

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 9

4:30pm Mass for the People

Sunday, March 10

8:00am Gloria Carney

Requested by Kathleen and Jeff

10:00am Raymond & Anna Kells

Requested by sons Robert & Richard

12NN Mass for the People

Monday, March 11

7:00am Victor and Catherine Signorelli

Requested by Cathy Hawkins

Tuesday, March 12

7:00am Marion Maggio

Requested by family

Wednesday, March 13

7:00am Susan Marchand

Requested by family

Thursday, March 14

7:00am Mary Pendergast

Requested by Kathleen & Jeff Carney

Friday, March 15

7:00am John MacLane

Requested by Kathleen & Jeff Carney

Saturday, March 16

4:30pm Anthony Ramieri

Requested by St. Francis Women's Club

Sunday, March 17

8:00am Flynn & Carney Families

Requested by James & Kathleen Carney

10:00am Rita Travis

Requested by family

12:00nn Nat Turco

Requested by family



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 10

10:00am Steven Schmidt

Requested by John and Regina Blair

Sunday, March 17

10:00am Vincent Joyce, Sr.

Requested by family



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Marion Maggio. The sanctuary lamp at St. Romuald Chapel burns in memory of Gloria and Al Jobin.

FOOD & COMMODITY NEEDS FOR MARCH

Pasta & Sauce, bath tissue. Giving to the needy is a good Lenten deed. Thank you for your ongoing generosity.

MSGR CLARKE REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL has openings in most grades for the 2013-14 academic year. For more information about the school, go to their website, www.monsignorclarkeschool.org or to arrange a visit or discuss registration, call 789-0860.

BEAT THE CHILL, CLIMB THE HILL 5K

Saturday, March 23, 2013, 11:00am

Place: Monsignor Clarke School,
Wakefield, RI

Entry Fee: \$20 adults, \$15 (under 18)
before March 10



Register online at: www.active.com or mail in registration forms located at all church and chapel entrances. Race Day Registration: 9:30-10:45 in the school gym; \$25 for adults and \$20 (under 18). T-Shirts: T-shirts to first 200 registrants. Awards: Top male/female over all.....Top male/female in the following age categories: 13 and under, 14-18, 19-39, 40-59, 60-69, 70+. Top male/ female MCS student elementary and middle school. No duplicate awards.

AREA PENANCE SERVICES

St. Mary, Star of the Sea Penance service will be Thursday, March 14 at 7 PM and Christ the King will be Wednesday, March 27 at 7 PM.

PARISH SUPPORT— March 3

Weekly Support

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| Budget envelopes (355 used) | - | \$6,059.00 |
| Loose Donations | - | \$ 895.00 |
| Online Giving (24 donors) | - | \$ 490.00 |
| Total Budget | - | \$7,444.00 |

Monthly

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| Envelopes (227 used) | - | \$2,986.00 |
| Other donations | - | \$ 305.00 |
| Total Monthly | - | \$3,291.00 |

Next weekend's second offering will be the Ongoing Maintenance Fund Offering for March. As always, **thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.**

MARCH 10, 2013

From the Pastor...

This weekend we had the privilege of welcoming **Bishop Thomas J. Tobin** to St. Francis Parish to celebrate the **Sacrament of Confirmation** for forty-four of our young people. We offer our congratulations to them and pray that they will be open to the guidance and strength of the Holy Spirit as they continue their lives of faith. A special word of thanks to **Diane Castro**, our Confirmation Program Coordinator, as well as all the teachers who worked with these students during their time of preparation for this sacrament. Teaching the faith to the next generation is a very challenging but important ministry of the Church and we pray that the seeds that have been planted will continue to grow and bear much fruit in the lives of these young Catholic Christians.

I would also like to point out that next Sunday, March 17, at the Noon Mass, two adults of our parish will also receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. **Jacqueline Pagel** will be formally received into the Church and will be Confirmed along with **Kelly Burnham**. Both Jacqueline and Kelly have been preparing under the direction of **Deacon Paul Iacono** since last Fall. Please join me in praying for them as they complete their formal initiation into the Catholic Church.

On a different note, **one of the pillars of Lenten observance is giving alms**. One of the great opportunities that we have to do this each year is the diocesan **Catholic Charity Appeal**. Due to the inclement weather on a couple consecutive weekends, we got off to a slow start, however I am very grateful to those who have already submitted their donation or pledge. Every donation, large or small, is important to the success of the Appeal. Our parish goal this year is \$103,000 – and we could easily exceed that goal if we had 100% participation from our parish community. **If you have not already done so, please prayerfully consider a gift that will assist many people throughout the State of Rhode Island.**

Another good way to assist those in need during the Lenten season is by **donating non-perishable food to be distributed in the local community**. We have baskets at the entrance of the church. **All the food we collect is brought to the Jonnycake Center of Peace Dale** to assist our neighbors in need.

