

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions



I am the Root

Saturday, February 23

4:30pm †Michael Calvitto
Requested by his Sister

Sunday, February 24

8:00am †Mr. & Mrs. Thu Chi Tran &
John Thanh Ha

Requested by Family

10:00am †Neal Fiorio

Requested by Family

12:00nn

Monday, February 25

7:00am †James F. Flynn
Requested by Kathleen & James Carney

Tuesday, February 26

7:00am †Roger Fenaughty
Requested by Gerri & Al Marsocci

Thursday, February 28

7:00am Mass for the People

Friday, March 1

7:00am †Harold O'Connor
Requested by Amy & John Mongillo

Saturday, March 2

4:30pm †Anne M. Stone
Requested by Jane Estes & Family

Sunday, March 3

8:00am
10:00am
12:00nn



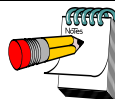
St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 24

10:00am †Mary Lee Burgess
Requested by Jane Estes (SXA)

Sunday, March 3

10:00am †Linda Guernon
Requested by Family



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of James F. Flynn.

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. These donations will be given to our St. Vincent de Paul Society 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.

LENTEN OFFERINGS AT ST. ROMUALD CHAPEL: Join us at St. Romuald Chapel for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Evening Prayer at 6:30pm on Tuesday & Thursday evenings of Lent. Stations of the Cross will be prayed in the chapel on Wednesday afternoons of Lent at 12:30pm.

SAVE THE DATES: *This year's Lenten Mission will begin the weekend of April 6/7 continuing at 7:00pm on April 8 through April 10.* The theme of this mission will be: "The Face of God in Mercy: Reflections on the Prodigal Son" led by Fr. Nathan Ricci.



PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly Support	February 17
Budget envelopes used (194)	\$5,424.00
Loose Donations	\$1,084.00
Online Giving (# of donors-64)	\$2,296.00
Total Budget	\$8,804.00

Second Collection (Ongoing Maintenance)	
Budget envelopes used (115)	\$1,639.50
Loose Donations	\$ 520.00
Total	\$2,159.50

There is no second collection this week. Next week's second collection is the Monthly collection.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

FEBRUARY 24, 2019

From the Pastor,

We are forging ahead with the plan to spruce up the interior of the church. I have been told that if we simply paint over the ceiling, marks of the roofing nails will just bleed through again. So the suggestion has been made by those who know about such things to cover the ceiling with panels made of a fiberglass-like substance. This will show some small screw marks but not the many nail stains that are there now.

Second, we hope to use a cherry-picker machine instead of setting up scaffolding. This will be less expensive and will also not mean the closing of the church during the project. The machine can run between the pews if we remove a few at a time and the machine can be stored in a corner during Masses. Also, while the workers are doing the ceiling, they can also clean the woodwork. Photos of the paintings have been taken in the unlikely event that one or another gets damaged.

The third piece of this first phase is to remove some of the pews permanently and respace the remaining ones to give more room to each row. This will mean a loss of some seating, but outside of Christmas Eve Mass, this should not be a problem. We also plan to refinish the pews.

After this part of the project is done, we can go on to recarpet the church and then, as a final part of the effort, the stained-glass windows can be cleaned. (Of course, any change can be difficult for some and I expect that not everyone will be happy with everything that's done.)

Next month, we'll start getting payments from the Grateful for God's Providence campaign to which you so generously contributed.

Elsewhere in the news, our parish seminarian, Dan Mahoney, has been chosen to receive the "Companions on the Journey Award," which is described as "the highest adult recognition from the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry." Dan will receive this award immediately after the 1p.m. Mass at the cathedral next Sunday, March 3. Msgr. John Halloran has graciously agreed to say the noon Mass next weekend and the Owens family has also graciously agreed to move the baptism of their son, Owen, to 11a.m. so that I can attend the Mass and awards ceremony. Of course this ceremony is open to all. Congratulations to Dan for all his work on behalf of our young people!

Fr. Bodah

Lent IS A TIME TO
GROW
CLOSER TO JESUS

for the season of Lent.

