

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2011***Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- 8:00 AM ✕ Raymond McCullough  
(Month's Mind)
- 10:30 AM ✕ Anne Mursick (Month's Mind)  
Special Intention
- 5:00 PM ✕ Francis L. Giard (Month's Mind)

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2011***Weekday*

- 7:00 AM ✕ Lillian Kolb

**TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2011***Weekday*

- 7:00 AM Parishioners of SS. Rose & Clement

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2011***Weekday*

- 7:00 AM ✕ Gloria Boyle
- 5:30 PM Confessions

**THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2011***Saint Katherine Drexel, virgin*

- 7:00 AM ✕ Mr. & Mrs. Joseph DeSouza

**FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2011***Weekday / First Friday*

- 7:00 AM ✕ Cornel Pereira

**SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 2011***Weekday*

- 4:00 PM ✕ Grace Pagnozzi
- ✕ Doris Gregson (6<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)

**SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2011***Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- 8:00 AM ✕ Edith Vick
- 10:30 AM ✕ Beverly Shallcross
- ✕ Edmund Shallcross
- 12 Noon Baptisms**
- 5:00 PM ✕ Helen M. Nelson (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.)

*Dear Parishioners,*

On February 22, 2007, Pope Benedict wrote these words, "Marriage and the family are institutions that must be promoted and defended from every possible misrepresentation of their true nature, since whatever is injurious to them is injurious to society itself." As you know, there is a serious attempt in our State to misrepresent the true nature of marriage as being between one man and one woman. The argument goes that equality demands a redefinition of marriage so that two men or two women may "marry". But the very definition of marriage is written into the human body: man and woman become one flesh for their own good and the creation of new human life. This is clearly visible to all human persons. Two men cannot "marry" nor can two women because they cannot become "one body" that has the possibility of creating a human life. Whatever we may want to call the union of two men or two women, it is impossible to call it marriage—and to try to do so is to tell a lie. This is why the Catholic Church stands firmly against any attempt to redefine marriage to include the union of two men or two women.

While the Church opposes same-sex "marriage", it does not oppose or condemn individuals with same-sex orientation. As Bishop Tobin recently stated (and the Church has consistently taught), "I first want to re-affirm that the Catholic Church has nothing but the utmost respect and care for individuals with homosexual orientation. They are children of God and our brothers and sisters. We seek God's blessings upon them; they deserve the same respect and love afforded to others." All of us are broken in different ways by Original Sin. Since our bodies clearly tell us we are all heterosexual (man is made for woman and vice versa), then we can see that a same-sex orientation is a brokenness within a person that needs healing. Humanity needs to labor to understand same-sex attraction and find ways to heal it—as we seek ways to heal other brokenness found in humanity. To legalize this brokenness or worse, to claim that marriage also includes this brokenness, is to confuse and harm those who suffer with same-sex attraction, as well as confuse and harm society at large. The Church, out of love and concern for all people, rightly stands for marriage as between one man and one woman while calling for compassion, support and healing of persons with same-sex attraction. To stand with the Church is to stand for a truth and a love that will, in time, lead to wholeness and happiness for all peoples. May we all stand firmly with our Church trusting that her wisdom comes from the Holy Spirit and is for the well-being of all. God bless you in the week ahead.

*Fr. Wilson*

February 20, 2011

Sunday Collection.....\$9,015.50

*A sincere thank you for your support.*

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

ALL classes will meet at their scheduled times.

### FIRST COMMUNION PARENTS

*(CCD and St. Rose School)*

Our First Penance parent meeting will be held THIS Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM in St. Clement Church. At least ONE parent must attend.

### CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

Community Service Hours must be completed and forms handed in no later than **March 7, 2011.**

## THANK YOU NOTES!!

Dear Fr. Wilson,

Thank you for your donation in support of "Keep the Heat On." Your generous gift of \$2,500 will help a local individual or family with no place left to turn for help to stay warm this winter. As our state continues to struggle economically, the Catholic Church, through its many social services, will continue to provide for our brothers and sisters in need.

