

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, March 3

4:30pm Mary-Frances Esty

*Requested by Jean McGair*

#### Sunday, March 4

8:00am Marion Maggio

*Requested by family*

10:00am John Astley

*Requested by family*

12:00NN Felicia Boragine

*Requested by Lisa*

#### Monday, March 5

7:00am Florida D'Arco

*Requested by Virginia Miro*

#### Tuesday, March 6

7:00am William Krul

*Requested by family*

#### Wednesday, March 7

7:00am Mass for the People

#### Thursday, March 8

7:00am Mary Pariseault

*Requested by The Johnsons*

#### Friday, March 9

7:00am Elizabeth Gunning

*Requested by James and  
Christine Byrne & family*

#### Saturday, March 10

4:30pm Clara Latowski

*Requested by family*

#### Sunday, March 11

8:00am Gloria Carney

*Requested by Jeff & Kathie Carney*

10:00am Sarah McClarnon

*Requested by grandparents*

12:00NN Albert and Joan Montani

*Requested by Gerard Montani*



### St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

#### Sunday, March 4

10:00am Linda Guernon

*Requested by family*

#### Sunday, March 11

10am David Monaghan and

William & Madeline O'Gara

*Requested by family*



## For Your Information

**PARISH SUPPORT** for February 26th was: Budget-\$8,186. This weekend's second offering is the Monthly offering for March. Thank you for your continued generosity.

### SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Anna Leone.

### SPECIAL PRAYER INTENTION

Please keep Father Nick and Father Tim in prayer as they journey to Assisi and Rome this Wednesday, March 7th through Sunday, March 18th. They'll be in Assisi for the first five days and then they'll head to Rome to finish up their pilgrimage. Father Nick is so excited to be going to Rome/Assisi for the first time and he thanks the parish for sending him with their love. Keep them in prayer and I'm sure we'll be hearing from Father Nick when he returns.

### FOOD OF THE MONTH

The food and commodities needs for the month of March continue to be: juices, cereal, canned meats, soup, peanut butter and jelly, rice and personal toiletries. Thank you for your ongoing generosity.

### CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Please remember to confirm your appointment for your interview with our priests by March 14th.

### DIVINE MERCY CENACLE

Have you been wondering about Divine Mercy? What's it all about? Read page 3 of the bulletin to learn more about Divine Mercy and consider stopping by one of the parish's Divine Mercy Cenacles on Monday at 11:00am in the church and on every 2nd & 4th Thursday at St. Romuald Chapel from 7-8:30pm.

### GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY

Sunday, March 11 is Girl Scout Sunday! We will offer a special blessing to all parish Girl Scouts during the 10:00am Mass. All Girl Scout members, girls and adults, are asked to attend this Mass in uniform to receive a special blessing. This year is the 100th anniversary of Girl Scouts of the USA. Girl Scouts promise to serve God and their country, and they do so in numerous ways in our community. Please contact Tina Craig for more information at 788-0654.

**SOCIAL OUTREACH COMMITTEE** will meet on Tuesday, March 6th, at 7:00pm in Father Greenan Center. All are welcome.

### LENTEN MEN'S SERIES

Calling all men of the parish! Please join us this **Thursday, March 8 at 7:00PM** in Fr. Greenan Center for our continuing Lenten men's series. The presentation this coming week will explore our unique **earthly father relationship** and how it influences who we are as men. All men are welcome. Refreshments will be served. Bring a friend. Call Ed Mis (401-447-8134) or Mark Castro (860-961-5870) for more information.



2012 CATHOLIC  
CHARITY APPEAL

2012 PARISH GOAL

**\$103,000**

Donations received as of this week:

**\$41,813**

From 203 donors— 41% of goal

MARCH 4, 2012

## FROM THE PASTOR...

I hope that everyone has gotten off to a good start for the **Season of Lent**. Last week we completed a successful Parish Mission. I am grateful to Father David Gaffney for his inspiring and insightful preaching. In this parish bulletin you will find information about other opportunities for spiritual enrichment that are being offered in the days ahead. Now is the time to **"turn our hearts"** back to the Lord through prayer and good works.

Last Fall, when I announced that we were changing to *Our Sunday Visitor* as the provider for our weekly donation envelopes, I mentioned that we would soon be offering **electronic giving** as well. In the near future you will be receiving information about this new option. However, since several people have recently asked me about it, I wanted to let you know that it is already available through our parish website. If you would like to explore this possibility, you may simply log on to our website, [www.stfranciswakefield.com](http://www.stfranciswakefield.com) and click on the **"Online Giving"** logo at the lower left side of the home page. You will be brought to a website that provides basic information and answers frequently asked questions about this safe and convenient way to make your weekly offerings. If you wish, you may also open an account and begin using it immediately. As I indicated above, more information will be sent in April to all who presently receive donation envelopes for our parish.

Thanks again to all who have made their contribution to the **Catholic Charity Appeal**. We will be publishing our progress toward the parish goal each week in the parish bulletin. The yellow donation envelopes will continue to be available at the entrances of the church for the next several weeks. Every donation is important!

