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St. Francis of Assisi ~ Wakefield, Rhode Island

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

St. Francis Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 25

4:30pm †Reinaldo Flores
(Anniversary Remembrance)
Requested by Holly & Angelica Flores

Sunday, March 26

9:00am †Tom Wichser
(Birthday Remembrance)
Requested by Jim & Susan Meehan

11:00am †Judith Ferra
Requested by Dorine DiConti

Monday, March 27

7:00am Special Intention
Requested by Amanda Bremner

Tuesday, March 28

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

Thursday, March 30

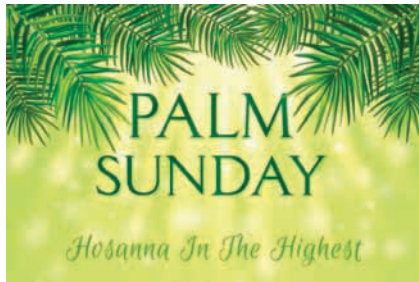
7:00am †Jeannette DeLuca &
Joe Luciano, III (Birthday Remembrance)
Requested by Family

Friday, March 31

7:00am †Gerard Cote
Requested by Wife

Saturday, April 1

4:30pm †Jeannette DeLuca & Joe
Luciano, III
Requested by Family



Palm Sunday, April 2

9:00am †Enrico Garzilli
Requested by his Friends
11:00am †Charles C. White
Requested by a Friend

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 26

10:00am †Martha & Blanche McElkenny
Requested by Family

Palm Sunday, April 2

10:00am †Martha & Blanche McElkenny
Requested by Family

*The Holy Spirit worked through Mary, and he
now works in and through us.*



We celebrate today the unique vocation of Mary to be the mother of Jesus, and in doing so we celebrate the vocation of every one of us within the body of Christ. Our baptismal vocation is to holiness. We are to live in accordance with God's design and commands, so as to live with him—as saints! – in heaven for eternity.

What Mary received at the Annunciation points to the mission of the whole Church. Just as the Holy Spirit worked through Mary in order to give birth to Jesus, so also the Holy Spirit works through each of us to fulfill what God has asked of us.

In our first reading, the Lord told King Ahaz to ask for a sign of the Lord's favor, but he would not ask. Let us not make the mistake of resisting what the Lord is calling us to receive. Instead, let us follow our mother Mary, who did not resist the message of the angel Gabriel and therefore received the life-giving power of the Holy Spirit. Mary's vocation is also meant to be our vocation. We should not shy away from the work of the Holy Spirit. We must ask for and embrace the Holy Spirit in his fullness if we hope to bear abundant fruit as members of the Church.

God is calling us today to imitate Mary by continually receiving the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. We receive this most powerfully in the sacraments. We can also receive the Holy Spirit every day in personal prayer and time spent in the living word of God. As we live under the grace and protection of the Spirit, we can bring the life of Jesus Christ to those around us. For those who don't know the power of the Holy Spirit in their lives, we can pray for them to receive what Mary received and what we have received as her children. Just as the Annunciation gave Mary her life's mission, the Church – and each one of us in it – has her mission. They are one and the same: to give Jesus Christ to the world.



<u>Weekly Support</u>	<u>March 19</u>
Budget envelopes used (109)	- \$3,091.00
Loose Donations	- \$ 762.00
Online Giving (# of donors-76)	- \$2,755.00
Total Budget	- \$6,608.00
<u>Second Collection (Ongoing Maintenance)</u>	
Budget envelopes used (85)	- \$1,211.00
Loose Donations	- \$ 216.00
Online Giving (# of donors-7)	- \$ 133.00
Total	- \$1,560.00

There is no second collection this week. Next week's second collection is for Operation Rice Bowl.

**Catholic Charity Appeal as of March 15, 2023: Our goal is:
\$104,595.00; Amount Pledged: \$49,406.00.**

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

MARCH 26, 2023

SANCTUARY LAMP



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



The work of our St. Francis of Assisi Conference of St. Vincent de Paul is supported by parish donations. Donation boxes are in the Church and Chapel; the parish online giving site has a SVDP option. Grocery store gift cards are welcome. Our Conference assists neighbors in need in our area and supports the Dinner Table Program providing free meals for pick up or delivery. Call 401-588-4192 if you or a neighbor could use cooked meals, available Wednesdays & Fridays, or if you would like to volunteer with the Dinner Table. To request financial aid, leave information on the Conference phone, 401-871-8936. New SVDP members are most welcome! There are several levels of participation and time commitments.