If you are aware of someone in need of assistance, please visit the "Keep the Heat On" website at [www.heatri.com](http://www.heatri.com) or call 421-7833 x107. With sincere gratitude for your sacrifice, I will remember you and your parishioners in my prayers. God bless you!

Thomas J. Tobin  
Bishop of Providence

Dear Fr. Wilson and Parishioners,

On behalf of the residents and staff at House of Hope, I would like to thank you for your generosity in helping the homeless men who come to Harrington Hall. Your donation of new gloves, hats, socks, scarves and underwear to the least of our brethren brought more joy than you can imagine.

We are so fortunate to be able to partner with compassionate, giving organizations such as you to provide the life-sustaining hope that is so very necessary for many of the underprivileged men, women and children in our community. Your thoughtfulness to House of Hope is highly valued and greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Miriam S. Sloan  
Donations Coordinator

## From the Desk of Mrs. Fuller

### Breakfast Buffet Fundraiser

When: Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>  
Where: Dave's Bar & Grille  
Cost: Adults: \$12.00  
Children (2-9): \$8.00  
Children under 2: Free

*Proceeds to benefit 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade class trip to New York City!*

If you would like to attend, please call Mrs. Fuller at 739-6937 by Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. **THANK YOU!!**

### Registration Continues

Saint Rose of Lima School is accepting registrations for Pre-School to Grade 8. Grade 3 is full and there is only 1 seat left in Kindergarten and Grade 1. Please stop by the school for a registration packet or call 739-6937 or visit our website at [www.saintroseschool.com](http://www.saintroseschool.com).

*Remember to See the Face of Christ in Everyone!*

## SAINT PATRICK / SAINT JOSEPH DINNER & CABARET

When: Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>  
Where: St. Clement Church Hall  
Cost: \$25 per person

Tickets available at the Parish Office. We hope you will join us for great food and great laughs!

## FIRST FRIDAY – MARCH 4<sup>th</sup>

*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*

12:00 Noon to 7:00 PM

*Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament*

7:00 PM

**ALL ARE INVITED AND ENCOURAGED TO  
SPEND AN HOUR OR MORE WITH THE LORD!!**

## EIGHT MONTH CLUB

Week #23 \$50 Winner

Mr. & Mrs. David Grant – Ticket #155

*Thank you to all who support Saint Rose School.*

**FEBRUARY 27, 2011**

**“SHARE THE SPIRIT” GIFT SHOP**

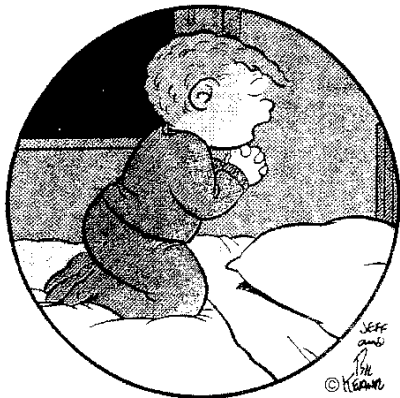
**Looking for a birthday, anniversary or get-well card for a nun or a priest? You won't have to go far to find them! They are available in our Gift Shop, as well as First Reconciliation cards for children.**

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

*is coming to Rhode Island!!*

A special opportunity is now available for all couples to attend a weekend of discovery in beautiful Wakefield, RI from March 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please call 1-800-710-WWME or visit [www.WWME.org](http://www.WWME.org).

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Jeff & Bil Keane



“...forgive those who trespass against us.  
And leave us ninety-two temptations...”

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**“Come and See!”**

The “Come and See!” Bible Study and Faith-sharing Group led by Deacon Edsall will hold its next meeting this **Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 PM** in the McMahon Garden Room. All our welcome!!

**MEN of ST. JOSEPH**

The Men of St. Joseph will hold their bi-weekly meeting on Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 AM to 9:00 AM in the McMahon Room. The meeting will begin with a Eucharistic Communion Service in the main church followed by a group discussion on how to be a Catholic man in the world today. Coffee and pastry will be available. **ALL MEN IN THE PARISH ARE WELCOME!** Questions? Please call Malcolm Vakalis at 219-6019.

**YOUR WILL**

***Please remember SS. Rose & Clement Parish in  
your Will and Estate.***