

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 22

4:30 pm

Sunday, July 23

8:00am †Jean Krul

Requested by Family

10:00am †Margaret Appleyard

Requested by the McElkenny Family

12:00nn

Monday, July 24

7:00am Robert Klarsch

Tuesday, July 25

7:00am Special Intention

Wednesday, July 26

7:00am Special Intention

Requested by Kathleen & Jeff Carney

Thursday, July 27

7:00am †Rev. Edward Raftery

4th Pastor—97th Anniversary

Friday, July 28

7:00am Mass for the People

Saturday, July 29

4:30 pm †Rita Vachon

Requested by Dick & Jan Moore

Sunday, July 30

8:00am †James & Sarah Folcarelli

Requested by Family

10:00am †Nat Turco (10th anniversary remembrance)

Requested by Family

12:00nn



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 22

5:30 †Patti Diggins Chamberlain (birthday remembrance)

Requested by the Family

Sunday, July 23

8:00am †Deceased members of the Young & Geisel Families

Requested by Mary C. Young

10:00am †Madeline & Walter Johansen & Bob Alarie

Requested by Jude

Saturday, July 29

5:30 †Michael Cooney (birthday remembrance)

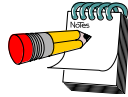
Requested by Peg Cooney

Sunday, July 30

8:00am †William H. McDevitt

10:00am †Jeanne Dorie Marvin

Requested by Kathleen Dwyer



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Jean Krul.

The Assumption of the Blessed

Virgin Mary

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Tuesday, August 15: Mass Times are:

(At St. Francis Church)

7:00am and 12NN

(At St. Romuald Chapel)

6:30pm



God's temple in heaven was opened,
and the ark of his covenant could be seen in the temple.

A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun,
with the moon under her feet,
and on her head a crown of twelve stars.
She was with child and wailed aloud in pain as she labored to give birth.
Then another sign appeared in the sky;
it was a huge red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns,
and on its heads were seven diadems.
Its tail swept away a third of the stars in the sky
and hurled them down to the earth.

Then the dragon stood before the woman about to give birth,
to devour her child when she gave birth.
She gave birth to a son, a male child,
destined to rule all the nations with an iron rod.
Her child was caught up to God and his throne.
The woman herself fled into the desert
where she had a place prepared by God.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say:
"Now have salvation and power come,
and the Kingdom of our God
and the authority of his Anointed One."

PARISH SUPPORT

<u>Weekly Support</u>		<u>July 16</u>
Budget envelopes used (228)	-	\$6,084.50
Loose Donations	-	\$2,033.00
Online Giving (# of donors-66)	-	\$1,946.00
Total Budget	-	\$10,063.50
Second Collection (Ongoing Maintenance)		
Budget envelopes used (165)	-	\$1,931.50
Loose Donations	-	\$ 752.00
Total	-	\$2,683.50

There is no second collection this week. Next week's second collection if for the Propagation of Faith/Mission Co-Op.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

JULY 23, 2017

From the Pastor

The 22nd of July is the feast of St. Mary Magdalene. She is called the “Apostle to the Apostles” because she brought the news of the empty tomb to the 11 disciples. Scripture says that the Lord had driven seven demons out of her; medieval legend has it that she ended her days as a hermit in the south of France.

Here is a piece from a meditation on St. Mary Magdalene’s inner life from the Carmelite nun St. Elizabeth of the Trinity:

A soul that debates with its self, that is taken up with its feelings, and pursues useless thoughts and desires, scatters its forces, for it is not wholly directed toward God. Its lyre does not vibrate in unison, and when the Master plays it, he cannot draw from it divine harmonies, for it is still too human and discordant. The soul that still keeps something for self in its “inner kingdom,” whose powers are not “enclosed” in God, cannot be a perfect praise of glory; it is not fit to sing uninterruptedly this a great song of praise of which Saint Paul speaks, since unity does not reign in it. Instead of persevering in praise through everything in simplicity, it must continually adjust the strings of its instrument, which are all a little out of tune.

Fr. Bodah

CALLING ALL TEENS!

On **Monday, July 24, at 7 pm**, St. Francis Parish will host an evening *just for you* on the church grounds. We will begin with our very own **obstacle course**, followed by **pizza**. We will also hear from **two of our teens who attended Steubenville East** on their experiences from last weekend’s youth conference (prepare to be inspired). 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. Plus, who would reject free pizza? Please meet in the Father Greenan Parish Center. **Parents can expect to pick up teens at 9:00 pm.**



RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION
CLASSES

**THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE IS
CLOSED DURING THE MONTH OF JULY**

St. Francis’ Little Friends childcare, which takes place during the 10am Mass, is looking for help for the coming school year. Think about volunteering, it’s a fun and easy way to earn community service hours and spend time with new friends.

