

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Mass Intentions



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

Monday, April 1

7:00am †Brett Masse
Requested by Mary & Louie Pavao

Tuesday, April 2

7:00am Mass for the People

Thursday, April 4

7:00am †Virginia Ryan
Requested by Mary & Louie Pavao

Friday, April 5

7:00am †Emma Santo
Requested by Rick & Liz Soltysiak

Saturday, April 6

4:30pm †Branden J. DeLuca & Sylvia DeLuca

Requested by Family & Rosina LeVasseur

Sunday, April 7

8:00am †Edith Boisclair
Requested by Family

10:00am †Patrick Sullivan Dufficy
(Birthday Remembrance)

Requested by Mom & Dad

12:00nn †Rosemary Milanik

Requested by Paul Goscinski



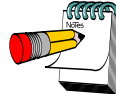
St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 31

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

Sunday, April 7

10:00am †Leo McGovern
Requested by Family



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Jeannette DeLuca.



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 6-6:45)**

PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly Support		March 24
Budget envelopes used (204)	-	\$5,090.50
Loose Donations	-	\$1,177.00
Online Giving (# of donors-58)	-	\$1,591.00
Total Budget	-	\$7,858.50

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

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

MARCH 31, 2019

From the Pastor,

A couple of events are coming up in the next week that I would recommend to you. The first is the Living Stations on Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the parish church. This is a very lovely presentation done each year by the 7th graders who silently act out each station of the cross in costumes while a commentary is read by their classmates. I really urge everyone to consider coming and bringing the children. A lot of practice goes into this and it's very well done. It last just a little over half an hour.

We'll hear more about the second event next weekend: the annual Lenten mission. Our own Father Nathan Ricci will be back with us for the weekend and will also preach at 7p.m. Mass on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of the week following. He will be available for confessions each of those evenings from 6 to 6:45. His theme is the mercy of God as shown in the parable of the Prodigal Son. Please set aside some time to spend with the Lord during this Lenten event.

Also, don't forget that confessions are available every Saturday from 3:30 to 4 p.m. On Holy Saturday, April 20, the time will be extended to from 3-4 p.m. "We appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain." 2 Cor. 6:1

Fr. Bodah



We have had to remove the boxes at the entrances of the church for donations to the St. Vincent Society. In place of the poor boxes The Society has placed envelopes at the entrances for you to make your donations. You can either place the envelope in the collection basket or place a stamp on the envelope and send it by mail. The envelopes are addressed for mailing purposes. Thank you in advance for your support for the newly formed ministry.

2019 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL "Faith and Good Works"

OUR GOAL FOR 2019 IS: \$118,000.00
As of 3/25/19 the amount pledged is: \$35,753.00
Donor Count: 135

Through your support of the Catholic Charity Appeal, 837 youth attended 28 retreats from over 40 parishes. Thank you for your generosity.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Sunday, March 31st

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

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

9:00am Final Eucharist Parent Meeting (HBH)

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

5:00-7:00pm Grade 7 Living Stations dress rehearsal (church)

Wednesday, April 3rd

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

6:30pm GRADE 7 meet in the lower level of the church for Living Stations

7:00pm GRADE 8 to meet in Church for the **Living Stations**, bring your families

THE LIVING STATIONS
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



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI'S 20TH ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH

At 10:00am at Fr. Greenan Parish Center
Toddlers to Second Graders Welcome!!
Donations of candy gratefully accepted.
Collection box located at the entrance to the church and chapel. Thank you for your support!

This Week

Monday, April 1

7:30am Adoration (SF)

Tuesday, April 2

6:00pm Social Outreach Committee Meeting (JFGC)

7:00pm St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting (JFGC)

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Lofi)

Wednesday, April 3

7:00pm Living Stations of the Cross (Church)

Thursday, April 4

6:30pm Alpha Group (JFGC)

6:30pm Prayer Shawl Committee Meeting (Rectory)

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

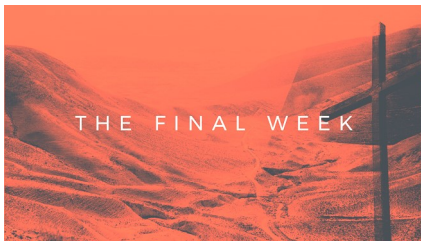
7:00pm RCIA (Rectory)

Friday, April 5

5:30 Soup Supper (FGC)

7:00pm Stations of the Cross (Church)

7:00pm Parenting Meeting (FGC)



**ST. FRANCIS CHURCH WILL PRESENT AN ORGAN
CONCERT BY ENRICO GARZILLI
PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 14 AT 3PM**

On April 14, Palm Sunday afternoon at 3pm, Dr. Enrico Garzilli will perform his second Organ Symphony, entitled *The Final Week*. *The Final Week*, a symphony in four movements is a musical meditation on the last week of Jesus. It begins with the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, journeys with Him through Holy Week and culminates with His Resurrection on Easter Sunday. The symphony is a deeply spiritual and moving tone poem on Our Lord's last week. All are welcome!

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: this weekend 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.



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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.



**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!

ST. FRANCIS CEMETERY



St. Francis Cemetery spring cleanup will take place in April. We ask you to please remove all decorations in preparation for Easter, April 21. Palms are allowed for Easter but must be removed within a 3 week period. Thank you. Carol McDole, Cemetery Manager.