

# THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## St. Francis Mass Intentions

**Saturday, February 22**

4:30pm

**Sunday, February 23**

8:00am †Mr. & Mrs. Thu Chi Tran & John Ha

*Requested by Family*

10:00am †Neal Fiorio

*Requested by Family*

12:00nn

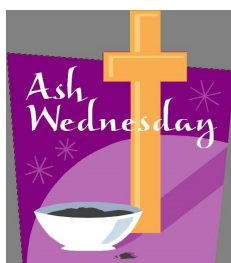
**Monday, February 24**

7:00am

**Tuesday, February 25**

7:00am †James Flynn

*Requested by Kathleen & Jeff Carney*



**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26: ASH WEDNESDAY**

**7:00am** Mass for the People

**4:15pm** Liturgy of the Word w/ distribution of Ashes

**6:30pm** Mass for the People

**Thursday, February 27**

7:00am †Alan Marchand

*Requested by Ellen McElroy*

**Friday, February 28**

7:00am †John C. Cabral

*Requested by Eve & Patrick Sweeney*

**Saturday, February 29**

4:30pm †Roger Tellier

*Requested by Family*

**Sunday, March 1**

8:00am

10:00am †Frank & Mary Silvia & Raymond & Dorothy LaForge

*Requested by the Clossick Family*

12:00nn

## St. Romuald Mass Intentions

**Sunday, February 23**

10:00am †Dan Fenaughty

(Anniversary Remembrance)

*Requested by Family*

**Sunday, March 1**

10:00am †Roger Fenaughty

(Birthday Remembrance)

*Requested by Family*



### SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Mr. Thu Tran.



**SAVE THE DATES!**

*Parish Lenten Mission: "The Virtuous Life"*

*Begins Next Weekend, February 29 & March 1*

Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 29 & March 1—*Fr. James Quigley, OP of Providence College* will preach at all weekend liturgies at St. Francis Church. He will present our 2020 Lenten Mission titled, "*The Virtuous Life*":

The Mission will continue with Mass on Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 each evening **(Confessions heard each night from 6-6:45pm).**

Lent is about becoming a saint and the way to become a saint is to live a virtuous life. Our mission will offer reflections on the virtues of forgiveness, gratitude and compassion each evening during the celebration of the Eucharist.



### Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (186)	-	<b>February 16</b> \$4,476.00
Loose Donations	-	\$1,539.00
Online Giving (# of donors-)	-	\$2,148.00
<b>Total Budget</b>	-	<b>\$8,154.00</b>

### Second Collection (Ongoing Maintenance)

Budget envelopes used (131)	-	\$1,827.50
Loose Donations	-	\$ 496.50
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>\$2,324.00</b>

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

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

## From the Pastor,

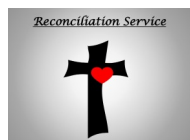
Let me express my sincere gratitude to all who were able to contribute to the recent diocesan campaign, *Grateful for God's Providence*. As you remember, 40% of everything we raised up to the goal of over \$626,000 is scheduled to come back to the parish; so is 60% of everything we raised over goal. Last week we received the fourth of the 16 payments we're due over four year: \$38, 217, which brings the total we've received so far to \$167,047. This is how we were able to do the work on the interior of the church and improve the parking at the chapel. I know that the air-conditioning in the upper church is going to let go in the not-to-distant future and I feel confident that, thanks to your generous support of the campaign, we'll be able to deal with this without too much stress.

It's time to think about a new model of giving week to week, don't you think? Instead of asking: "How much do we need to pay our bills?" how about asking: "What percentage of my income do I owe to God as a thank-offering?" In the present state of our culture, no parish will long survive if the parishioners throw a couple of dollars into the basket on the odd Sunday they decide to go to church. If the Catholic people do not make a financial commitment to their parishes, they will live to see their churches closed. According to Scripture, 10% of our *gross* income is owed to charity in gratitude to God for our blessings. Would 20-25% of *that* be too much to give to your parish?

I know I'm "preaching to the choir" as they say: the people who need to be challenged are not often here to read this sort of exhortation. But many, many thanks to you who have been faithful and make it possible for us to carry on.

On a more spiritual note: I hope you will join us for the mission, which begins next weekend and will continue with Mass on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of that week. Fr. James Quigley, O.P. will preach on "The Virtuous Life" and also be available for confessions from 6 to 6:45 each evening.

## Fr. Bodah



**All-Day Confession at Our Lady of Mercy Church**  
**Saturday, March 21, 2020 from 9:00am—3:00pm**  
**4 Priests, No Lines and No Waiting!**  
**"Be Courageous! Go to Confession!" —Pope Francis**

On Saturday, March 21, 2010 Confessions will be offered at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 65 Third Street, East Greenwich, RI from 9:00am until 3:00pm. Four priests will be available all day long. During this Lenten Season, we invite you to experience God's mercy and forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. For more information, contact the OLM Parish Office at 401-884-4968 or via email at [parish@olmparish.org](mailto:parish@olmparish.org) or visit our webpage at [www.olmparish.org](http://www.olmparish.org).

