

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

St. Francis Mass Intentions



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

Monday, March 2

7:00am †Theresa Ramieri

Requested by the St. Francis Women's Club

7:00pm Mass/Lenten Mission

Tuesday, March 3

7:00am Mass for the People

7:00pm Mass/Lenten Mission

Wednesday, March 4

7:00pm Mass/Lenten Mission

Thursday, March 5

7:00am †Joseph Boragine

Requested by Family

Friday, March 6

7:00am †Nancy Mederois

Requested by Kathleen Carney

Saturday, March 7

4:30pm †John Honig

Requested by Jean

Sunday, March 8

8:00am

10:00am †Rita McKinnon

Requested by Dan & Corinne

12:00nn

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 1

10:00am †Roger Fenaughty

(Birthday Remembrance)

Requested by Family

Sunday, March 8

10:00am †Linda Guernon

Requested by Family



SANCTUARY LAMP

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



SAVE THE DATES!

Parish Lenten Mission: "The Virtuous Life"

Begins This 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 2nd, Tuesday, March 3rd and Wednesday, March 4th 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.

Parish Giving

Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (193)	-	\$6,149.00
Annual Gift	-	\$4,500.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 876.00
Online Giving (# of donors-63)	-	\$2,028.00
Total Budget	-	\$13,553.00

February 23

This weekend's second collection is the Monthly Collection. There is no second collection next weekend.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

MARCH 1, 2020

From the Pastor,

Lent has well and truly begun. The poignant words of the Prophet Ezekiel ring in our ears: "Why should you die, house of Israel? For I find no pleasure in the death of anyone who die. So turn back and live!"

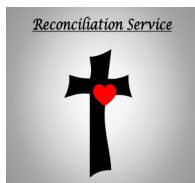
We have now until Easter to try to reorient ourselves toward Christ and the values of the gospel. The three-fold plan we have inherited from the Jewish tradition is prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Some may remember when every day of Lent was a day of fasting and at least partial abstinence from meat products. Now there are only two days of fasting and eight of abstinence from meat. So since there is almost no communal penance any more, it's up to each one of us to devise a program that includes some combination of the three elements mentioned above.

As to fasting beyond the days already mentioned, it's up to you what you will "give up for Lent."

One of the ways to add prayer to one's day is by attending weekday Mass. There are Masses in our area at 7 a.m. here at St. Francis's (except on Wednesdays); at 8 at St. Veronica's at Bonnet Shores, at St. Mary's Star of the Sea in Point Judith and at Christ the King in Kingston; at 8:30 at St. James's chapel in Charlestown; and at the URI Catholic Center at noon on Fridays and at 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday. (Morning Mass here at St. Francis usually takes less than 22 minutes.) There is also Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament here at St. Francis every Monday from 7:30 a.m. till noon and Stations of the Cross every Wednesday at 12:30 at St. Romuald's and at St. Francis every Friday at 7 p.m. There are also pamphlets called "The Word Among Us," meditations for each day of Lent, which can be found at doors of the church and chapel.

As to almsgiving: please remember the St. Vincent de Paul boxes in the north and east vestibules of the parish church and by the front door of the chapel. All funds collected will go directly to people in our area who are in dire financial need. The Rice Bowls will also be collected on Palm Sunday and the proceeds will go to Catholic Overseas Relief Services.

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 or visit our webpage at www.olmparish.org.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
(401) 792-8684



Sunday, March 1st

8:55-9:50am GRADES K-6 (FGC)
Sacrament of Reconciliation for
Grades 3 and 4 during class time.
10:00am Children's Liturgy of the
Word

Wednesday, March 4th

4:15-5:15pm Grades 3-6 (FGC)
6:30-7:45pm Grades 7, 8 & 9 (FGC)

Saturday, March 7th

11:00am-4:30pm NET Retreat for
Grade 9 Confirmation (FGC)



This Week

Monday, March 2

7:30am Adoration (Church)

6-6:45 pm Confessions (Church)

7:00pm Lenten Mission (Church)

Tuesday, March 3

6-6:45 pm Confessions (Church)

7:00pm Lenten Mission (Church)

Wednesday, March 4

12:30pm Stations of the Cross (Chapel)

6-6:45 pm Confessions (Church)

7:00pm Lenten Mission (Church)

Thursday, March 5

9:00am *Staff Meeting—Office closed during this time*

6:30pm Alpha Group (FGC)

6:30pm Prayer Shawl Committee (Rectory) **New Members welcome**

7:00pm RCIA (Rectory)

Friday, March 6

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.***

Diocesan Faith Formation Convocation Saturday, March 14, 2020 Bryant University, Smithfield, RI

All adults are invited to be refreshed in their faith, enjoy fellowship with other Catholics, and be equipped to discuss their Catholic Faith with others. Dynamic speaker and author, Mike Aquilina, will present the Keynote Address "The Martyr's Cup" and a breakout session "Angels of God." Speakers from the McGrath Institute for Church Life will present a series of talks on Science and the Bible. Other topics include missionary discipleship, sharing the Faith with children and teens, the Church's teaching on gender theory and more. The day begins with Holy Mass at 8:30am celebrated by Bishop Thomas Tobin. The schedule runs 10:00am-5:15pm and includes informative breakout sessions with 20 speakers, lunch, Confessions, and Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Advance ticket sales only. Purchase tickets, view the full schedule and list of speakers and exhibitors at www.discovercatholicfaith.org. For more info: Office of Faith Formation at 401.278.4646.



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!***



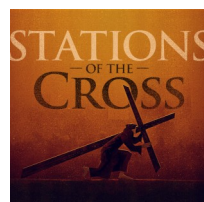
PARISH INDOOR YARD SALE APRIL 25TH FROM 9:00AM-2:00PM FATHER GREENAN CENTER

We are having our first indoor yard sale! Table rental is \$20.00. While tables are provided renters are responsible for removing any unsold items by the end of the day. If you are interested in renting a table please fill out this form and return it with your \$20. This form can be mailed to the office or brought into the rectory.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____



STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT ST. FRANCIS

Stations of the Cross will take place each Friday during Lent at 7:00pm

"Step Up Close to Jesus", the Stations of the Cross for children, will be offered during class times in Fr. Greenan Center on **Sunday, March 15 at 9:00am & Wednesday, March 18 at 4:15pm.**

"Living Stations", presented by our 7th graders, will be offered on **Wednesday, April 1 at 7pm** in St. Francis Church. ***All parishioners are welcome to take part in this very moving presentation.***

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT ST ROMUALD CHAPEL

Stations of the Cross will be prayed in the chapel on Wednesday afternoons during Lent at 12:30pm.