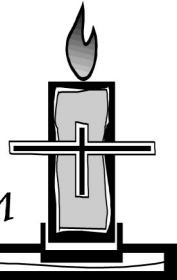


THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



Mass Intentions

God
is my Light
and my salvation



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

Monday, March 18

7:00am †Christopher Meehan

Requested by Jim & Susan Meehan

Tuesday, March 19

7:00am †Patricia McGrath

Thursday, March 21

7:00am †Edmond Gilmartin

Requested by Family

Friday, March 22

7:00am †Jean G. Boisse

Requested by Family

Saturday, March 23

4:30pm †Reinaldo "Ray" Flores

Requested by Family

Sunday, March 24

8:00am †Gloria Carney

Requested by Kathleen & James Carney

10:00am

12:00nn †Russell Bazinet

(25th Anniversary Remembrance)

Requested by Family



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 17

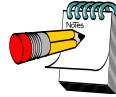
10:00am †Gena Urbanowski

Req. by Dan & Corinne McKinnon

Sunday, March 24

10:00am †Anna & Arthur Hornberger

Requested by Daughter



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of John MacLane.



LENTEN 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 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

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		March 10
Budget envelopes used (215)	-	\$4,911.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 975.00
Online Giving (# of donors-62)	-	\$2,161.00
Total Budget	-	\$8,047.00
Second Collection (Ongoing Maintenance)		
Budget envelopes used (131)	-	\$1,359.50
Loose Donations	-	\$ 331.00
Total	-	\$1,690.50

Ash Wednesday Collection: \$1,273.00

There is no second collection this week or next week.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

MARCH 17, 2019

From the Pastor,

In years past, the attitude of the Catholic Church toward other Christian traditions was that they were simply wrong. Eastern Orthodoxy was schismatic and all forms of Protestantism were heretical. We were forbidden to participate in any type of Protestant service, even a wedding or a funeral.

Pope St. John XXIII, who summoned the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) thought we should change our point of view. Instead of emphasizing our differences, we should appreciate what we have in common. The divisions are real and prevent us from receiving sacraments together, but they are abnormal because we are all baptized into the one Body of Christ.

One thing we can certainly do with our fellow Christians of other traditions is to pray together. We all recognize God as a Trinity of Person; we all acknowledge the lordship of Jesus; we are all baptized into the same Christ, etc. So, I would encourage those who can to attend the Wednesday noontime Lenten prayer services in the various churches in the area. As was announced last weekend, our turn to host a service will be on March 27. The Reverend Robert Travis of Ascension Episcopal parish here in Wakefield and St. John the Divine in Saunderstown will be the guest preacher and Father McKenna has been kind enough to agree to preside. As is true every Wednesday, the service will be followed by a luncheon for all. A schedule of services can be found here in the bulletin.

Elsewhere in the news: the work on the interior of the church is scheduled to begin on Easter Monday, April 22, and take no more than eight weeks. I'm happy to report that we shall not lose the use of the church during that time.

Fr. Bodah

**ALL-DAY CONFESSIONS:
OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH, EAST GREENWICH, RI
9:00AM-3:00PM on March 23, 2019**

Please join us for All-Day Confessions on Saturday, March 23, 2019 from 9:00am until 3:00PM. There will be four priests available at all times, no lines and no waiting. Guides for the Sacrament of Confession will be available for all those who need them. ***“God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy.”— Pope Francis.*** For more information call the OLM Parish Office at 401-884-4968 or go to www.olmparish.org



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Sunday, March 17th

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

You are invited to join our classes this morning for Step Up Close to Jesus at 9am in FGC.

No Class for GRADES 7&8 this morning

10:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word

Wednesday, March 20th

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

Join us this afternoon at 4:15pm in FGC for the second presentation of Step Up Close to Jesus

4:00-8:30pm Grades 7 & 8 NET Retreat

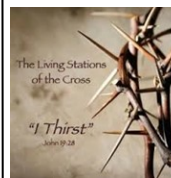
Saturday, March 23rd

**10:00am-4:30pm Confirmation Retreat
HBH—followed by Mass**



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

For more information contact Emily Cuellar at youthministystmsfa@gmail.com



Living Stations of the Cross

Please join the seventh grade religious education classes as they reverently reenact the Stations of the Cross on Wednesday, April 3rd at 7pm in St. Francis Church.

MSGR. CLARKE 8TH GRADE STUDENTS

If you are currently an 8th grade student at Msgr. Clarke School, please contact the religious education office at 792-8684 or by emailing castro_stfrancis@verizon.net to register for our Confirmation program.

This Week

Monday, March 18

7:30am Adoration (SF)

6:30pm Event Committee Meeting (FGC)

Tuesday, March 19

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Loft)

7:00pm SVD Meeting (HBH)

Thursday, March 21

6:30pm Alpha Group (↓FGC)

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

7:00pm RCIA (Rectory)

Friday, March 22

5:30 Soup Supper (FGC)

7:00pm Stations of the Cross (Church)



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. *Please encourage women who are in a crisis or unplanned pregnancy to call us for confidential assistance!*

Elementary School Tuition Aid

Now is the time to turn in tuition assistance applications for the **2019-2020** school year. If you have not yet received your forms from the school, please call the school and inquire about them.

Regarding Catholic School Assistance:

The Diocese of Providence urges all parishes to support Catholic Schools by giving aid, as far as possible, when parents request it. As believers in the value of Catholic Schools, we are happy to do that, both to the fullest extent allowable, and to the extent that the parish can afford. Some things to note, however! Eligibility for consideration requires that families :

- 1. Complete the Facts Form from the Catholic School Office. (No applications will be considered if the Facts Form has not been completed)**
- 2. You must be registered parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi Parish & contributing members for at least a one year period.**
- 3. Attend Mass regularly.**
- 4. Be actively involved in St. Francis of Assisi parish life.**
- 5. All requests are to be turned into the parish office, whether your child has been accepted or not, no later than April 30.**

Please submit your assistance request **by mail** to St. Francis of Assisi, 114 High St., Wakefield, RI 02879 . **Please, no phone calls!** In your request please state how you are active in this parish.

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!***



SPRING FOOD DRIVE

The Social Outreach Committee is again sponsoring a food drive to benefit the Jonnycake Center's Vacation Breakfast and Lunch Program. This program benefits client's children who participate in school nutrition assistance programs. **The food drive will be running for two weekends: March 30/31 and April 6/7.** Your generous donations will go toward helping these children enjoy healthy meals and snacks throughout their entire vacation and summer breaks. Foods needed are: juice boxes, healthy snacks (NO NUTS PLEASE), squeezable fruit packs, cereals (like Cheerios and Corn chex) and peanut butter and jelly. Please place donations in receptacles near St. Francis statue and entrance to St. Romuald's Chapel. Thank you as always for your continued generosity.



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.

Because of you and your generosity to the annual Appeal, over 10,900 students and their families are served through the Catholic School Office. Thank you for your gift.

As of 3/11/2019 we have already raised \$31,208.00. Thank you!