

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



Mass Intentions



The angel appeared
in a flame
of fire

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

Monday, March 25

7:00am Mass for the People

Tuesday, March 26

7:00am †Rev. James E. Greenan
(9th Pastor)
67th Anniversary Remembrance

Thursday, March 28

7:00am †Edward Carney
Requested by James & Kathleen Carney

Friday, March 29

7:00am †Frederick Cloos
Requested by Jim & Susan Meehan

Saturday, March 30

4:30pm †Jeannette DeLuca
Requested by Family

Sunday, March 31

8:00am †Barbara McNulty
Requested by Jean & Joan
10:00am †Edward & Claire Grimes
Requested by Family
12:00nn



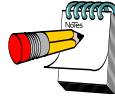
St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 24

10:00am †Anna & Arthur Hornberger
Requested by Daughter

Sunday, March 31

10:00am †Francis X. & Regina Goodwin
Requested by Family



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Gloria & Edward Carney.



PARISH LENTEN MISSION: "THE FACE OF GOD IN MERCY: REFLECTIONS ON THE PRODIGAL SON" BEGINS THE WEEKEND OF APRIL 6th & 7th

Saturday-Sunday, April 6th & 7th—Fr. Nathan Ricci will preach at all weekend liturgies at St. Francis Church. He will present our 2019 Lenten Mission titled, "The Face of God in Mercy: Reflections on the Prodigal Son": Pope Francis recently reflected that the "face of God is mercy." What did the Holy Father mean by this? By reflecting upon the Prodigal Son with Scripture and Tradition, Saint Pope John Paul II and others, we will delve deeper into the richness of God's mercy.

- **Monday, April 8th—7pm:** Tonight we will focus on the younger son, who had everything, but squandered it all. Why did he leave, and what made him return? We will reflect on the nature of sin, habits of vice, and the divine whisper calling us home. **(Confessions heard 6-6:45pm)**
- **Tuesday, April 9th—7pm:** Tonight's focus will be on the older son, who was seemingly forgotten and who objects to the clemency bestowed upon his brother. How do we respond to sinners in our midst? Is mercy fair? Tonight we reflect upon the relationship between mercy and justice. **(Confessions heard 6-6:45pm)**
- **Wednesday, April 10th—7pm:** Tonight's focus will be on the father who welcomes home his son. Why does the father show clemency on the son who has abandoned him? What insights can we gain from this parable about the mercy of God? Tonight we reflect on the divine Essence, which is Love, as well as the attribute of God's mercy, and the relationship between the two. **(Confessions heard 6-6:45pm)**

PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly Support		March 17
Budget envelopes used (204)	-	\$5,312.00
Loose Donations	-	\$1,294.50
Online Giving (# of donors-62)	-	\$2,261.00
Total Budget	-	\$8,867.50

There is no second collection this week or next week.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

MARCH 24, 2019

From the Pastor,

Monday, March 25, is the Solemnity of the Annunciation. I don't know why we don't make more of this great feast. At one time, and for many centuries, each year began on this date. We are living in A.D., the Years of the Lord, and his human life began not at his birth in Bethlehem but at his conception, when "The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary and she conceived of the Holy Spirit."

With the degradation of human life in our society where promiscuity is encouraged and abortion is used as a form of birth control, it behooves us to remember that our life begins months before we emerge from the womb. Human life is created by God and sanctified by being united to the divinity of his Son.

So, to honor the Lord's conception and the value of all human life, we shall expose the Blessed Sacrament and pray a rosary for life at 6:30 on Monday evening. The service will end at 7 with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. I hope you will be able to join in this communal act of praise, thanksgiving, intercession and contrition. Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man!

Also, don't forget the ecumenical service here at noon on Wednesday, followed by a luncheon in the Father Greenan Center. Thanks to the parish Hospitality Committee for organizing the lunch, to Fr. McKenna for being willing to preside and to Karen Graham for providing the music for the service.

Fr. Bodah



2019

CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL Appeal.

Supporting the work of the Church

At the Saint Martin de Porres Center in Providence, 9,708 elders and low-income families are served annually. Thank you for your gift to the Catholic Charity Appeal.

