

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 12

4:30 pm †Jeannette DeLuca

Requested by Family

Sunday, August 13

8:00am †Margaret Flynn (birthday remembrance)

Requested by Kathleen & Jeff Carney

10:00am †Lenore Halloran

12:00nn †Ralfael Baptist

Requested by Naitory Castillo

Monday, August 14

7:00am †Jeannette DeLuca

Requested by Family

Tuesday, August 15

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00am †Peter M. Donohue

Requested by Carole Potter

12NN †For the Members of the Perpetual Mass Association

6:30pm Mass at St. Romuald Chapel

Wednesday, August 16

7:00am †James & Lucille Ferry

Requested by Family

Thursday, August 17

7:00am Mass for the People

Friday, August 18

7:00am †Rita & Tom O'Rourke & Warren Behie

Requested by Family

Saturday, August 19

4:30 pm †Ralph & Rose Calitri

Requested by Family

Sunday, August 20

8:00am †Jean Krul

Requested by Family

10:00am †Marilyn Ann Maley

Requested by brother, Richard Maley

12:00nn †William Brousseau (birthday remembrance)

Requested by Family



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 12

5:30 †Matilda & Michael Dunphy

Requested by Family

Sunday, August 13

8:00am †Michael Maggiacomo

Requested by Family

10:00am †Alice & Hilding Munson

Requested by Family

Tuesday, August 15

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6:30pm Mass for the People

Saturday, August 19

5:30 †Lee Mainelli

Requested by Family

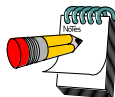
Sunday, August 20

8:00am †Kathleen Brannon

Requested by Judith Johansen Alaire

10:00am †Barney Fenaughty

Requested by Family

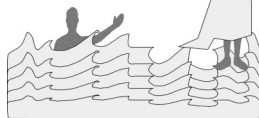


For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Margaret Flynn and at the Chapel for James Powers.

*Lord,
save me!*



"Then the Lord said to him. 'Go outside and stand on the mountain before the Lord, the Lord will be passing by.' A strong heavy wind was rending the mountains and crushing rocks before the Lord—but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake—but the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake there was fire—but the Lord was not in the fire. After the fire there was a tiny whispering sound.

When he heard this, Elijah hid his face in his cloak... 'Lord, if it is you command me to come to you on the water'. He said 'Come.'"



End-of-Summer Breakfast

at the Community Field House, Matunuck

Next Sunday, August 20, 2017

8:30AM TO 11:30AM

Adults: \$8.00—Children 6-12: \$4

Children 5 and under: FREE

Tickets to be sold after all masses this weekend.

Tickets can be purchased at the rectory or at the door the day of the breakfast.

Come Join Us for Good Food & Good Company!

PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly Support		August 6
Budget envelopes used (250)	-	\$6,745.50
Loose Donations	-	\$2,429.00
Online Giving (# of donors—68)	-	\$2,186.00
Total Budget	-	\$11,360.50
Second Collection (Holy Father-Peter's Pence)		
Budget envelopes used (156)	-	\$1,908.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 787.00
Total	-	\$2,695.00

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

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

AUGUST 13, 2017

From the Pastor

This Tuesday is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a holy day of obligation. Masses will be celebrated in the church at 7 a.m. and at noon, and at the chapel at 6:30 P.M. There is no vigil Mass.

Here are some reflections on this feast from Pope Benedict, Pope St. John Paul II, and St. Ambrose Autpert, an 8th century Benedictine monk:

Pope Benedict XVI wrote that “precisely because Mary is with God and in God, she is very close to each one of us. While she lived on this earth she could only be close to a few people. Being in God, who is actually ‘within’ all of us, Mary shares in this closeness of God.” Our Lady “knows our hearts, can hear our prayers, can help us with her motherly kindness. She always listens to us, and, being Mother of the Son, participates in the power of the Son and in his goodness. We can always entrust the whole of our lives to this Mother.” The Blessed Mother’s birth into heaven generates in us “an ever new capacity to await God’s future” (Saint John Paul II). “Mary lifted herself up to such lofty heights of heaven that the Word reached down from the highest pinnacle of heaven and took her in” (A. Autpert).

O Mary, Mother of hope, strong with your help, we do not fear obstacles and difficulties; fatigue and sufferings do not discourage us, because you accompany us on the path of life, and from heaven you watch over all your children, filling them with grace. To you we entrust the destiny of the peoples and the mission of the Church....

Dear brothers and sisters, however dark the shadows that sometimes gather on the horizon and however incomprehensible certain events may appear to be in human history, we must never lose trust and peace. Today’s feast invites us to entrust ourselves to Mary assumed into heaven who, like a shining star from heaven, directs our daily journey on earth. (Saint John Paul II)

Fr. Bodah

We are glad that you are here with us. Whether you moved here a while ago or are just here for a brief stay, we welcome you.

