

# THE EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, March 2

4:30pm †Anne M. Stone

*Requested by Jane Estes & Family*

### Sunday, March 3

8:00am Special Intention for Frances & Bob Gamble

*Requested by Joan Onosko*

10:00am

12:00nn

### Monday, March 4

7:00am †Michael Po

*Req. by the Sisters of Divine Providence*

### Tuesday, March 5

7:00am †Joseph Boragine

*Requested by Family*



### Wednesday, March 6 (Ash Wednesday)

**7:00am** Mass for the People with distribution of Ashes

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

**7:00pm** Mass for the People with distribution of Ashes

### Thursday, March 7

7:00am †Rita McKinnon

*Requested by Dan & Corinne McKinnon*

### Friday, March 8

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

*Requested by Family*

### Saturday, March 9

4:30pm †Kathryn Beaudreau

*Requested by Alice Cullen*

### Sunday, March 10

8:00am †Marion Maggio

*Requested by Family*

10:00am

12:00nn Mass for the People



## St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

### Sunday, March 3

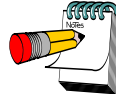
10:00am †Linda Guernon

*Requested by Family*

### Sunday, March 10

10:00am †Roger Fenaughty

*Requested by the Mintas*



## For Your Information

### SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Mark & Benjamin Potter.

## A Journey through Lent



### 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.**



**Stations of the Cross:** On the six Fridays of Lent Stations of the Cross w/ Benediction at **7:00pm**:

**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.



**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.

## PARISH SUPPORT

<b>Weekly Support</b>		<b>February 24</b>
Budget envelopes used (184)	-	\$4,636.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 988.00
Online Giving (# of donors-58)	-	\$1,666.00
<b>Total Budget</b>	-	<b>\$7,290.00</b>

This week's second collection is the Monthly collection. Next week's second collection is for Ongoing Maintenance.

**As always, thank you for your continued generosity.**

MARCH 3, 2019

## From the Pastor,

Lent is coming! Consult the bulletin for the schedule of Masses and services for Ash Wednesday, two of which—the 4:15 and the 7 p.m.—are scheduled with an eye to the times of Religious Education classes. Also, I hope you've picked up a Lenten brochure at the doors of the church. The schedule of Lenten events is also on our parish website: [stfranciswakefield.com](http://stfranciswakefield.com). I could also recommend, especially if you're retired, spending some time each Monday morning in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. We close each week with Benediction at noon. Friday evenings, please consider joining in the weekly Lenten suppers from 5:30 to 7. Or join us for Stations and Benediction from 7-7:30 p.m. Or do both! For those who are able, try to get to weekday Mass. Just in South Kingstown, Narragansett and Charlestown, there six every day, from 7 a.m. in St. Francis to noon at the URI Catholic Center.

I'm happy to report that the Alpha process is going ahead with great enthusiasm. There are around five people from Ascension Episcopal parish and around fifteen from ours. After the dinner, the pastor of Ascension, Rev. Robert Travis, gives a very good, well-prepared and engaging talk on the various topics of Alpha: the trustworthiness of the bible, the humanity and divinity of Christ, Christ as Savior and Redeemer, etc. Then the two groups of participants spend around an hour in discussion and faith sharing before we break up. The clergy do not participate in the discussions to avoid having everyone look to us for the "right" answers. The groups are now closed but I hope that the next time we run Alpha, you will consider joining in. It can be a great boost to your faith.

Fr. Bodah



*Daylight Savings Time begins next Sunday, March 10. Don't forget to turn your clocks **AHEAD** next Saturday before going to bed. **You don't want to miss Mass next Sunday!***



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

### Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation for Grades 3, 4 and 7 during class time FGC

**8:50-9:50am GRADES 7&8 Parish Offices**

**10:00am** Children's Liturgy of the Word

**11:00am** Catechist Meeting-Lent (FGC)

### Wednesday March 6<sup>th</sup>

**4:15-5:15pm GRADES 3-6**

Children with their families, to attend the Liturgy of the Word with distribution of ashes in church and to FGC for remainder of class time.

**7:00pm** Grades 7 & 8 attend Ash Wednesday Mass

### Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>

**8:50-9:50am** Reconciliation Grade 8 in FGC

**6-8:30pm** Confirmation Gathering—movie night FGC



The Steubenville East Youth Conference on July 12-14, 2019, is at University of Massachusetts—Lowell Campus. Registration is open to all current 8-12 graders. Contact Emily Cuellar at [youthministrystmsfa@gmail.com](mailto:youthministrystmsfa@gmail.com) for more details.

## CONFIRMATION GATHERING



Our next Confirmation gathering is on Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup> from 6-8:30pm at Fr. Greenan Center. We will be watching the Passion of Christ movie as we enter our Lenten season. The teens are welcome to bring comfortable chairs/blankets to sit on. All high schoolers are invited to join us!

### This Week

#### **Monday, March 4**

7:30am Adoration (SF)

#### **Tuesday, March 5**

6:00pm Social Outreach Committee Meeting (HBH)

7:00pm Bible Study (↓FGC)

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Loft)

7:00pm SVDP meeting (↑FGC)

#### **Thursday, March 7**

6:30pm Alpha Group (↓FGC)

6:30pm Prayer Shawl Committee Meeting (Rectory)

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

7:00pm RCIA (Rectory)

#### **Friday, March 8**

5:30 Soup Supper (FGC)

7:00pm Stations of the Cross (Church)

7:00pm Parenting Group Meeting (↑FGC)



### **40 DAYS FOR LIFE LENTEN CAMPAIGN**

The Office of Life and Family Ministry and Rhode Island Right to Life are co-sponsoring the Lenten campaign beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 6 through Palm Sunday, April 13. We are requesting individuals to adopt an hour for a peaceful prayer vigil at Planned Parenthood, 175 Broad Street, Providence, during this 40 day period from 7am to 7pm. Do not stand alone. If you are interested in learning more about the campaign that calls for prayer, fasting and community outreach, please call or email Carol Owens, Office of Life and Family Ministry, 278-2518/[cowens@dioceseofprovidence.org](mailto:cowens@dioceseofprovidence.org). *Please encourage women who are in a crisis or unplanned pregnancy to call us for confidential assistance!*

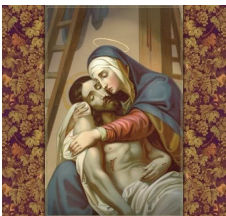
### **PRAYER SHAWLS**

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



### **BISHOP HENDRICKEN OPEN HOUSE**

Bishop Hendricken High School will hold an Open House on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, from Noon-3:00pm. Information on the academics, college placement, athletic and extracurricular activities will be available. The entrance exam for prospective 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> grade students will be held on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, at 8:30am. For more information, please call the Admissions Office at 739-3450 ext. 162.



### **LENTEN BROCHURES**

This weekend Lenten brochures are 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.

### **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. **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 out-dated 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.

### **THE HAITIAN PROJECT: LOUVERTURE CLEARY SCHOOL PORT-AU-PRINCE, HAITI**

**Presentation on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> following the 4:30pm Mass in Father Greenan Center**

Please join Christina Moynihan, of the Haitian Project, for a presentation about life at Louverture Cleary School and in the surrounding neighborhood & to watch a short film about The Haitian Project's bold plans for the future—a national network of 10 Louverture Cleary Schools that will transform Haiti through education!

**Most importantly...** parishioners are invited to A Community Dinner. It will be provided by The Haitian Project.



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