

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions

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

Monday, January 28

7:00am Justin Briggs

Requested by Women's Club

Tuesday, January 29

7:00am Marilyn H. Dillon

Requested by Nee Family

Wednesday, January 30

7:00am Evelyn Yates

Requested by Roger & Mary Grace Hood

Thursday, January 31

7:00am 112th Ann. Rev. Charles J. Burns

3rd Pastor of St. Francis

Friday, February 1

7:00am John Smith

Requested by Burian Family

Saturday, February 2

NO 8:00AM Mass

10:00am Ordination of John Dowd

Cathedral of SS. Peter & Paul, Providence

4:30pm Frank Signorelli

Requested by Ida Signorelli

Sunday, February 3

8:00am Nicholas Duckworth

Requested by McConnell Family

10:00am Fern Ottomano

Requested by Jim & Susan Meehan

12:00nn Paul Winter

Requested by Family



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 27

10:00am Peter Fontana Jr.

Requested by Denneny Family

Sunday, February 3

10:00am Rita & John Kerwick

Requested by Children



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

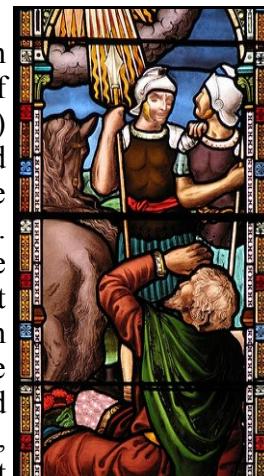
The sanctuary lamp in St. Francis Church burns this week in memory of John & Angelina Vieira.

MOUNT 2000 RETREAT MEETING

A brief meeting for parents and teens attending the Mount 2000 retreat will be held **today, Sunday, January 27** immediately following the noon Mass in the religious education office to go over the final details for our trip.

THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL

This past Friday, January 25, the Church celebrated the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul. Saint Paul (formerly "Saul") was a tent-maker by profession, and studied the Jewish faith with one of the most learned rabbis of his time, Gamaliel. He was incredibly well-versed in the Hebrew scriptures, and initially took great offense at the newborn Christian movement. Everything changed when he encountered the Risen Christ on the road to Damascus. "Saul, Saul," Jesus asked, "why are you persecuting me?" Notice that Saul had never met Christ during his earthly life. He only knew his disciples, and yet Christ asks, "Why are you persecuting me?" Christ identified himself with those followers of his who were being persecuted by Saul! This great feast teaches us that Christ and his Church are ONE! There is no Church without Christ and there is no Christ without the Church! This is a truth that Saint Paul's own conversion teaches us; it is a truth that Saint Paul would eventually give his own life to defend. Saint Paul, the Great Apostle to the Gentiles, pray for us!



PARISH SUPPORT— January 20, 2013

Weekly Support

Budget envelopes (352 used) - \$5,913.00

Loose Donations - \$ 847.00

Online Giving (information unavailable)

Total Budget - \$6,760.00

Catholic University of America

Envelopes (165 used) - \$ 1,305.00

Other donations - \$ 440.00

Total Offering - \$ 1,745.00

This weekend's second offering is for the Church in Latin America. As always, thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

JANUARY 27, 2013

From the Pastor...

As you have no doubt already seen in our parish bulletin over the last couple of weeks, next Saturday, February 2, **John Dowd** of our parish will be ordained to the **Order of Deacon**, along with twenty other men from around the Diocese of Providence. The ceremony will take place at 10 AM in the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul in Providence. **On Sunday, February 3, at the 10 AM Mass here in St. Francis Church, Deacon John Dowd will assist at the altar and will preach his first homily.** This will be a great day for John, his wife Cathy, his family and our parish community. I hope that many parishioners will be present for this special celebration and join us afterwards for a reception with John and his family in Helen Bouchard Hall.

For a number of years, our parish has been blessed by the dedicated ministry of Deacon Paul Iacono. We are also blessed to have a young man, Stephen Battey, in the diocesan seminary studying for the priesthood. Additionally, Sister Pia Meehan of our parish lives religious life in the Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth, and we also recall a number of women from St. Francis Parish over the years who entered the Sisters of the Cross and Passion. We are also the home of the Sisters of Divine Providence, who are very much a part of our spiritual community. Now we are graced with the ordination of John Dowd. I am happy and proud that our parish has provided the spiritually nurturing environment for these vocations. As we offer our best wishes to John and offer our prayers for his future ministry, I ask you to continue to pray that more men and women of our parish will consider and respond to the call to ministry and religious life.

Msgr. Theroux

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS will be held on Friday, February 1 at 6:30PM in St. Francis Church. Confessions will be heard from 6:30pm to 7:15pm. Simply use the door to the Reconciliation Room right by the elevator, so as to avoid walking through the sanctuary. We hope that this additional time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be convenient for those who are unable to go on Saturdays. If you have never participated in devotions before, consider joining us for this special time of prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Eucharistic Adoration, silent prayer and hymns constitute the devotions, which conclude with Benediction. We hope you can join us!

NOTE: There will be NO First Saturday Mass on February 2, as our parish clergy will be in attendance at the ordination of parishioner John Dowd.



Religious Ed. Notes

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CLASSES

Sunday, January 27th

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

GRADE 7 (FGC)

9:50-10:50am GRADE K (HBH)

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

GRADE 8 (HBH)

*Please note Gr. 6 will meet in Fr. Greenan this week and next.

*Kdg class is cancelled for next week, Feb. 3rd

Monday, January 28th

7-8:30PM Confirmation I (FGC)

Wednesday, January 30th

4-5pm GRADES 3-6 (FGC)

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



This Week

Sunday, January 27

1:00pm Meeting for Parents/
Participants in the Mount 2000 Trip
(Religious Education Office)

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

Monday, January 28

6:30pm St. Thomas Aquinas Lecture:
*"The Worship of God, Our
Sanctification: The Theology of the
Sacraments in the Thought of St.
Thomas Aquinas"* (HBH)

Tuesday, January 29

7:45am Finance Council Mtg. (MCCR)

6:30pm RCIA (HBH)

7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (loft)

Wednesday, January 30

4-5pm GRADES 3-6 (FGC)

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

Thursday, January 31

7:00pm 20 Week Club Meeting

Sunday, February 3

12:00nn Confirmation II Mass of Petition



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
Tomorrow, 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!