If you would like to become a part of this wonderful community, registering in the parish is a quick process that will take about five minutes over the phone (783-4411) or you can see Father Bodah after Mass to inquire about registering. Again, welcome and God bless!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Summer is still very much in full swing, but we would be remiss if we didn't inform you as to the start of Religious Ed Classes for 2017-2018 for Grades K-8.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STARTUP

Our classes begin on Sunday, **September 17th** for Grades K-6 and Wednesday, **September 20th** for Grades 7&8 and those students already enrolled in Wednesday classes for Grades 3-6. Those families new to the parish and families with children entering First Grade **must** register for classes.

Catholic school students in Grade 2 must register for First Holy Communion.

Registration forms may be found at the entrances to the church as well as online <http://stfranciswakefield.com/religious-education/>. Students currently enrolled in the program are automatically promoted to the next grade and do not need to register again.

An information packet will be mailed the third week of August to all registered families.

Please note that our Confirmation I & II classes met July 17-21 and the second set of classes will meet August 7-11.

Please call Barbette or Diane at the Religious Ed Office at 792-8684 if you have any questions.



Our Catechists are a key component of our Religious Education program. Their unselfish generosity of time and talent is a gift to the young parishioners of St. Francis Parish. We are in need of Catechists at various grade levels. **Why not you?** Maybe you will be more inclined to teach if you team teach with a fellow parishioner or friend, invite someone to join you or ask us to pair you up with someone!

Newly confirmed teens, this is your chance to give back to the community the gifts of your faith.

The qualifications needed are: weekly participation at Sunday Eucharist, a generous heart, enjoyment of young people, and a willingness to share your faith.

Please call Barbette Cullen or Diane Castro at 792-8684 for more information regarding teaching, as well as, other opportunities to serve your parish. Training and assistance are provided.

We will be waiting for your call!

This Week

Monday, August 14

HOLIDAY-Parish Offices Closed-NO ADORATION

Wednesday, August 16

7:00pm Praise Practice (FGC)

Thursday, August 17

2:00pm Opening the Word (FGC)

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (↓FGC-Foyer)

Sunday, August 20

8:00-11:30am End-of-Summer Breakfast/Matunuck



Calling all teens! On **Sunday night, August 20, at 7 pm**, St. Francis Parish

will host our second Youth Night of the summer. We'll start with a competition of everyone's favorite game show, Jeopardy (*Catholic-style*), followed by **pizza**. We will also hear a **witness talk**. Finally, we will close the night with some **praise and worship** before the Most Blessed Sacrament, aided by the musical talents of our very own Praise Music Ministry. Come to enjoy a summer evening with your friends, and deepen the faith that unites us. Please meet in the Father Greenan Parish Center. Parents can expect to pick up teens at 9:00 pm.



Congratulations to the proud parents and godparents of Eleanor Rose Hooper, Gerard Michael Fitzpatrick & Abram Justin Gower Gibson who were baptized last Sunday, August 6, by Fr. Nathan Ricci. *Your parish family rejoices with you!*



Diocese to Host Blue Mass to Honor and Pray for Police, Fire and First Responders

The Diocese of Providence will host a Blue Mass for Police, Fire and First Responders on Sunday, September 24, at 10:00 a.m. in the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul. Auxiliary Bishop Robert C. Evans will be the main celebrant of the Mass with other priests of the diocese concelebrating. Everyone is invited to come together to honor these men and women for their courageous service and pray for their safety.

"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." John 15:



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Featured in August: CATECHESIS

Jesus commands us in the Great Commission to teach the nations to observe "all that I have commanded you..." [Matthew 28:20]. But, what exactly is that body of teaching? The Catechism tells us that "the apostles entrusted the 'Sacred deposit' of the faith contained in Sacred Scripture and Tradition, to the whole of the Church" (CCC 84). In other words, the body of saving truth entrusted by Christ to the Apostles and handed on by them to be preserved and proclaimed is what we call the Deposit of Faith. St. John Paul II wrote that every Catholic has the right to receive this Deposit of Faith "not in mutilated, falsified or diminished form but whole and entire, in all its rigor and vigor" (Catechesi tradendae 30). Truly, every Catholic deserves to know their story and we need to be enthusiastic to share it with them!

- ♦ *Saint John Bosco: Mission to Love (Movie)*
- ♦ *Love Unveiled: The Catholic Faith Explained (Book by Edward Sri)*
- ♦ *Theology for Beginners (Audio by Frank Sheed)*

Can be found on Formed.org.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



The Office of Marriage Preparation & Enrichment is sponsoring the annual Wedding Anniversary Celebration honoring couples of the Diocese of Providence who will be observing their 25th, 40th, 50th and OVER 50 years wedding anniversaries in 2017.

The celebration will be held on Sunday, **October 15, 2017, 1:00pm at the Cathedral of SS. Peter & Paul, Providence**. It will include Mass, renewal of marriage vows, a personalized certificate for each couple and a reception for the couples and their families. Bishop Thomas J. Tobin will be the main celebrant and homilist.

Following are points regarding participation:

- ♦ The celebration is for couples observing their 25th, 40th, 50th and OVER wedding anniversary in 2017.
- ♦ One or both of the spouses need to be Catholic, with the marriage recognized by the Church.
- ♦ The celebration is for couples; if it is not possible for both to be present, a certificate can be forwarded directly to the couple.

Please contact the parish office at 783-4411 to register for this special celebration. *Deadline for contacting the office is August 31.*