### ATTENTION AND BE AWARE:

**Please be aware that some priests and ministers have had their emails compromised with scams by people soliciting financial support. Please do not respond to the emails. They are not coming from Fr. Bodah or the parish.**



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**  
**(401) 792-8684**

### Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>

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

**9:00am** Grade 2 Sanctuary Tour-Parents are invited

### Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>

**4:15pm GRADES 3-6** to meet in church for Ash Wednesday service-students will then go over to FGC until the end of class at 5:15

**6:30pm GRADES 7-9** to attend Ash Wednesday Mass. After Mass grades 7-9 will assemble in the lower church until 7:45



### **Annual Diocese of Providence FAITH FORMATION CONVOCATION**

**Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> 8:30-5:00**

**Bryant University, Smithfield, RI**

All are invited to a day of learning and fellowship for Catholic Men & Women. For those who wish to deepen their spiritual journey and love for the Catholic Faith come and listen to talks on: Evangelization, Faith Formation, Elementary Catechesis, Youth Ministry, Personal Spiritual Enrichment and more. For a sampling of anticipated workshops. Visit the diocesan website: [www.discovercatholicfaith.org/convocation](http://www.discovercatholicfaith.org/convocation)



# This Week

## Monday, February 24

7:30am Adoration (Church)

7:00pm Pastoral Council Meeting (MCCR)

## Tuesday, February 25

7:38am Finance Council Meeting (MCCR)

6:30pm Bible Study (FGC)

7:00pm Choir (Church)

## Wednesday, February 26

12:30pm Stations of the Cross (Chapel)

## Thursday, February 27

6:30pm Alpha Group (FGC)

7:00pm RCIA (Rectory)

## Friday, February 28

5:30-6:30pm Lenten Soup Supper (FGC)

7:00pm Stations of the Cross (Church)



### LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

On each of the six Fridays of Lent from **5:30-6:30 pm**, 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 are given to the St. Vincent de Paul Society for distribution to 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.**

### FOLLOWING ARE THE DATES:

Friday, February 28      Friday, March 20

Friday, March 6          Friday, March 27

Friday, March 13        Friday, April 3

### OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

#### Real Saints Wanted!

You are invited to help people encounter Christ by leading them to where they need to go. Volunteers are needed for a variety of tasks to help with the logistics of the day. Full time volunteers receive a complimentary lunch ticket and the possibility to participate in one of the sessions as time allows.

Volunteers are welcome to join us for a FREE one hour Radical Hospitality and Evangelization Training, Saturday, February 29, 2020 at 9:00 AM located at the Office of Faith Formation, 34 Fenner Street, Providence RI 02903.

There is also an Onsite Training and Tour of Bryant University, Monday, March 9, 2020 at 7:00 PM-8:00 PM at Bryant University 1150 Douglas Pike, Smithfield, RI 02917 - Rotunda of the Unistructure.

For more information call the Office of Faith Formation at 401-278-4646 or visit [www.discovercatholicfaith.org](http://www.discovercatholicfaith.org) where you will find a link to fill out a volunteer form. **Many are called. Few are chosen.**



### 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

(Gift cards are accepted). **Please keep them in your prayers!**

10:00 AM  
**YOUTH MASS!**  
-EVERY 1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH-



Dear families and teenagers,

Every first Sunday of the month, we will be having a Youth Mass. The goal of this Mass is to provide a mix of traditional/contemporary music and an atmosphere that helps the younger generation to enter into prayer. It also gives teens a chance to step-up in leadership roles such as leading music, being a lector, and greeting people at the door. Please **INVITE** all families and teens to our next two Youth Masses on **March 1<sup>st</sup>** and **April 5<sup>th</sup>**. Also reach out to Emily Cuellar if your child is interested in getting more involved. Email: [youthministrystmsfa@gmail.com](mailto:youthministrystmsfa@gmail.com).

### “WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED”

Pregnant? Need Help? The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops is declaring a year of service called “Walking with Moms in Need.” This is the mission of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Providence’s special ministry called “St. Gabriel’s Call.” The Diocese has seven locations that reach out to help moms, families and babies during and beyond pregnancy. Our help is free and confidential! For information regarding our pastoral outreach services and locations, contact Carol Owens at 278-2518.



REGISTRATIONS FOR STEUBENVILLE EAST ARE NOW OPEN. This year the conference will be held at our very own URI. Forms and the \$100 deposit are due by MARCH 8<sup>th</sup>. Don't miss out on this amazing weekend! For more information email Emily Cuellar at: [youthminis-trystmsfa@gmail.com](mailto:youthminis-trystmsfa@gmail.com).