

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



Mass Intentions



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

Monday, March 11

7:00am †Kimberly Anne Areglado-Quigley
Requested by Anne Rose

Tuesday, March 12

7:00am †Carol Meenan
Requested by Viola

Thursday, March 14

7:00am †Mary Pendergast
Requested by Kathleen Carney

Friday, March 15

7:00am †Susan Marchand
Requested by Family

Saturday, March 16

4:30pm

Sunday, March 17

8:00am †John MacLane
Requested by Kathleen & James Carney

10:00am

12:00nn Mass for the People



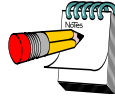
St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 10

10:00am †Roger Fenaughty
Requested by the Mintas

Sunday, March 17

10:00am †Gena Urbanowski
Requested by Dan & Corinne McKinnon



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Mary Pendergast.

A Journey through Lent



EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT 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

Weekly Support		March 3
Budget envelopes used (194)	-	\$9,479.00
Loose Donations	-	\$1,712.00
Online Giving (# of donors-68)	-	\$2,336.00
Total Budget	-	\$13,527.00

Second Collection (Monthly Collection)		
Budget envelopes used (11)	-	\$1,494.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 368.00
Total	-	\$1,862.00

This week's second collection is for Ongoing Maintenance. There is no second collection next week.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

From the Pastor,

Next weekend we'll have the first of two in-pew solicitations for the annual Catholic Charity Fund appeal. Our goal this year is \$118,000; so far we have received pledges of almost \$29,000. I urge everyone to be patient with the diocesan office: every year, pledges and acknowledgements cross in the mail and people who have pledged receive letters asking for their support.

It would probably be useful if I repeated something that I explained during the recent Grateful for God's Providence diocesan campaign. A certain percentage of that campaign was allotted to Catholic Charities as the beginning of an endowment from which the interest could be used to support the works funded through Catholic Charities. That endowment cannot by itself replace the annual appeal, the proceeds of which are spent in the course of each year.

So, let's try to do what we can to help our neighbors and fellow Rhode Islanders. Our Lord promised to reward those who give even a cup of cold water. And we heard his words two weekends ago: "Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you."

Fr. Bodah



On Friday February 8th seventeen of our Confirmation students prepared and delivered 350 sandwiches to the less fortunate people at the Breadline Ministries. The teens experienced their first corporal work of mercy as they helped to feed the poor in Providence. Thank you to the adult volunteers: Mary Ellen Banks,

Mark Castro, Kristen Manchester, and Peter Paliotti.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Sunday, March 10th

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation for Grades 5, 6 and 8 during class time FGC

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

10:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word

11:00am Blessing Cup painting event for First Communion families with Create! Color Art Studio (FGC)

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

Wednesday, March 13th

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

No Classes for grades 7 & 8 **only**



Please join us **next** Sunday, March 17th at 11:00 or Wednesday, March 20th at 4:15 in Fr. Greenan Center for a *special presentation* of The Stations of the Cross called "**Step Up Close to Jesus**".

The Stations of the Cross are a special devotional prayer which brings us to recall the tremendous love of Jesus Christ as He suffered and died for our salvation. "**Step Up Close to Jesus**", Stations, are designed to reach a younger audience and will be led by Religious Education classes in Grades 3 through 6.

The Steubenville East Youth Conference, July 12-14,

2019 @ University of Massachusetts – Lowell Campus. Registration is open to all current 8-12 graders. For more details contact Emily Cuellar at: youth-ministrystmsfa@gmail.com.



NET MINISTRIES RETREATS CONFIRMATION AND MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

Permission slips for both the middle school retreat (Gr 7 & 8) and Confirmation retreat to be held on Wednesday, March 20th and Saturday, March 23rd respectfully have been mailed to your homes. If you did not receive them please contact the religious education office. Both retreats are required components of our program.

This Week

Monday, March 11

7:30am Adoration (SF)

Tuesday, March 12

7:00pm Bible Study (JFGC)

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Loft)

Thursday, March 14

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

6:30pm Alpha Group (JFGC)

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

7:00pm RCIA (Rectory)

Friday, March 15

5:30 Soup Supper (FGC)

7:00pm Stations of the Cross (Church)



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 dlgcar7@gmail.com. Pre-registration by April 20 is required.

THE HAITIAN PROJECT: LOUVERTURE CLEARY SCHOOL PORT-AU-PRINCE, HAITI Presentation on Saturday, March 16th 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. There will also be a short film on 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 that will be provided by The Haitian Project.

Congratulations to the proud parents and godparent of Levi Thomas Owens who was baptized on Sunday, March 3 by Fr. Henry Bodah.



Your parish family rejoices with you!

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!***



LENTEC ECUMENICAL SERVICES:

The South County Women United in cooperation with the local churches and clergy are happy to announce the Lenten Services Schedule for 2019. ***Services are held at noon and***

will include a light luncheon. All are invited to attend!

- ♦ March 13—Kingston Congregational Church with The Rev. Gary Bagley, 2610 Kingstown Rd, Kingston
- ♦ March 20—Peace Dale Congregational Church with The Rev. Angela Sagasse, 261 Columbia St., Peace Dale
- ♦ ***March 27—St. Francis of Assisi Church with The Rev. Rob Travis, 114 High Street, Wakefield***
- ♦ April 3—Christ United Methodist Church with The Rev. Craig Swan, 2291 Kingstown Rd., Kingston
- ♦ April 10—Church of Ascension with The Rev. Sharon Hope, 370 Main St., Wakefield



2019
CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL
supporting the work of the Church

2019 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL BEGINS!

The Catholic Charity Appeal is the main source of support for our diocesan agencies providing for the physical, educational, and spiritual needs of Rhode Islanders each year. It is our responsibility to ensure that these agencies and programs have the resources available to help our brothers and sisters in need.

We will begin with our first in-pew collection next weekend, March 16/17 and our second in-pew will take place the following weekend, March 23/24. We count on your unwavering generosity. Thank you for a wonderful start!