As of 3/18/19 we have pledges totaling \$33,968.00. This year's goal is \$118,000.00. Thank you for your generosity thus far. God bless.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Sunday, March 24th

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

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

10:00am Mass-Children's Liturgy of the Word

Wednesday, March 27th


4:15-5:15pm GRADES 3-6 Sacrament of Reconciliation during class time (FGC)

7:00-8:15pm GRADES 7&8 Sacrament of Reconciliation during class time (FGC)

Friday, March 29

4:30-6:30pm Living Stations Practice (Church)

Saturday, March 30th

 **Banner Making Workshop for First Communion families from 10:30-12:00 in Helen Bouchard Hall. Remember to bring your supplies and a snack to share!**

**St. Francis of Assisi's
20th Annual Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 20th
10:00am at Fr. Greenan Parish
Center**



Toddlers to Second Graders
Welcome!! Donations of candy gratefully accepted. Collection boxes are located at the entrance to the church and chapel. Thank you for your support!



Stuebenville 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 youthministrystmsfa@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 cas-stfrancis@verizon.net to register for our Confirmation program.

This Week

Monday, March 25

7:30am Adoration (SF)

6:30pm Rosary for Life (SF)

7:00pm Pastoral Council Meeting (MCCR)

Tuesday, March 26

7:00pm Bible Study (JFGC)

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Loft)

Wednesday, March 27

12NN Ecumenical Service at Church followed by luncheon (FGC)

Thursday, March 28

9-10:30am Staff meeting: during this time rectory will be closed

6:30pm Alpha Group (JFGC)

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

7:00pm RCIA (Rectory)

Friday, March 29

5:30 Soup Supper (FGC)

6:15pm Marriage Preparation Class (FGC)

7:00pm Stations of the Cross (Church)

Saturday, March 30

8:00am Marriage Preparation Class (FGC)



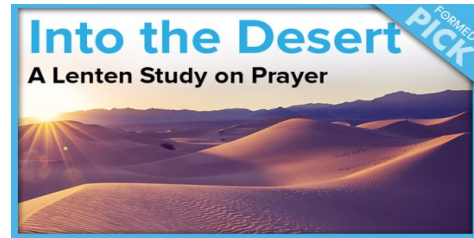
Get **FORMED** Now! It's EASY and **FREE** to Register!

• Visit formed.org with a web browser

• Click on Register (lower right of page)

• Enter Parish Access Code: 876N29

Enter your email and create a password (you need this to login later)



Our Lord teaches that prayer is a relationship and a vital necessity. And yet, many of us have difficulty committing to daily prayer. Follow Jesus into the desert this Lent and discover intimacy with God in this 6-week video-based study with daily meditations in the participants guide. Dr. Tim Gray masterfully uses the discipline of Lectio Divina to show you how to make prayer an effective effort of love and intimacy. This series captures the secret to opening our hearts and minds to Scripture as the means to hear from God and then respond in conversation, basking in his presence and resolving to live in and through his love.



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.*



ST. FRANCIS CHURCH WILL HOST GLORIFY
SUNDAY, APRIL 7TH AT 7PM

Glorify is a Praise and Worship event offered by the diocesan Youth Ministry team especially for adolescents and their families but is open to people of all ages to come and experience the power of the presence of the Lord. *Glorify* is centered on Eucharistic Adoration and engaging faith filled worship music. A reception with light refreshments will be held in the lower level of the church after the event. What a great family event to participate in during the season of Lent. You will NOT want to miss this event!

THEOLOGY ON TAP **Thursday, April 4, 2019** **6:00 - 8:30 PM**

Welcoming Young Adults, single or married, in their 20s and 30s!

Uncle Tony's Pizza & Pasta, 46 Putnam Pike (Rt. 44), Johnston, RI 02919

What is Faith?

Come join us for a conversation about what it means to believe God. What do you believe? Who do you trust?

Speaker: Rev. Scott Carpentier, Pastor St. Joseph, Pascoag and St. Patrick, Harrisville.

Social hour begins at 6:00 PM followed by a presentation and Q&A at 7:00PM.

There is no fee for this event. A free-will donation will be collected. Participants are welcome to purchase food and beverages. Must be 21 to order alcoholic beverages.

Diocese of Providence Young Adult Ministry.

For more information, visit:

www.discovercatholicfaith.org



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. **Sta-**

tions of the Cross will be prayed in the

chapel on Wednesday afternoons of Lent at 12:30pm.