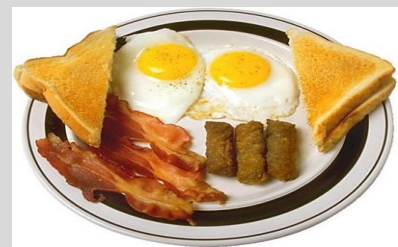
For more information contact:

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(Cullen_stfrancis@verizon.net)



End-of-Summer Breakfast
at the Community Field House,
Matunuck

Sunday, August 20, 2017

**WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH
SETUP AND CLEANUP!**

We also need:

**Pick-up trucks~Servers~Pastry
donations**

Please join us at our organizational meeting on Monday, July 31 at 7:00pm at the Matunuck Community Field House. If you would like to help but are unable to attend, please contact Gerri Marsocci at 783-2369 or Ellen Schwab at 789-7707. More information to come.

This Week

Monday, July 24

7:30am Adoration (SF)

7:00pm Pastoral Council Meeting (MCCR)

Wednesday, July 26

7:40am Finance Council Meeting (MCCR)

Thursday, July 27

2:00pm Opening the Word (FGC)

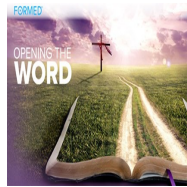
7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (JFGC-Foyer)



MISSION CO-OP PROGRAM-SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

Every year the Diocese of Providence participates in a Mission Co-op program which gives parishioners an opportunity to learn more about work being done in poorer countries, an opportunity to pray for these ministries and a chance to support the work financially. Next weekend our parish will welcome two Sisters of Mercy to share reflections on the mission work being done in the two Central American countries of Belize and Honduras. Both Sisters have had many years of experience in these two countries.

Sister Suzanne Lachapelle will speak at the Masses in the parish church and Sister Ann McKenna will speak at the Masses at St. Romuald's. As we welcome them, we also welcome all our parishioners to become better informed on the work of the missions. Financial support received from this second collection at St. Francis Church and St. Romuald Chapel on these dates will go directly to the Mercy missions in Belize and Honduras.



Would you like to develop a deeper understanding of the readings for the Sunday Liturgy? Join us on **Thursdays from 2-3pm in Fr. Greenan Center** for a journey through prayer and insights for the Sunday readings as shared with us through the Catholic gateway called

Formed.org. After reading the scriptures, you will be presented with short videos which will encourage group discussion as we grow in faith together.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS YARD SALE (PUBLIC INVITED): On Saturday, July 29th, from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM the Knights of Columbus will hold a Huge Yard Sale at the Council Hall, 1265 Tower Hill Road, North Kingstown; just North of the Intersection of Rt. 1 and Rt. 4. There will be a large assortment of tools and indoor/outdoor household items. The Hall will be open to receive items between the hours of 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM, Thursday, Jul 27th and Friday Jul 28th. Pick up service is available by calling 295-0507. Please leave a message."



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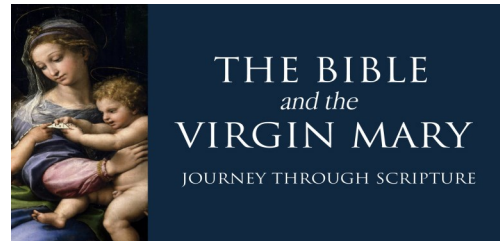
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Every journey has a destination. It is keeping the destination in mind that makes the journey meaningful. Of course, the destination of our journey of faith is union with God in Heaven for all of eternity. Summer is that time of year many will journey on vacation. With FORMED, the richness of the Catholic Faith is accessible on vacation and will make the journey more meaningful!



Journey through Scripture is the St. Paul Center's dynamic Bible study program designed to help ordinary Catholics grow in their knowledge of the Scriptures while deepening their understanding of the riches of our faith. Distinctively Catholic, Journey through Scripture reads the Bible from the heart of the Church, engaging both the Old and New Testaments and how they work together. It's grounded in history, yet actively engages topics faced by today's Catholic. More than just an ordinary Bible study, it's biblical catechesis.

The Bible and the Virgin Mary is a dynamic twelve-part video series that beautifully explains the Catholic truths about Our Lady, showing how she has been a part of God's plan to bring salvation to the world since the beginning of time. In addition to explanation of dogmas, answers to common objections, and demonstration of Mary's presence in the Old and New Testaments, this study discusses Church-approved Marian apparitions that play an important role in Catholic Tradition. It's sure to help Catholics and non-Catholics alike grow in an understanding and appreciation of the Mother of God.

Find this on Formed! This program is also closed-captioned. What a beautiful tribute in the year of Our Lady