Finally, a word of thanks for the cards, the good wishes and, especially, your prayers after my recent surgery and time of recovery. I am feeling fine and I am happy to be back with you as we continue the Lenten season and prepare for Holy Week and Easter.

Msgr. Theroux



Religious Ed. Notes

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Sunday, March 10

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)

Wednesday, March 13

4:00-5:00 Classes Grades 3-6

Begin in church for Reconciliation

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

First Communion Banners due today!



This Week

Sunday, March 10

(See Religious Ed. Class schedule above)

9:15am First Eucharist Parent Mtg. (HBH)

11am Step Up Close to Jesus Stations during
Class time (FGC) All are invited.

5:30-7pm PRAISE! Rehearsal

7:00pm AA (HBH)

Monday, March 11

7:00pm Baptism Prep. Class (HBH)

Tuesday, March 12

6:30pm RCIA (HBH)

7:00pm Social Outreach Mtg. (FGC)

7-9:00pm Bible Study-CATHOLICISM
DVD on the Beatitudes (FGC)

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (loft)

Wednesday, March 13

7:30am Morning Prayer (SFC)

4-5pm Reconciliation Gr 3-6

7-8pm Reconciliation Gr. 7-8

Thursday, March 14

6:30pm 20 Week Club Mtg. (HBH)

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (FGC)

7pm Penance Svc@St. Mary, Star of the Sea

Friday, March 15

6:30pm Confessions (church)

7:00pm Stations of the Cross w/
Benediction (SFC)

Saturday, March 16

7:30am Depart from church parking lot for
Diocesan Faith Formation Convocation at
Bryant University. Rel. Ed. Office has a few
tickets available. Don't miss out! If
interested, please call 792-8684.

3:30pm Confessions

FOURTH SUNDAY IN **LENT**

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“And *only where God is seen does life truly begin.* Only when we meet the living God in Christ do we know what life is...Do not be afraid of Christ! He takes nothing away, and he gives you everything. When we give ourselves to him, we receive a hundredfold in return. Yes, open, open wide the doors to Christ and you will find true life.” –Pope Benedict XVI

THIS WEEK IN PRAYER:

- *Have I sought to “see” God or make him seen in my everyday life?*
- *Do I live my life as though I have met the living God in Christ Jesus?*
- *What am I afraid of having to give up if I let Christ into my life?*
- *Have I opened the door of my heart to him, or is it closed?*



Blessed
are the poor in spirit
for theirs is the
kingdom of heaven.

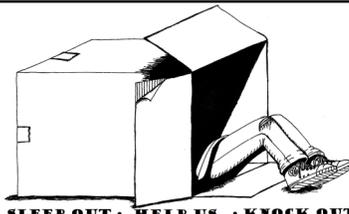
MATTHEW 5:3

“The Beatitudes”

Join us on **Tuesday, March 12th** from **7-9:00pm** in **Father Greenan Center** as we take a look at Fr. Robert Baron’s **CATHOLICISM DVD series on the Beatitudes.**

How can the poor, the meek, the mournful, or the persecuted be blessed or happy? In Pope Benedict's "Jesus of Nazareth," he writes, "The paradoxes that Jesus presents in the Beatitudes express the believer's true situation in the world" and he quotes the Epistles of St. Paul: "We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed... persecuted, but not forsaken" St. Paul experiences all the material and physical humiliation of true discipleship along with "boundless joy" which is the promise of life in Jesus Christ. When a Christian lives for Christ and suffers as Jesus did, the glory of the Resurrection "shines through" and brings a blessedness and a joy "that could not have been experienced on worldly paths."

PARISH SLEEP OUT FRIDAY, MARCH 22ND



SLEEP OUT • HELP US • KNOCK OUT

HOMELESSNESS
For high school aged youth...Come experience what it would be like to have no shelter for one night...Through this experience we hope to raise awareness of those homeless people living in and around our community and prayerfully reflect and pray for those without one of the most basic needs, shelter.

If you are interested in participating please call the Religious Ed Office at 792-8684.



CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL

Supporting the work of the Church

2013 PARISH GOAL

\$103,000

Donations received as of Week 3:

\$39,936

From 225 donors — 39% of goal



JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY FOR MORNING PRAYER

Every Wednesday during Lent, immediately following the 7:00AM Mass, we will pray

Morning Prayer in Saint Francis Church. Morning Prayer is a simple liturgical celebration based on the praying of psalms. It is a brief service intended to lift up our hearts in gratitude to God at the beginning of the day, and to consecrate the work and activities of the day to his glory. The texts will be provided for you, all you need to do is stick around after the 7AM Mass on Wednesday's. What a great way to start the day! A "two-fer" special: Mass and Morning Prayer! *In the morning, let me know your love...!*

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Will be prayed on Friday evening at 7PM in the church.

