

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 6

5:30pm Rose Calitri

Requested by family

Sunday, August 7

8:00am Kerri Bessette

Requested by Mom, Dad & Scott

10:00am Claire E. Pompei

Requested by family

12:00NN Paul Madden

Requested by Patty Salerno

Monday, August 8

7:00am Marie Collins

Requested by Da Silva family

Tuesday, August 9

7:00am Louise H. Beaulieu

Requested by Kelli Rose

Wednesday, August 10

7:00am George St. Germain

Requested by Jim and Susan Meehan

Thursday, August 11

7:00am Special Intention

Requested by Meehan family

Friday, August 12

7am Margaret Flynn and Rosemary Walsh

Requested by Kathleen and Jeff

Saturday, August 13

5:30pm Marion Maggio

Requested by family

Sunday, August 14

8:00am Walter DiPrete

Requested by family

10:00am Reginald and Annette Allen and

Reginald Allen, Jr.

Requested by Marc & Marnie Allen

12:00NN Dr. Vincent and Nat Turco

Requested by family



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 6

5:30pm George Adam Rivera

Sunday, August 7

8:00am Robert & Mary Cochrane

Requested by Gerri and Al Marsocci

10:00am Sabatino and Pearl Vacca &

Gino and Catherine Parente

Requested by family

Saturday, August 13

5:30pm Jim and Lucille Ferry

Requested by family

Sunday, August 14

8:00am John and Grace Carpinelli

Requested by family

10:00am Edward, Margaret and

Bernard Healey

Requested by family



For Your Information

PARISH SUPPORT for July 31 was Budget—\$9,422; Mission Cooperative Plan—\$4,069. This weekend's second offering—the Peter's Pence collection. Next weekend's—Monthly.

SANCTUARY LAMPS

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Chi Thi Anna Tran and Thanh John Ha. The sanctuary lamp at St. Romuald Chapel burns in memory of Bernard McSally.

REMINDER: PARISH MOVIE NIGHT

If you have signed up for the parish showing of the film "Of Gods and Men," remember that we'll be meeting in lower Fr. Greenan Hall at 7PM tonight, Sunday, August 7. You may want to bring a cushion or your own chair if you are unable to sit for the length of the film on the folding chairs provided. We'll provide popcorn and drinks. We will accept a free-will donation to help defray the cost of the license required to show the film publicly. If you haven't signed up and would like to join us, feel free to come on by tonight!

FRA ANGELICO INSTITUTE FOR THE SACRED ARTS

Check out Deacon Paul and Jackie Iacono's new blog:

<http://fraangelicoinstitute.wordpress.com/>

Just type this address directly into your address bar, not in the search browser bar i.e. Google search bar. There you'll find updates and listings of upcoming events on the Sacred Arts.

PLEASE NOTE

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which is celebrated on August 15, is **NOT** a Holy Day of Obligation this year, as it falls on a Monday. Mass will be celebrated on that day as usual at 7:00AM, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 12:00NN.

"WITH BURNING HEARTS" AVAILABLE AT RECTORY

We have two remaining copies of "With Burning Hearts" by Henri Nouwen. This outstanding little book was the basis of our Twilight Retreat. The copies are available for only \$10.00 each. Call the rectory for more information.

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES

Young adults from our parish who will be starting or returning to college will receive a special blessing at today's 12:00NN Mass in St. Francis. Please keep them in your prayers!

CELIAC DISEASE

Anyone who lives with Celiac Disease and is unable to receive the consecrated host because of that condition, should be aware that we have available special low-gluten hosts. These hosts have been favorably reviewed by the publication "Gluten Free Living" as 'perfectly safe' for sufferers of Celiac Disease. Here is what "Gluten Free Living" had to say about the hosts we use:

The measurement cited here, 0.01%, represents 100 PPMs (parts per million). But the more important number is 37 micrograms, because it is daily exposure to gluten that counts. The best current information shows that 10 milligrams a day should be safe. / Ten milligrams is the same as 10,000 micrograms. If you divide 37 micrograms into 10,000 micrograms, you will find that you would have to eat 270 wafers every day to reach the danger point. At most, celiacs would consume one wafer per day or about 0.04% (four tenths of one percent) of the amount considered dangerous.

