

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions



Saturday, January 19

4:30pm †Branden J. DeLuca
(11th Anniversary Remembrance)
Requested by Family

Sunday, January 20

8:00am †Hazel Cayer
Requested by Jean McGair

10:00am †Dr. Domenic Coppolino
Requested by Family

12:00nn Mass for the People

Monday, January 21

7:00am †Dr. Domenic Coppolino
Requested by the Pullano Family

Tuesday, January 22

7:00am †Annie Cooney
Req. by Roger & Mary Grace Hood

Thursday, January 24

7:00am †Doris & Gordon Maver

Friday, January 25

7:00am †Mary Fraenkel
Requested by Jean McGair

Saturday, January 26

4:30pm †Concetta Wilson
Requested by Kathleen Carney

Sunday, January 27

8:00am
10:00am
12:00nn †Deacon Joseph Turcotte
(Anniversary Remembrance)
Requested by Family



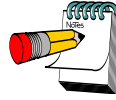
St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 20

10:00am †Mary Marchand
Requested by Gerri & Al Marsocci

Sunday, January 27

10:00am †Annie Cooney
Requested by Denise Vachon



For Your Information



FAITH Brothers and sisters: There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit. To one is given through the Spirit the expression of wisdom; to another, the expression of knowledge according to the same Spirit; to another, faith by the same Spirit; to another, gifts of healing by the one Spirit; to another, mighty deeds; to another, prophecy; to another, discernment of spirits; to another, varieties of tongues; to another, interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them individually to each person as he wishes.—A reading from the first Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians



St. Francis of Assisi Campaign Goal: \$626,135.00

Pledged through 1/14/19: \$810,731

Percentage of Goal: 129%

Registered Family Count: 1,709; Donor Count: 251

Average Gift: \$3,230.00

PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly Support	January 13
Budget envelopes used (205)	-
Loose Donations	\$5,158.00
Online Giving (# of donors-58)	\$1,279.00
Total Budget	\$8,263.00

Second Collection (Ongoing Maintenance)	
Budget envelopes used (142)	-
Loose Donations	\$1,986.50
Total	\$2,328.50

The second collection this week is for Catholic University. Next week's second collection is for Latin America.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

JANUARY 20, 2019

She Pondered These Things in Her Heart (See Luke 2:51)

If He Wants

By Kimberly Shankman

Ever since my son suffered a devastating injury that left him totally disabled, of course my husband and I pray daily for him. And God has worked wonders in our lives. But sometimes, watching him so helpless, unable even to scratch an itch, I am plunged into anxiety: Am I praying enough? Are my prayers fervent enough? Do I offer the right things up? Have I chosen the right intercessors? If I had more faith, would my son be healed?

I was in that mood, brooding on those questions, when the day's Gospel rescued me. It was the story of the leper standing by the side of the road, calling out to Jesus, "If you want, you can make me clean." Those words lit up my heart like a lightning strike. If he wants....My son's suffering is not about me, not a test of my faith, not a trap to catch my mind wandering. I can rest, trusting that his inscrutable plan is for our good; that physical healing may or may not come (as he wants) but that everything is pouring out from his love. God wants what is good; the love my son receives and inspires is an immeasurable gift.

Comforted by these words, I could return to my day, knowing that my family's travels on this daunting and difficult journey are guided not by the weak and faltering light of my faith, but by the strong and sure hand of our loving Father.

Kimberly Shankman is dean of Benedictine College. She lives in Atchison, Kansas, where she and her husband care for their youngest son.

(Taken from the *Magnificat*)

RHODE ISLAND CATHOLIC SUBSCRIPTION DRIVE

Rhode Island Catholic's annual Subscription Drive is underway. Your diocesan newspaper depends on its faithful readers to continue its 144-year mission of bringing the good news of the church directly to you. If you are interested in starting a new subscription or continuing to receive Rhode Island Catholic in your mailbox each week, please drop the specially marked parish budget envelope into the collection basket at Mass, or call Sue Richard, Circulation Manager, at 401-272-1010 ext. 0. You may also subscribe on the newspaper's website, www.thericatholic.com, and click on Subscribe to order and pay for a subscription.

