all people most richly blessed.

### DIRECTOR'S THOUGHTS

Hollywood Director, Cecil B. Demise was once interviewed about his famous movie "The Ten Commandments". He was asked the question, "What commandment do you think people break most today?" He replied, "The first one: 'I am the Lord, thy God. Thou shalt not have strange gods before me.' It's the one Israel broke first, and the one we still break most."

He hastened to clarify that we don't bow down to idols of metal or stone. Rather we bow down to idols of flesh, fame and money.

What is one idol in my life that am I tempted to bow down to?

### WATCH

Watch your thoughts, they become your words. Watch your words, they become your actions. Watch your actions, they become your character.

### ONLY IN AMERICA ...

- do drugstores make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get prescriptions, while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front.
- do banks leave doors open, and then chain pens to the counters.
- do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and put useless junk in the garage.

### IMPORTANT PRESENTATION ON LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

Attorney Scott Spear, board member of the RI Chapter of the National Organization for Marriage, will give a presentation on same-sex marriage and legislative issues on Sunday, January 16 at 4:00PM in Saint Clare's Parish Center (Westerly, RI). All are welcome and encouraged to attend what will be a challenging and enlightening presentation.

JANUARY 16, 2011

## Martin Luther King

On December 2nd 1955, in a church in Montgomery, Alabama, a 26-year-old Baptist Minister named Martin Luther King stood before a packed audience of protestors. The previous day, a black seamstress named Rosa Parks had been arrested for refusing to yield her seat on a bus to a white man. The incident had sparked a boycott by the city's black population and the young minister had been drafted to lead the protest committee.

He proved to be a gifted nonviolent strategist as well as a brilliant orator. "There comes a time" he said that night "when people get tired of being trampled on by the iron feet of oppression. If we are wrong, God Almighty is wrong. If we are wrong, justice is a lie."

In the following years Martin Luther King received several death threats and faced much hatred. He was jailed several times, but continued his commitment to nonviolence as an ongoing principle of life.

In 1963, at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., he delivered his famous 'I Have a Dream' speech. In it he summarized his most hopeful image of an America redeemed by the transforming power of love. "When we allow freedom to ring," he said "when we let it ring from every village and hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up the day when all of God's children, black and white, Jews and gentiles, Protestant and Catholic, will be able to join hands and sing in the old Negro Spiritual: 'Free at last. Free at last. Thank God Almighty, we are free at last.'"

His popularity was never higher than at that moment. He won the Nobel Prize for peace within a year, but didn't cling to the safety of honor. Rather, he plumbed deeper into the challenge of his vocation as a minister of God. In 1967, he spoke out against the Vietnam War; became increasingly critical of the structures of power; and was publicly called the most dangerous man in America by an FBI official.

The roots of his challenge and hope, however, lay not in political philosophy. They were based on his faith in the promise of God that all human beings are created equal, and in his conviction in America's promise of freedom and justice for those same human beings.

On April 3rd, 1968, he was in Memphis to lend support to the city's striking sanitation workers. He addressed a rally and ended with these words: "Longevity has its place, but I'm not concerned about that. I just want to do God's Will. He's allowed me to go to the mountain. And I've looked over. And I've seen the promised land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight that we, as a people, will get to the promised land. And I'm happy tonight. I'm not fearing any man. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord."

He was assassinated the next day!

America honors Martin Luther King with a federally designated civic holiday on the third Monday of January each year.



## Religious Education

**Grades K-6**—NO Class today—Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday.

**Wednesday Classes**—Grades 3-6 meet from 4-5pm in Father Greenan Center.

**Grades 7 & 8**—Classes meet on Wednesday from 7-8:15pm in Father Greenan Center.

**Confirmation I & II**—NO Classes Monday, January 10th.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word**—during the 10am Mass.