Msgr. Theroux

## Congratulations!

We would like to recognize four boy scouts in our parish family who have earned a Catholic emblem of faith. The *Parvuli Dei* emblem was presented to our third grade parishioner **William Marshall** at Christ the King on Saturday, February 11th. The purpose of the *Parvuli Dei* (Children of God) emblem is to help young boys explore a wide range of activities in order to discover the presence of God in their daily lives. On March 11<sup>th</sup>, **James DelPrete, Annan Gass** and **Jack Rossi** will receive the *Ad Altare Dei* award at the Cathedral. The purpose of the *Ad Altare Dei* (To the Altar of God) program is to help Catholic Boy Scouts develop a fully Christian way of life in the faith community. The program is organized in chapters based on the seven Sacraments. **Congratulations William, James, Annan and Jack!**

Be sure to check out the many opportunities for prayer, community and learning that will be offered during Lent. Visit either of the following sites for more information:

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



## Religious Ed. Notes

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES Sunday, March 4

8:50-9:50am Grades 1 & 2  
9:50-10:50am KINDERGARTEN  
10:50-11:50am GRADES 3-6

### Monday, March 5

7-8:30pm Confirmation I and II Classes

### Wednesday, March 7

4-5:00pm GRADES 3-6 (FGC)  
7-8:15pm GRADES 7 & 8 (FGC)



## This Week

### Sunday, March 4

9:10am Sanctuary Tour for First Communion students & parents  
10:00am RCIA—First Scrutiny Mass  
2-5pm Middle School Youth Group (FGC)  
Finding Nemo DVD

5:30-7pm Praise Rehearsal -(FGC)  
7:00pm AA (HBH)

### Monday, March 5

7-8:30pm Conf. I & II Class (FGC)

### Tuesday, March 6

6:30-8pm RCIA (HBH)  
7:00pm Social Outreach Committee (library)  
7:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (loft)

### Wednesday, March 7

7:30am Morning Prayer (church)  
12:00N Ecumenical Lenten Luncheon at Peace Dale Congregational Church w/Rev. Juliet Bongfeldt  
4-5pm Gr 3-6 Rel Ed Classes (FGC)  
5-6:15pm Children's Choir Rehearsal (loft)  
7-8:15pm Gr 7 & 8 (FGC)

### Thursday, March 8

7:00pm Couples in Recovery (HBH)  
7:00pm Men's Lenten Series (FGC)  
7:00pm Divine Mercy Cenacle with Adoration at St. Romuald Chapel

### Friday, March 9

7pm Stations of the Cross w/Benediction

### Saturday, March 10

3:30pm Confessions (church)

### FESTIVAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, March 12th  
7:00 PM in Helen Bouchard Hall



## Divine Mercy ... What is it?

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us — all of us. And, he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy,

and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:

**A** - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

**B** - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

**C** - Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

This message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread.

The message and devotional practices proposed in the *Diary of Saint Faustina* and set forth in other publications of the Marians of the Immaculate Conception are completely in accordance with the teachings of Church and are firmly rooted in the Gospel message of our Merciful Savior. Properly understood and implemented, they will help us grow as genuine followers of Christ.

Spend time to learn more about the mercy of God, learn to trust in Jesus, and live your life as merciful to others, as Christ is merciful to you.

### LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

The Social Outreach Committee is sponsoring their annual Lenten Food Drive to benefit the Jonnycake Center of Peacedale on the weekend of March 17/18. Please look for the bulletin insert with donation suggestions and save as a reminder. Place donated items by the statue of St. Francis in the church and inside front entrance to St. Romuald Chapel. Thank you for your ongoing generous support.



### TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICE: WHAT IS IT?

The Taizé Community in France has become well-known throughout the world for their meditative, reflective prayer services which incorporate elements of light, music, scripture and prayer. Join us on **Tuesday, March 13 at 7PM** as St. Francis Church is transformed by candlelight and sacred song. Our parish choir will lead this unique prayer experience. Please join us and bring a friend!

### PARENTING FOR THE MODERN FAMILY

Our new parenting discussion group is off to a great start! Please join us for the first official meeting of the group on **Thursday, March 15 at 7PM** in Fr. Greenan Center. You need not have attended the informational session to be a part of the group. Call Joe and Sharon Clossick at 401-782-2504 for more information.

### LENTEN CROSS

Many thanks to **Rick Bicknell** for fashioning the Lenten Cross in St. Francis Church. The striking bronze corpus is from an old processional cross from Our Lady of Peace in Narragansett and now, thanks to Rick, has a noble cross to accompany it. Thanks are also due to **Deacon Iacono** for contributing the final touches.

### SAVE THE DATE!

Our Lenten Twilight Retreat, "**Turn Our Hearts,**" will be held on **Thursday, March 29 at 6:30PM** in Fr. Greenan Center. A team of parishioners will present talks and facilitate table discussions. We listened to your recommendations from last summer and have trimmed down the content to allow for more discussion and reflection time. We hope you will join us! Mark your calendars now!

### LENTEN DEVOTIONS

We continue to pray the Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7PM in St. Francis Church. The evening concludes with Eucharistic Benediction. Please join us!

### A LENTEN THOUGHT

Let us receive the announcement of Lent  
with joy!

For if our forefather Adam had kept the fast,  
We would not have been deprived of paradise.

O Lord, who took flesh from the Virgin  
in the fullness of time,

Call me back and restore me to Eden!

-Byzantine vespers