

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions



Saturday, February 9

4:30pm †The McKiernan Family
Requested by Irene McKiernan

Sunday, February 10

8:00am

10:00am †John McLoughlin
Requested by Family

12:00nn †Lillian Cabral
Req. by the Shepherd & Sweeney Families

Monday, February 11

7:00am Mass for the People

Tuesday, February 12

7:00am †Rev. John A. O'Rourke
(8th Pastor)

82nd Anniversary Remembrance

Thursday, February 14

7:00am †Mr. & Mrs. Thu Chi Tran &
John Thanh Ha
Requested by Family

Friday, February 15

7:00am †Rita & Tom O'Rourke &
Warren Behie
Requested by Family

Saturday, February 16

4:30pm †Jeannette DeLuca
Requested by Family

Sunday, February 17

8:00am

10:00am †Louis P. Legris
Requested by the McCormack Family

12:00nn



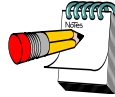
St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 10

10:00am †John Estes
(3rd Anniversary Remembrance)
Requested by Family

Sunday, February 17

10:00am †Stanley Michael "Mick" Finn
Requested by Jane Estes



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Jeanette DeLuca.



In the year King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a high and lofty throne, with the train of his garment filling the temple. Seraphim were stationed above.

They cried one to the other, "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts! All the earth is filled with his glory!" At the sound of that cry, the frame of the door shook and the house was filled with smoke. Then I said, "Woe is me, I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips, living among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" Then one of the seraphim flew to me, holding an ember that he had taken with tongs from the altar. He touched my mouth with it, and said, "See, now that this has touched your lips, your wickedness is removed, your sin is purged." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" "Here I am," I said; "send me!"—A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly Support	February 3
Budget envelopes used (213)	\$5,803.00
Loose Donations	\$1,434.00
Online Giving (# of donors-63)	\$2,201.00
Total Budget	\$9,438.00

Second Collection (Monthly Collection)	
Budget envelopes used (127)	\$1,938.50
Loose Donations	\$ 381.00
Total	\$2,319.50

There is no second collection this week. The second collection next week is for Ongoing Maintenance.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

FEBRUARY 10, 2019

Our Lady of Lourdes

By Jennifer Hubbard

We are promised, assured, *In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world* (Jn 16:33). Sickness and suffering are certainties that will touch all humanity in a multitude of ways and on many levels. These are the troubles that shake a soul in a sudden and unexpected diagnosis, in the forgotten gaze of a lover's eyes, in the stinging final graveside goodbye: earthly troubles rooted in the unknown and out of human control. I have lived a life riddled with these, and have walked in trouble's truth. I have begged for sudden healing and experienced the sword that pierces a mother's heart when she buries her baby. And while it is appealing to consider my pain new and never-before-endured by another living soul, it is not, nor is it unique.

While the world looks to eliminate sickness and suffering, these provide the very place where healing is offered and victory achieved. It is the gentle Mother in the *Pieta* (Michelangelo, 1498-1499) who teaches us where healing is found as she gathers her crucified Son in her arms. The one who brought sight to the blind, sound to the deaf, and sudden healing for the sick is offered a quiet moment in which his body rests in the gentle embrace of his Mother's arms. For it is when we lean into our heavenly Mother's arms that we are offered our heavenly Father's healing presence. It is enfolded in Mary's awaiting arms that I have found rest and discovered the still waters of healing.

Jennifer Hubbard resides in Newtown, Conn. The younger of her two children, Catherine Violet, was a victim of the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting in 2012.

Congratulations to the proud parents and godparents of Aubriella Rose Friel who was baptized on Sunday, February 3 by Fr. Henry Bodah. *Your parish family rejoices with you!*



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
CLASSES

Sunday, Feb. 10th

8:55-9:50am Grades K-6 (FGC)

8:50-9:50am Grades 7&8 (Parish Offices)

9:00am First Eucharist Parent Meeting in HBH

Wednesday, Feb. 13th

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

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

No Classes or Children's Liturgy of the Word next Sunday, February 17th and no classes on Wednesday February 20th due to February School Vacation. Sunday classes will resume on February 24th.



Steubenville East Youth Conference from July 12-14, 2019 @ University of Massachusetts- Lowell Campus. Registration is open to all current 8-12 graders.

Contact Emily Cuellar at for more details:
youthministrystmsfa@gmail.com

Our next high school youth night is scheduled for Sunday, February 10th from 6-8pm at Fr. Greenan Center. All are welcome!



This Week

Monday, February 11

7:30am Adoration (SF)

Tuesday, February 12

7:00pm **No Bible Study this week**

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Loft)

Thursday, February 14

6:30pm ALPHA Group (↓FGC)



FOOD DONATIONS FOR THE JONNYCAKE CENTER: JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER

Please remember we are always in need of nonperishable food items (no glass or outdated items). Your donations may be placed in the baskets located at St. Francis or St. Romuald. These items will be donated to the Jonnycake Food Pantry in Peace Dale. Thank you for your generosity.



Looking Ahead

A Journey Through Lent

ASH WEDNESDAY—MARCH 6

7:00am & 7:00pm Mass with distribution of Ashes

4:15pm Liturgy of the Word with distribution of Ashes

EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT—BEGINNING MARCH 8



LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS (5:30-6:30PM) & STATIONS OF THE CROSS (7:00PM)

On each of the six Fridays of Lent from **5:30-6:30pm**, a simple meatless meal of homemade soup, bread and water will be prepared and offered to all. Although there is no charge for this Lenten Supper, a basket will be available to accept free will donations to be used for needy families in our area.

So come and join us for soup on Fridays during Lent in Father Greenan Center!

Bring a friend....it is a wonderful lead into Stations of the Cross here at St. Francis at 7:00pm.

COMING TO MCVINNEY AUDITORIUM

The Rhode Island Civic Chorale & Orchestra in Concert. This concert will feature the 11th Annual Collegiate Vocal Competition Winners! The Rhode Island Civic Chorale & Orchestra has been a significant presence in the Rhode Island arts community for more than fifty years; its repertoire includes major works of choral literature, and lesser known artistic gems as well as presenting new, commissioned works. Concert Saturday, March 23 at 7:30pm in McVinney, 43 Dave Gavitt Way, Providence. More information at www.ricco.org.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Just a reminder that our St. Vincent de Paul chapter here at St. Francis needs your help. They ask your help by using their poor boxes located in the church and chapel so that they can assist those in need in our area. *Lets pray for them as they move forward with this new ministry.*



ECUMENICAL ALPHA PROGRAM

An ecumenical Alpha program with the Church of the Ascension is being held on Thursday nights at 6:30pm in Fr. Greenan Center.

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. They have three key components: food, a talk and good conversation. Everyone—young and old—is welcome! Bring a friend with you!