We ask, that at least 10 minutes prior to Mass, you make yourself known to the celebrant and request the low-gluten host. Be sure to go to the priest for Communion, who will have the low-gluten host in his paten.

AUGUST 7, 2011

Twilight Retreat: Follow-Up

God is good! Over fifty people attended last week's Twilight Retreat, "With Burning Hearts." As a parish family, we journeyed down the Road to Emmaus and discovered that the road is more familiar to us than we may have thought! In fact, it's a road we travel everyday. We saw that as the experience of the disciples unfolded, they moved from resentment to gratitude, from despair to hope, from darkness to light. They were heartbroken by the death of Jesus, they had the scriptures opened to them, they took a leap of faith and invited the stranger in, they experienced him anew in Communion, and they went forth hearts ablaze to spread the word that Jesus is risen! The pattern of their journey is the same pattern of every Mass: we acknowledge our brokenness, we hear God's story unfold in the readings, we make a bold profession of faith, we experience Communion with Christ, and we are sent on a mission to invite others to know and love him! Many thanks to our retreat team, who spent the past month preparing for the experience: **Jane Brockmann, Tingting Cai, Tina Craig, Bob Gass, Greg Hartnett, Noreen Linskey, and Kelli McNulty**. They made a huge time commitment in the midst of their busy lives to share their faith with our parish family. Their witness was truly powerful and challenging! Lastly, the evening would not have been possible without the patience, care and direction of **Cathy Dowd**, director of the retreat, who helped Fr. Joe in getting the night off the ground and making it a truly enriching experience for all! Thanks to one and all who participated! Be on the lookout for another retreat in the future! *"Were not our hearts burning within us as he spoke to us on the way?"*

The Memorial of Saint Dominic

Monday, August 8 is observed as the memorial of Saint Dominic de Guzman, the thirteenth century priest and founder of the Order of Friars Preachers, more commonly known as "the Dominicans." Saint Dominic was exposed as a young priest to the heresy of "Albigensianism" which led its adherents to despise their flesh and bodily existence. Saint Dominic vigorously preached against this heresy, pointing to the "Incarnational" nature of authentic Christian spirituality. Since the second person of the Trinity, the Eternal Word, assumed human flesh and entered into this material world of ours, bodily existence must never be considered evil! Saint Dominic realized that much of the confusion surrounding this heresy was a lack of proper formation in authentic Christian doctrine. So Saint Dominic, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, began an order of preachers who would travel throughout the world spreading sound doctrine through their preaching. Saint Dominic's young order blossomed and quickly spread throughout all of Europe. The Dominican family includes the greatest intellectual light of the Catholic tradition, Saint Thomas Aquinas. The Dominican order continues to flourish today, even in our own area, where the Dominican Fathers own and operate Providence College. Pope Benedict said of Saint Dominic: "Dominic, who wished to found a religious Order of theologian-preachers, reminds us that theology has a spiritual and pastoral dimension that enriches the soul and life...This great Saint reminds us that in the heart of the Church a missionary fire must always burn" (General Audience of February 3, 2010). Following the example of Saint Dominic, may we never fail to preach the gospel "in season and out of season"! Saint Dominic, pray for us!



This Week

Sunday, August 7

1:30pm Baptisms by Deacon Iacono
7:00pm Movie Night: OF GODS AND MEN (FGC)
7:00pm AA (HBH)

Monday, August 8

Victory Day—ALL OFFICES CLOSED
7:00pm Baptism Prep Class (MCCR)

Tuesday, August 9

7-8:00pm Holy Hour w/Praise!
(Church)

Thursday, August 11

7pm Men of St. Joseph (Office Bldg.)

NEW TRANSLATION COUNTDOWN

16 weeks remain until the new translation of the Mass is implemented on November 27, 2011, the First Sunday of Advent.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Mass Readings for every day of the month can be found online at:

<http://www.usccb.org/nab/>

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS READINGS

1st Reading: Isaiah 56:1,6-7;
2nd Reading: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32;
Gospel Reading: Matthew 15:21-28

FACEBOOK US!

