

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, January 25

4:30pm Fred Robinson

*Requested by family*

#### Sunday, January 26

8:00am Mass for the People

10:00am Jeanne Anne Sweet

*Requested by family*

12:00NN Edward Murtaugh

*Requested by McElkenny family*

#### Monday, January 27

7:00am Fred Robinson

*Requested by Dan Shea*

#### Tuesday, January 28

7:00am Dr. Leonard Staudinger

*Requested by family*

#### Wednesday, January 29

7:00am Domenic & Matilda Coppolino

*Requested by family*

#### Thursday, January 30

7:00am Timothy E. McNulty

*Requested by family*

#### Friday, January 31

7:00am Fr. Charles J. Burns, 3rd Pastor  
of St. Francis of Assisi Parish

*113 Anniversary*

#### Saturday, February 1

8:00am First Saturday Mass

4:30pm Brandon DeLuca

*Requested by family*

#### Sunday, February 2

8:00am Mass for the People

10:00am Susan Plante

*Requested by Rudegear family*

12:00NN Paul Winter

*Requested by family*



### St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

#### Sunday, January 26

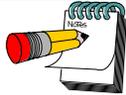
10:00am Jay O'Connor

*Requested by Patti O'Connor*

#### Sunday, February 2

10:00am Robert Tiernan Jr.

*Requested by family*



### For Your Information

#### SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Rosie Walsh.

**ST. FRANCIS BIBLE STUDY** Tuesdays from 7-8:30 pm in FGC with the **Gospel of John** commentary by Ignatius Press. If questions, please contact Mary Vitiello at [maryalri@yahoo.com](mailto:maryalri@yahoo.com).

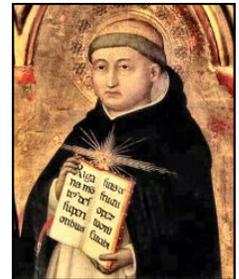
#### MONSIGNOR CLARKE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

You are invited to Msgr. Clarke School's Open House on **TODAY**, January 26<sup>th</sup> from 11am – 1pm. Teachers from Pre-K (must be at least 3 years old as of Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>) through Grade 8 will be available to answer questions. Students will be your tour guides. Please stop by and see what Monsignor Clarke School has to offer.

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  
Tuesday, January 28, 6:30PM  
Helen Bouchard Hall

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

Be sure to visit us at:

<http://stfranciswakefield.com> or  
<http://facebook.com/stfranciswakefield>

#### PARISH SUPPORT— January 19, 2014

*Collection totals were not available before this week's  
printing deadline.*

This weekend's second offering is for the Church in Latin America. Next weekend's second collection is the Monthly Offering.

**As always, thank you for your continued generosity.**

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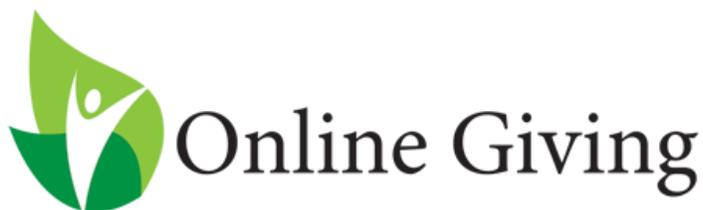
## *From the Pastor...*

If you have been by the parish at night lately you have probably noticed that our new **parking lot lights** have finally been installed. After a number of delays and set-backs over the past two years, I am happy to say that our parking lot is much brighter and safer for all who participate in our many evening activities and, during this dark winter season, before morning Mass. I have already heard a number of very favorable comments about the lights. I am very grateful to **Keith Lescarbeau** who was a great help in coordinating and completing this project.

A few weeks ago I also told you about the **statue of St. Francis** that is to be installed in the area by the side door to the church. Unfortunately the onset of winter weather has delayed that project. St. Francis is waiting patiently in his crate until his concrete base can be installed. Hopefully we will have an early spring and he will be released from captivity in the church basement!