Families of our 7th & 8th graders make this Lent more meaningful for your whole family. Join us on Wednesday, February 27th at 7pm for an opportunity to spend time with your family learning how to live Lent more fully. The evening will consist of an interactive presentation on the three disciplines of Lent: prayer, almsgiving, and fasting followed by activities to help you prepare



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Sunday, February 24th

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

Grade 2 Sanctuary Tour-Parents are invited

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

Wednesday, February 27th

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

5:20pm Catechist Lenten Meeting (FGC)

7-8:15pm Lenten Family Event for grades

7 & 8



52nd Annual Diocese of Providence FAITH FORMATION CONVOCATION

Saturday, March 16th 8:30-5:00

Bryant University

All are invited to a day of learning and fellowship for all Catholic Men & Women. Catholic speakers on topics like Evangelization, Faith Formation, Elementary Catechesis, Youth Ministry, and Personal Spiritual Enrichment for those who wish to deepen their spiritual journey and love for the Catholic Faith.

For more information visit at:

www.discovercatholicfaith.org/convocation

Belong

Steubenville East Youth Conference to July 12-14, 2019 @ University of Massachusetts – Lowell Campus. Registration is open to all current 8-12 graders. Contact Emily Cuellar at youthministrystmsfa@gmail.com for more details.

This Week

Monday, February 25

7:30am Adoration (SF)

7:00pm Pastoral Council Meeting (MCCR)

Tuesday, February 26

7:30am Finance Council Meeting (MCCR)

7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Loft)

Thursday, February 28

9-10:30am Staff Meeting (Office will be closed during this time)

6:30pm Alpha Group (↓FGC)

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

7:00pm RCIA (Rectory)



ST. JOHN VIANNEY CHURCH TO OFFER SPIRITUAL RETREAT FOR GRIEVING PARENTS

St. John Vianney Church, 3609 Diamond Hill Road in Cumberland, RI, is offering a One-Day Spiritual Retreat for Grieving Parents on Saturday, April 27, 2019, from 9:30am-7:30pm. The retreat is open to any parent whose child of any age has died by any cause, no matter how long ago. All are welcome, regardless of situation or religion.

This retreat is offered in cooperation with the Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents, a unique, ongoing Catholic program serving the spiritual needs of grieving parents. To register, visit www.emfgp.org or contact Denise Carlucci, Mother of Nicholas, at (401) 480-3330 or dlc-car7@gmail.com. Pre-registration by April 20 is required.

PRAYER SHAWLS

The St. Francis of Assisi Prayer Shawl Group has many beautiful prayer shawls available. If you know of someone that could benefit from receiving a prayer shawl please contact Jean McGair at 401-783-1633.



CONGRATULATIONS TO DAN MAHONEY!

At the Catholic Youth Ministry and Scout Awards Celebration to be held at the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul in Providence on Sunday, March 3 at 1:00pm, our parishioner, Daniel Mahoney will be honored and presented the Companions on the Journey Award. This is the highest National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry adult award given by our Diocese for Catholic faith witness, excellence in youth ministry, commitment to young people, outstanding leadership, and longevity in ministry. We are proud that Daniel is part of our parish community and witnesses to our Catholic faith in this manner. *Congratulations from ALL of us!*



St. Vincent DePaul 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. Thanks to all that have helped thus far. *Keep them in your prayers!*



FEED THE HUNGRY

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.

Follow our Youth Ministry

Instagram



- Stay updated on upcoming events
- Receive encouraging posts
- Discover new ways to get involved

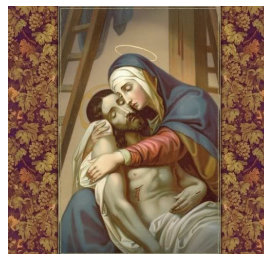
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For more info visit the Youth Ministry page at: <http://stfranciswakefield.com/youth-ministry/> or email Emily at youthministristmsfa@gmail.com

ST. PIUS V SCHOOL DRAMA CLUB'S "THE WIZARD OF OZ"

The St. Pius V School Drama Club is proud to present "The Wizard of Oz"! Students in grades 5 through 8 are excited to bring their version of this magical and fantastical adventure to the McVinney stage. Performances Friday, March 15 at 7:00pm, Saturday, March 16 at 7:00pm and Sunday, March 17 at 2:00pm at McVinney, 43 Dave Gavitt Way, Providence.

Tickets at www.mevinneyauditorium.com or the McVinney Box Office 401-278-4588.



LENTEN BROCHURES

Next weekend Lenten brochures will be available at the entrances of the church. Please be sure to take one. All events that will be taking place at the church and at St. Romuald Chapel will be listed in the brochure as well as the Ash Wednesday schedule. Let us pray for one another as we enter into this holy season of Lent.