

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 19

4:30pm Joseph DeLuca

Requested by family

Sunday, January 20

8:00am Donald V. McNulty

Req. by Dr. John and Agnes Walsh

10:00am Brian Russell

Requested by family

12:00NN George Dumas

Requested by Parish Family

Monday, January 21

7:00am Mass for the People

Tuesday, January 22

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

Requested by Family

Wednesday, January 23

7:00am Louis Calitri

Requested by Champion Family

Thursday, January 24

7:00am Grace Pesta

Req. by St. Francis Women's Club

Friday, January 25

7:00am Dr. Leonard Staudinger

Requested by Family

Saturday, January 26

4:30pm Branden DeLuca

Requested by Family

Sunday, January 27

8:00am Angelina Vieira

Requested by Tran Family

10:00am Patricia Cuccio

Requested by Fazio Family

12:00nn Mass for the People



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 20

10:00am Mary Marchand

Requested by Gerri & Al Marsocci

Sunday, January 27

10:00am Peter Fontana Jr.

Requested by Denny Family



For Your Information

MARTIN LUTHER KING JUNIOR DAY

Tomorrow, January 21, is Martin Luther King Junior Day. The parish offices will be **CLOSED**. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will **NOT** be held.

PLEASE NOTE

There will be **NO** First Saturday Mass on February 2, 2012 in St. Francis Church. Our parish clergy will be in attendance at parishioner John Dowd's diaconal ordination.

ST. FRANCIS READERS

If you were not able to attend last week's meeting, please contact Cynthia by phone at 789-3902 or by email at cyfaria@mail.uri.edu.

CALLING NEW READERS!

If you attend Mass at St. Francis and might be interested in reading but were not able to attend last week's meeting, please contact Cynthia Faria (information above).

TONIGHT: MARIAN VIGIL OF PRAYER FOR THE DEFENSE OF HUMAN LIFE

Tonight, January 20, SS. John and Paul Parish in Coventry will be hosting a Marian Evening/Day of Prayer to mark the fortieth anniversary of Roe v. Wade. Film at 4PM today, followed by a Mass at 6PM. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed after Mass and will remain exposed for adoration throughout the night. The pilgrim image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be available for veneration. Confessions will also be available throughout the night. Adoration will conclude with Benediction at 8:30AM on Monday, January 21, and will be followed by Mass at 9:00AM.

PARISH SUPPORT— January 13, 2013

Weekly Support

January 13

Budget envelopes (353 used) -	\$5,770.00
Loose Donations -	\$ 1,209.00
Online Giving (information unavailable)	
Total Budget -	\$6,979.00

Ongoing Maintenance

Envelopes (230 used) -	\$2,042.00
Other donations -	\$ 545.00
Total Monthly Offering -	\$2,587.00

This weekend's second offering is for the Catholic University of America. Next weekend's second offering is for the Church in Latin America.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

From the Pastor...

A few weeks ago I made a request in my column for volunteers to assist with bringing Holy Communion to the hospital and to Brightview Manor. I am grateful that a couple of people did come forward, but in the meantime, due to illness and other reasons, we lost a couple of our regular extraordinary ministers for Brightview, so I am renewing my appeal for assistance. If anyone who is presently an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion would be willing to go to Brightview Manor after 10 AM Mass one Sunday a month to lead a Communion Service, please let me know. We will provide the training. There are a number of residents at Brightview who really appreciate this service and I would hate to have to cut back on it, so please consider if you could help.

Next weekend, at the 10 AM Mass, we will have a special children's celebration geared particularly to our First Communion Students. Our theme will be "listening". While we help the children to understand the importance of listening carefully to the Word of God at Mass, it is a good reminder to all of us that we should always be attentive to the Word and Sacrament that we celebrate each week in the Eucharist. I always look forward to seeing our First Communion candidates together – they are so enthusiastic and excited about what they are doing. As we celebrate this special liturgy, let us ask the Lord to give us all that spirit of enthusiasm and excitement about our faith and our worship together.

Also next weekend, Father Joe Upton will be in Washington, D.C. with a group of students from The Prout School to participate in the March for Life. Again, on the anniversary of the court decision legalizing abortion, people from all over our country will gather to pray and to make a visible statement in support of life. Let us not forget to join our prayers with theirs seeking an end to abortion and an affirmation of the true dignity of every human life from conception to natural death.

Msgr. Theroux



Religious Ed. Notes

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES Sunday, January 20th

NO CLASSES—Martin Luther King Holiday

Monday, January 21st

NO CLASSES—Martin Luther King Holiday

Wednesday, January 23rd

4-5pm GRADES 3-6 (FGC)

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

Sunday, January 27th

10:00am "Listening Mass"

We will have a special children's liturgy, *Listening to God's Word*, on Sunday January 27th at 10:00am. Our children preparing for First Holy Communion will be attending with their classes and a reception for all families will be held downstairs in Helen Bouchard Hall following the Mass.



This Week

Sunday, January 20

5:30-7:00pm PRAISE Rehearsal (FGC)

Tuesday, January 22

7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (loft)

Wednesday, January 23

4-5pm GRADES 3-6 (FGC)

7-8:15pm CLASSES GRADES 7 & 8

Roe v. Wade: Forty Years Later

The fortieth anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* lands squarely within the *Year of Faith*. It is as if the Holy Father has given the Church in the United States a focused time to acknowledge the great scourge of abortion with all its manifold consequences, and to embrace a time of penance and conversion. Above all, in this *Year of Faith*, may the Church and all its members become living witnesses to God's longing to forgive and to pour out his healing mercy upon all those who have promoted or been wounded by the culture of death. For more information, visit usccb.org.



During this Year of Faith, please take advantage of an opportunity to deepen your understanding of our Catholic faith.

You are invited to a special presentation:

“The Worship of God, Our Sanctification”

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

The Memorial of St. Thomas Aquinas

Monday, January 28, 6:30PM

Helen Bouchard Hall

Presenter: Fr. Upton

Refreshments will be served

Please call the rectory (783-4411) to register.

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!

You Are Invited

With gratitude to almighty God the parish family of St. Francis and St. Romuald invites you to rejoice in and celebrate the ordination of our parishioner

John William Dowd

to the **Order of Deacons**
through the Imposition of Hands and the
Invocation of the Holy Spirit
by His Excellency
the **Most Reverend Thomas J. Tobin, D.D.**,
Bishop of Providence

on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
Saturday, February 2, 2013
at 10:00AM
in the Cathedral of Saints Peter & Paul

Please join his wife and family
in giving thanks to God
for the gift of Holy Orders
at a special Mass on
Sunday, February 3, 2013
at 10:00AM
in Saint Francis Church
as Deacon John Dowd preaches his first homily

A reception will follow in Helen Bouchard Hall
All are most welcome!

For several years, parishioner **John Dowd** has been preparing through study and prayer to be ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons. John and his wife Cathy have been a blessing to our parish community in so many ways and we rejoice in the opportunity to have been a part of his formation. Over the last several weeks, you have seen John assisting at the altar as an acolyte, and in a few short weeks, he will finally be ordained! Please consider attending the Ordination Mass at the Cathedral. If you are interested in the possibility of carpooling, please call the rectory. Additionally, please join us as we gather to hear Deacon John Dowd's first homily as a deacon and to celebrate with his wife and family after the Mass. Knowing well the devotion and dedication of our own Deacon Iacono and his wife Jackie, we are sure that the new deacon's ministry will be a blessing of service to the Church of Providence, wherever he is assigned!