FOOD DONATIONS FOR THE JONNYCAKE CENTER: JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER



Please remember we are always in need of nonperishable food items (no glass or outdated items). Your donations may be placed in the baskets located at St. Francis or St. Romuald. These items will be donated to the Jonnycake Food Pantry in Peace Dale. Thank you for your generosity.



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.

ROSARY REPAIRS

We have an anonymous volunteer who has offered to repair rosaries. If you have a rosary that you would like repaired please place the rosary in an envelope and place your name and phone number on the outside of the envelope so that when the repair is complete you can be notified. Please drop your envelope off at the rectory or place it in the black mailbox next to the rectory door.



FAITH FORMATION
(401) 792-8684

Sunday, March 19th

9:55-10:50am Grades 1-6 FGC

Pray: Thank you Jesus, for sharing your gifts. Help me to share these gifts with others. Amen.

Think: How do you share the Good News of Jesus with others?



This Saturday!!
April 1st at 10:00
St. Francis of Assisi's
Annual Easter Egg Hunt
When: Saturday, April 1st at 10:00
Where: Fr. Greenan Parish Center
All ages are invited to hunt for eggs!

Donations of wrapped candy and plastic eggs gratefully accepted.

Collection baskets located at the entrance to the church and chapel. Thank you for your support!

This Week

Monday, March 27

7:30-11:00am Adoration (Church)

6:30pm Lenten Mission

Tuesday, March 28

6:30pm Lenten Mission

Wednesday, March 29

12:30 Stations of the Cross at the Chapel

6:30pm Lenten Mission

Thursday, March 30

6-7:00pm Bible Study-Gospel of Mark (FGC)

6:30pm Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Friday, March 31

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

7:00pm Stations of the Cross at the Church

The parish office is open 9am to 4pm Monday through Thursday and 9am to 12:30 on Friday.



Holy Thursday, April 6 (No 7:00am Mass)

7:00pm MASS

Adoration to follow in lower Church until 11:00pm

Good Friday, April 7 (No 7:00am Mass)

3:00pm Stations of the Cross at Church

7:00pm MASS: The Passion Service

Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil), April 8 (No 4:30pm Mass)

3:00-4:00pm Confessions at Church

7:30pm MASS

Easter Sunday, April 9

9:00am MASS at the Church

10:00am MASS at the Chapel

11:00am MASS at the Church

SAVE THE DATE

Thru March 31: Stations at Church on Fridays during Lent (7:00pm)

Thru April 5: Stations at Chapel on Wednesdays during Lent (12:30)

March 27-29: Lenten Mission (6:30pm)

April 2: Organ Concert for Lent: Dr. Enrico Garzilli Memorial (2:30pm)

April 16: Divine Mercy Mass at Chapel followed by reception (3:00pm)

April 22-30: Social Outreach Food Drive

Month of May: May Money Madness Drawings (Tickets to be sold in the month of April)

LENTEN MISSION: EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

This Week: March 27, 28 & 29

Our Lenten Mission led by the Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth this week, March 27, 28 & 29 beginning at 6:30pm.

Monday, March 27 (6:30pm): Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Talk, Benediction & Reposition

Tuesday, March 28 (6:30pm): Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions, Talk, Benediction & Reposition

Wednesday, March 29 (6:30pm): Closing Talk & Mass

Remember to mark your calendars!



St. Francis of Assisi Sacred Music Presents

Organ Concert for Lent & Paschaltide

The Dr. Enrico F. Garzilli Memorial

Next Sunday, April 2, at 2:30pm

Peter Fiore, Organ



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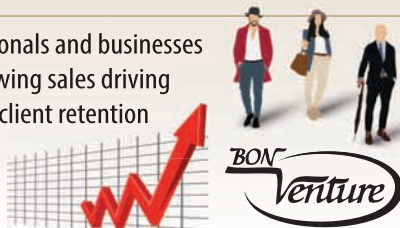
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