This past week we mailed out the 2013 donation statements to all parishioners who donated at least \$50.00 to the parish through online giving or the recorded budget envelopes over the past calendar year. If anyone who contributed at least \$50.00 through these recorded means of contribution did not receive a statement, please call the office so that we can check our records. While anonymous, loose contributions to the parish collections are always appreciated, we remind you that we cannot verify such donations for tax purposes.

*Msgr. Theroux*



***We now offer 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](http://www.stfranciswakefield.com)**



## Religious Education

### **Sunday, January 26th**

Classes as regularly scheduled

(Please note that Grade 8 will meet on the second floor of FGC today.)

9:15 Parent Meeting (HBH)

### **Monday, January 27th**

7pm - Confirmation I (FGC)

### **Wednesday, January 29th**

4-5pm Grades 3-6 (FGC)

7 - 8:15pm Grades 7 & 8 Classes



## This Week

### **Sunday, January 26**

Religious Ed.

NO PRAISE! rehearsal tonight

7:00pm AA (HBH)

### **Monday, January 27**

7:00pm Confirmation I (FGC)

### **Tuesday, January 28**

6:30pm Aquinas Lecture (HBH)

7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (loft)

### **Wednesday, January 29**

4-5pm GRADES 3-6 (FGC)

7-8:15pm CLASSES GRADES 7 & 8

### **Saturday, February 1**

8:00am First Saturday Mass (SFC)



### **FIRST SATURDAY MASS:**

All are welcome to join us on Saturday, February 1, for the Celebration of Mass in honor of Our Blessed Lady at 8:00AM in Saint Francis Church. All are welcome!

"Liturgical worship is given a more noble form when it is celebrated in song...One cannot find anything more religious and more joyful in sacred celebrations than a whole congregation expressing its faith and devotion in song."

-The Second Vatican Council, *Musica Sacram*



## THE MINISTRY OF CANTOR AT SAINT FRANCIS CHURCH

We are truly blessed at St. Francis and St. Romuald by the generosity of men and women from our parish who devote themselves, under the able leadership of Mimi Battey and Karen Graham respectively, to service in music ministry as members of choirs or ensembles, as well as instrumentalists. The ministry of cantor, too, stands out as an important role in the service of the liturgy.

"Cantors come to us from Judaism, where the hazzan sings the traditional intricate Hebraic cantillations and leads the congregation in song...Exactly where and when the office of hazzan (cantor) originated, history does not tell us. However, it is a position of long standing and of great importance."

-Lucy Carroll, D.M.A.

We are presently in need of cantors at St. Francis Church. In order to maintain a balance of voices in our parish choir, we are looking for *additional* men and women with singing/musical experience to privately audition for the ministry of cantor. Here are some common hesitations:

### **I can't commit to joining the choir.**

Cantors fulfill a separate ministry from the choir. They commit to singing at weekend liturgies on a rotating basis.

### **I'm afraid of singing alone in front of a group of people.**

Technically, you won't be in *front* of a group of people! You'll be singing from the choir loft, which does provide a measure of relief from stage fright!

### **I am not a "professional" musician.**

People with professional training are certainly welcome and encouraged to audition, but all that is really needed is a good, strong voice and a willingness to learn!

### **What if I don't know "church music" well enough?**

Don't worry! The music is provided in advance and a practice CD is prepared from week to week.

We ask that you *please prayerfully consider* auditioning for this special ministry in the life of our parish. **Call Mimi Battey at 792-8301 or Fr. Joe at 783-4411 for more information.**

## RESERVE YOUR SPOT!

## 2014 CONFERENCE THEME



Registration is now open to all  
High School Teens (grades 8-12)

## STEUBENVILLE EAST YOUTH CONFERENCE

## JULY 18-20, 2014

UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND  
KINGSTON, RI  
(NOTE CHANGE OF LOCATION)

CONTACT:

JACQUI BERTRAND 782-3505

*God indeed is my salvation.  
I am confident and unafraid.  
For the LORD is my  
strength and my might, and  
he has been my salvation.*

*~Isaiah 12:2*