

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 24

4:30pm Richard Pezzullo

Requested by Ollie and Ann

Sunday, January 25

8:00am Shirley DeBoer

Requested by friends

10:00am Nicholas Duckworth and
Mary and Nelson Burke

Requested by family

12:00nn Sean Mahoney

Requested by family

Monday, January 26

7:00am Dave Pearson

Tuesday, January 27

7:00am Alfred & Beatrice Bonin

Requested by Viola Card

Wednesday, January 28

7:00am Mass for the People

Thursday, January 29

7:00am Rev. Charles J. Burns

3rd Pastor—114 Anniversary

Friday, January 30

7:00am Gloria Timothy

Saturday, January 31

4:30pm Denis Byrne

Requested by DiMillio family

Sunday, February 1

8:00am Ethel Gray

Requested by friends

10:00am V. Paul Winter

Requested by family

12:00NN John McLoughlin

Requested by family



St. Romuald Chapel

Sunday, January 25

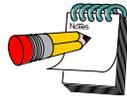
10:00am Jay O'Connor

Requested by Patti O'Connor

Sunday, February 1

10:00am John and Grace Carpinelli

Requested by family



For Your Information

PARISH SUPPORT

Parish support for January 18th was Budget—\$6,700.50; Catholic University—\$1,590.50 (NB: *Totals do not reflect online giving amounts, as these numbers were not available at time of printing*). This weekend's second offering is for the Church in Latin America. Next weekend's second offering will be the monthly offering. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

SANCTUARY LAMPS

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Gloria Timothy. The sanctuary lamp at St. Romuald Chapel burns in memory of V. Paul Winter.



CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

Today, we will take up the collection for the Church in Latin America. Your donations will fund catechesis, marriage and family life programs and seminarian education in Latin America and the Caribbean. The support you give today will provide opportunities for years to come. Thank you for your prayerful support.

CEMETERY IN NEED OF GATEKEEPERS

St. Francis Cemetery is looking for volunteers to open and close the cemetery gate during the week. The gate opens at 8:00am and closes at 4:00pm during the winter and at 7:00pm during the summer months. If you or someone you know is interested, please call Laurie at 782-2711. Thank you.

ADORERS NEEDED

We're in need of Adorer's for Monday mornings. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place every Monday from 7:30AM-12:00PM at St. Francis Church except when there's a holiday or funeral on that Monday. We are in real need of adorers from 7:30-8:30AM but welcome you anytime. Won't you give some consideration to our Lord's question, "Could you not watch with me for one hour?" (Matt 26:40). If you'd like to sign up for an hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, please call Joe and Sharon Clossick at 782-2504.

WHY DO WE GENUFLECT IN CHURCH?

In medieval Europe, one demonstrated respect for a king or noble by going down on one knee. Building on that tradition, we bend on the right knee to show reverence for the Lord in the Eucharist when it is on the altar or in the tabernacle. We also genuflect before the cross from Good Friday through the Easter Vigil.

WHY DO WE SAY "AMEN"?

In Hebrew, the word "Amen" shares the same root as the word "believe." This root also expresses trustworthiness and faithfulness. When you read the gospels, you'll see that Jesus sometimes used the word "Amen" twice in a row to emphasize the trustworthiness of his teaching. He wanted his listeners to pay special attention. So when we say "Amen" at the end of a prayer, we reinforce our faith in what we just said. We also express our confidence that God will hear our prayers.

JANUARY 25, 2015

From the Pastor

No parish or church community of any kind can run without a cadre of generous people who volunteer their time and talents. Each year we hold a dinner to express our appreciation to all whose efforts make possible all the ministries by which people are served. This year we sent out about 450 letters of invitation. Who knew that there were so many who have volunteered in service to the parish? Religious education and the various liturgical and sacramental ministries to the sick and home-bound account for many of these efforts, but the occasional events also call for a commitment of time: the summer breakfast, the pasta supper, the outing to La Sallette, the Mount St. Mary's youth retreat in Maryland. And what about the more hidden ministries such as that of those who open and close the cemetery gate day after day? And this is hardly to mention those who have contributed hours of their skilled labor. Whether people attend Mass at the parish church or at St. Romuald's, we could not accomplish all that we do without the dedicated service of our volunteers.