## This Week

### Sunday, January 16

10:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word

6-7:30pm Praise Rehearsal (FGC)

7:00pm AA (HBH)

### Monday, January 17

7-8:30pm NO Conf. I & II Class

### Tuesday, January 18

7:30am Finance Council Mtg (MCCR)

6:30-7:30pm RCIA (MCCR)

7:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (loft)

### Wednesday, January 19

4-5:00pm Class Gr. 3-6 (FGC)

7-8:15pm Class—Gr. 7 & 8 (FGC)



## NOVENA TO SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS

If you would like to prepare for the feast of Saint Thomas by making a novena (a nine-day period of prayer), please see Fr. Joe for a free pamphlet.

## Ordinary Time

We cannot speak of Ordinary Time without speaking of Sunday. Every seventh-day celebration of the Lord's Day is the basic structure upon which the Church year is built. The great liturgical seasons of Advent-Christmas and Lent-Easter are more expansive celebrations of particular aspects of the one paschal mystery which we celebrate every Lord's Day. These special seasons focus our attention upon critical dimensions of one mystery, a mystery so overwhelming that we are compelled to point out its various elements for particular attention.

These seasons, however, in no way minimize the critical importance of the Sunday celebration throughout the rest of the year. Ordinary Time is not very ordinary at all. Ordinary Time, the celebration of the Sunday, is the identifying mark of the Christian community, which comes together, remembering that on this first day of the week the Lord of Life was raised up, and creation came at last to completion.

Sunday, as a day of play and worship, is a sacrament of redeemed time. How we live Sunday proclaims to the world what we believe about redeemed time now and forever.

What happens in our churches every Sunday is the fruit of our week. What happens, as the fruit of our week past, is the beginning of the week to come. Sunday, like all sacraments, is simultaneously a point of arrival and departure for Christians on their way to the fullness of the kingdom. This is not ordinary at all. This is the fabric of Christian living.



### THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Is celebrated on February 2, and marks forty days since the celebration of Christmas. A special Mass will be celebrated on **Wednesday, February 2, at 7:00PM** in Saint Francis Church. The feast commemorates the presentation of Jesus in the temple by his parents, when he was hailed by Simeon as the "light of the nations." This

special liturgy will include the blessing of candles and a procession from Helen Bouchard Hall to the main church. Please join us for this special feast!

## THE FEAST OF SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS



Friday, January 28 is the Feast of Saint Thomas Aquinas. Join us in Saint Francis Church at 7:00PM for the Celebration of Mass, followed by a talk in Helen Bouchard Hall. Fr. Joe will give a brief presentation, **"Thomistic Themes - The Enduring Legacy of Saint Thomas,"** which will be followed by discussion and refreshments. All are welcome to join us in celebrating the life and

legacy of the "Common Doctor" of the Church, a saint whose fascinating life and thought have borne much fruit for the Gospel since the 13th century!

### WHO WAS SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS?

Saint Thomas was a member of the Order of Friars Preachers (the Dominicans) who lived in the 13th century. Originally from a wealthy family, his parents were dismayed at Thomas' decision to become a preaching beggar and went to great lengths to dissuade him from doing so. God's will was accomplished despite their efforts, and Saint Thomas became one of the greatest lights of the Western intellectual tradition. He wrote extensively and taught throughout his whole life. His masterwork, the *Summa Theologiae*, a handbook for beginners in theology, was left unfinished at the time of his death, although his students and collaborators took up the task of completing it with Thomas' own writings. One of Saint Thomas' contemporaries reported that one day while praying before an image of the crucified Christ, Thomas heard the voice of Jesus: "You have written well of me, Thomas. What would you have as your reward?" Thomas replied, **"Nothing but you, O Lord."** Saint Thomas' unified presentation of the whole of revealed truth has won him the title "Common Doctor" of the Church, and his theological approach has been recommended to the Church by countless popes, bishops and theologians. Most recently, the Second Vatican Council affirmed the absolute necessity of Saint Thomas in theological inquiry today. Saint Thomas Aquinas, pray for us!