The cost for a year of in-home delivery of the newspaper is only \$30. Online payments, checks or money orders — made payable to Rhode Island Catholic — are preferred.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Sunday, January 20th

No Classes today- Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
No Children's Liturgy of the Word today

Wednesday, January 23rd

4:15-5:15pm Grades 3-6 (FGC)

7-8:15pm Grades 7 & 8 (FGC)

Next Sunday's 10am Mass-Celebration of *Listening to God's Word*. Our children preparing for First Holy Communion will be attending with their class and following the Mass a reception for all will be held downstairs in Helen Bouchard Hall. There will be no Children's Liturgy of the Word.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED for NET Ministry Team



NET Ministries, a national evangelization team consisting of 12 young adults will be leading our Confirmation Retreats again this year. They will be in our diocese for 13 days in March leading retreats. Our parish is responsible for providing lodging during part of their stay in Rhode Island — from Saturday, March 23rd through Wednesday, March 27th (they will leave the morning of March 27th). Team members travel with their own sleeping bag so they are just looking for floor space, hot showers and a meal. Spending time with these young adults is a real blessing! If you are interested in hosting some of them, please contact Diane Castro at our Religious Education Office by phone (792-8684) or email (castro_stfrancis@verizon.net).

Steubenville East Youth Conference

Registration for the 2019 Steubenville East Youth Conference to be held on July 12-14 at the UMass, Lowell Campus will open up in mid-January. Our teens get a lot out of this weekend, here are some of their reflections: "It was nothing like I expected. I felt so close and connected to God. I definitely feel like a stronger Catholic and I think as many people that have the option to come should." Each year we reserve spots for our teenagers who are currently 8-12th grade students. We are trying to get a feel for how many spots to reserve so if you are interested in participating, contact Emily Cuellar at youthministrystmsfa@gmail.com as soon as possible. At this point, you are not under any obligation to attend.

This Week

Monday, January 21

Holiday-Parish Offices Closed-No Adoration

Tuesday, January 22

5-9:00pm SVDP (training meeting) (HBH)

7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Lofi)

Thursday, January 24

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (↓FGC)

7:00pm RCIA (Rectory)



CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEK

Sunday, January 27th kicks off Catholic Schools Week. In recognition of our Catholic Schools, we would like to invite any student to attend the 10am Mass wearing their school uniform on 27th.

Following the 10am Mass there will be light refreshments in Helen Bouchard Hall where pictures will be taken.

Share YOUR Faith

Support the Collection for the Church in Latin America

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION:

THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, rural terrain and a lack of ministers are obstacles to practicing their faith. Your support to the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, as well as other programs to help share our faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

THANK YOU FROM THE SOCIAL OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Thank you to all the parishioners for your tremendous support of the Giving Tree again this year. Our parish reached out to those families who were helped by the Diocesan Office of Community Services in the past year. Your immense generosity towards those in our community who are in need helped many families with young children who may have otherwise gone without.

The Social Outreach Committee would also like to thank the families with young children who helped organize the gift donations.

Happy New Year and God Bless.

BABY SHOWER

The Social Outreach Committee is sponsoring the *Baby Shower 2019* for the month of January. Please bring unwrapped items such as diapers, toiletries, sleepers & toddler clothes. Please place donations at the entrance of the church and chapel. The agencies benefitting are: The Gabriel Project, The Pregnancy Center of Westerly, and Right to Life Services, Inc.

THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION:

THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA

This weekend, parishes in our Diocese will be taking up the National Collection for The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. Now, more than ever, the University is strategically positioned to pave the way forward and help the laity play a significant role in healing.

Through hosting a conference series focused on laity response, and in creating an Institute for Diocesan Excellence in Administration (IDEA) where lay scholars and professionals can support clergy by providing expertise and accountability, Catholic University will serve as a springboard in renewing and strengthening Catholicism in our country.

Your support of the National Collection will help us solve issues within the Church and educate graduates who will leave campus ready to impact the Church, the nation, and the world. We appreciate your generosity. You can learn more at: collection.catholic.edu.

OPEN HOUSE AT MSGR. CLARKE SCHOOL

Sunday, January 27th 1-3pm

Now Enrolling from 18 months to 8th Grade. Come see our facility, meet our teachers, learn about our core values and see what makes us the right choice for you!

Have a prospective Kindergarten or Middle School student (6-8th)? Attend a presentation given by the teachers at our open house at 12NN. RSVP <https://conta.cc/2FfGJH1>