If for some reason you were not included in this past week's mailing and you know you should have been, please, please call the rectory and let us know. We don't want anyone who has contributed his or her time to be left out of this annual event. God bless the work and the workers!

Fr. Bodah



**Mary, Undoer of Knots
Pray for Us**

Mother of Fair Love,
I look to you.

Take into your hands
the ribbon of my life
and see the snarl of knots
that keeps me bound
to sin, anxiety, and
hopelessness.

I beg you, Mother, by your
powerful intercession,
and long fingers of love and grace,
undo the knots
in my heart and in my life.
Free me to love
as Christ loves.
Amen.



**Religious
Education**

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CLASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 25th

8:50-9:50am GRADES 1 & 2 (FGC)
GRADE 7 (FGC)

9:15am First Communion Parent
Mtg. in Helen Bouchard Hall

10:50-11:50am GRADES 3-6 (FGC)
GRADE 8 (FGC)

Monday, January 26th

7-8:30 Confirmation II (FGC)

Wednesday, January 28th

4:00-5:00 Grades 3-6 (FGC)

7:00-8:15 Grades 7 and 8 (FGC)



This Week

Sunday, January 25

Rel. Ed. Class Schedule—see above

9:15pm First Communion Parent
Mtg. (HBH)

5:30pm Praise rehearsal (FGC)

7:00pm AA (HBH)

Monday, January 26

7:30-11:30am Adoration (SF)

7-8:30pm Conf. II Class—(FGC)

Tuesday, January 27

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (loft)

7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

Wednesday, January 28

4-5pm Classes Gr. 3-6 (FGC)

7-8:15pm Grade 7/8 Class (FGC)

7-8:30pm RCIA meets (MCCR)

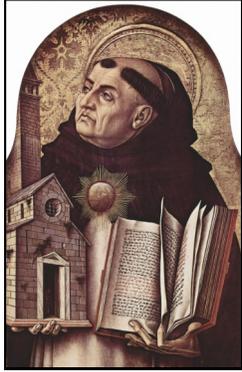
Thursday, January 29

8am-2pm Prout Grade 11 Retreat
(FGC, SFC)

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (FGC-↓)

*“Come after me, and I will
make you fishers of men.”*

~Mark 1: 17



Saint Thomas Aquinas

Priest and Doctor of the Church — January 28th

This Wednesday, January 28th, the Church celebrates the memorial of 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. 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. Likewise, the Second Vatican Council affirmed the absolute necessity of Saint Thomas in theological inquiry today.

St. Thomas Aquinas, **pray for us!**



The Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Protectress of the Unborn

Visiting around the Diocese of Providence

Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared to St. Juan Diego over 470 years ago and left a miraculous image of her appearance on his cactus fiber tilma which can be viewed to this day in a basilica near Mexico City.

The Office of Life and Family Ministry is inviting you to come and venerate our Lady through her a replica (an actual life sized photo of Juan Diego's miraculous cloak) at the following parishes:

Monday-Wednesday, January 26th - 28th

St. James Chapel

2079 Matunuck Schoolhouse Rd., Charlestown

Thursday, January 29th

St. Vincent de Paul Church

St. Vincent de Paul St., Coventry

Saturday, January 31st

Holy Name of Jesus Church

99 Camp St., Providence

Sunday, February 1st

St. Luke Church

108 Washington Rd., Barrington

KEEP THE HEAT ON

Bishop Tobin's 'Keep the Heat On' program is a fund setup that helps struggling families with heating assistance who have exhausted all other public and private means to keep their families warm during the Rhode Island winter. Since 2005, your generous support has provided more than \$1.5 million in assistance to more than 7,800 Rhode Island households in need.

If you would like to help local families this winter with a tax-deductible donation, or, if you know of someone in need of heating assistance, please visit www.heatRI.com or call 401/421-7833 for additional information.