Check out our parish Facebook page to "like" our parish! You'll find photos from recent events, articles, important reminders and updates, and best of all, you'll be able to network with fellow parishioners:

<https://www.facebook.com/stfranciswakefield>

REMINDER: RETREAT EVALUATIONS

If you participated in last week's retreat, please remember to submit the evaluation form to the rectory ASAP! You can also drop it into the collection basket! Thank you!

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

On Monday, August 8th, all parish offices will be closed in observance of Victory Day.

Don't forget to check out our NEW parish website:

<http://stfranciswakefield.com>

IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

In today's First Reading from the First Book of Kings, Elijah encounters the Living God in a most unexpected way. God is not found in all the expected places, like the heavy wind, the earthquake, and the fire. God made himself known to Elijah in humility, by a small, whispering breeze. God's presence in the liturgy is similar to that. God comes to us in humility. Jesus didn't make any grand gestures at the last supper. He took humble bread and simple wine and gave them to his friends to eat and drink. Jesus does the same for us. The simple bread and wine at Mass truly become the body and blood of Jesus. The most ordinary of human elements becomes the most extraordinary of gifts. Jesus doesn't come to us in pomp and flare. He comes hidden under the appearance of food and drink. He also comes to us in the power of his Word, which often goes in one ear and out the other. The Second Vatican Council taught that the presence of Christ is to be revered in the Sacred Scriptures, as well as his presence in the Eucharist. How often do we hear the readings without really listening? God might have something important to say to us, and we might expect to find him in the most obvious places. But maybe he's got something to say that isn't so obvious! Maybe, through our faithful and attentive participation in the liturgy, God will surprise us with a small whispering breeze!



Year of Liturgical and Spiritual Renewal

BAPTIZED INTO GOD'S FAMILY

Congratulations to the proud parents and godparents of Alexander Gregory Demos and Joseph Michele Posillo who were baptized on July 3rd by Deacon Paul Iacono and of John Thomas O'Hara III who was baptized into God's family last Sunday by Father Francis W. O'Hara. Your parish family rejoices with you!



Religious Education

The Religious Education Office is currently taking new registrations for 2011-2012. Students currently enrolled in the program are automatically promoted and do not need to register again.

All Catholic school students must register to participate in classes in grades 2, 9 and 10. Registration forms may be found at the main entrance to the church and chapel. Religious Education Classes being the week of September 11th. For questions or for more information, please call 792-8684.

Summer's Swan-Song Sweepstakes

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Cost: \$35

1st Prize—\$2,000, 2nd Prize—\$500, 3rd Prize—\$500

Tickets on sale **THIS** weekend

August 6/7 after all Masses at the Church and Chapel. Winning tickets will be drawn on Sunday, October 2nd at the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi Breakfast at Father Greenan Parish Center.



UPCOMING EVENTS



August 7 - Special Blessing for College-Bound Parishioners (new and returning) at the 12:00NN Mass **TODAY** at St. Francis.

August 7 - **TONIGHT** Parish Movie Night, "Of Gods and Men," at 7:00PM in Fr. Greenan Center. Come watch an outstanding film in a comfortable atmosphere. Popcorn and drinks provided.

August 9 - PRAISE Holy Hour **TUESDAY** at 7:00PM in St. Francis Church. Join us for an evening of uplifting yet reverent prayer and song with the Blessed Sacrament.

Holy Hour with Praise!

Our parish youth ensemble PRAISE will provide the music for a Eucharistic Holy Hour on **TUESDAY, AUGUST 9TH** in St. Francis Church at 7:00PM. Be there! Our parish youth work so hard and give so freely of their time to help us raise our voices to God in song. Please join us for this special hour of uplifting and reverent prayer and song. We are truly blessed to have a group such as this in our parish, under the capable direction of Mimi Battey and with indispensable help from Bill Craig, Mark Castro, and Rick Bicknell. Come and see what they've been up to! The PRAISE! members will participate in a Lock-In at Father Greenan Parish Center immediately following the holy hour.



For August

Food Pantry Needs Peanut butter and jelly, cans/jars of veggies, tuna, canned meats, tomato sauce, pasta, fruit juice and snacks. Toilet tissue and paper towels, bug spray and sunblock are also needed. Collections are low so please try to remember to bring some items once a month. As always, thank you for your generosity.