

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions

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

Monday, July 31

7:00am Mass for the People

Tuesday, August 1

7:00am †Jean Krul

Requested by Barbara McNulty

Wednesday, August 2

7:00am †Rosemary Walsh (birthday remembrance)

Requested by Kathleen & Jeff Carney

Thursday, August 3

7:00am Special Intention

Friday, August 4

7:00am †Jean Krul

Requested by Kathleen Carney

Saturday, August 5

4:30 pm †James Sweet

Requested by Family

Sunday, August 6

8:00am †Kerri Bessette

Requested by Mom, Dad & Scott

10:00am

12:00nn †James Dware & John Cain

Requested by Barbara Potter



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

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

Saturday, August 5

5:30 †Craig Bento, James & Mary O'Rourke

Requested by Family

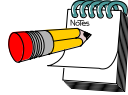
Sunday, August 6

8:00am †Robert & Mary Cochrane

Requested by Gerri & Al Marsocci

10:00am †Deceased Members of the Cooney Family

Requested by Family



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Rosemary Walsh.

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



FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students)

Hello everyone! My name is Eliza DeCubellis, and I am from Narragansett. I just graduated from Harvard University in May, and I've accepted a position as a full-time on-campus missionary with the organization FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) for the next two years! I'll be serving my first year at George Washington University in D.C.

FOCUS missionaries are now serving on 125 campuses in the country, and their mission is to share the *joy* of the Gospel with college students through Bible studies, outreach events, mission trips, one-on-one discipleship, and, above all, *friendship*. We seek to meet students wherever they are in their faith journey and be a witness of Christ's love as we *live life* with them. We aim to bring Christ outside the walls of the Church and the campus Catholic Center by meeting students where they study, hang out, and live. In this way, we invest deeply in individuals' lives to show them the life-changing beauty and meaning of a relationship with Christ and His Church.

In saying "yes" to God's call to serve as a missionary, I chose to rely entirely on His Providence through the generosity of mission partners. Specifically, I need to find 25 partners who are willing to join my *monthly spiritual & financial support team* by August 15th so that I may carry out my work on campus. If you are interested in hearing more about my work and potentially being a part of this mission to *revolutionize our culture* and *transform the world for Christ*, please call or text me at [401-258-5852](tel:401-258-5852) or email me at eliza.decubellis@focus.org and we can schedule a brief appointment. You can also visit my personal support page directly at <https://www.focus.org/missionaries/eliza-decubellis>. I would be honored to serve this mission with you. God bless!

PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly Support

		July 23
Budget envelopes used (234)	-	\$6,298.50
Loose Donations	-	\$2,297.50
Online Giving (# of donors-62)	-	\$1,566.00
Total Budget	-	\$10,162.00

This week's second collection is for the Propagation of Faith/Mission Co-Op. Next week's second collection is for Holy Father-Peter's Pence.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

JULY 30, 2017

From the Assistant Pastor

“Let no one look down on you because of your youth,” writes Saint Paul in his first letter to Timothy, “but set an example for those who believe, in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity” (1 Tim 4:12). Saint Paul’s words struck me as especially poignant two weekends ago as I joined 26 of our teens and 4 chaperones on the annual Steubenville East Conference in Lowell, MA. Aflame with the Spirit and united by the bonds of faith, our young parishioners embarked on a weekend which, for many, left them invigorated and ever-ready to proclaim the Gospel with the joy that comes from God alone.

I was especially moved by the confidence these young men and women exhibited as they shared their faith experiences with each other and bonded in deeper friendship throughout the weekend. It is no surprise that St. Thomas Aquinas called friendship “the source of the greatest pleasures.” For the Christian, friendship entails no mere social construct, but is part and parcel of why we exist. Indeed, we are made for friendship with God forever. Steubenville East captured this perennial truth by inviting our youth into a deeper relationship with Christ and with one another.

I would encourage you to read our teens’ reflections attached to this bulletin. You will find nothing less than the efficacious fruits of God’s grace working in their lives. I am most grateful to our young parishioners and to our chaperones for inspiring me at the conference and over these past couple weeks. I pray that many more young people will join us next year for a weekend of a lifetime, growing closer to the Lord who continually knocks at the door of our hearts, calling us to deeper friendship with Him.

I leave you with words from the Pope Emeritus, Benedict XVI, on the occasion of his inauguration to the Pontificate in 2005: “Are we not perhaps all afraid in some way? If we let Christ enter fully into our lives, if we open ourselves totally to him, are we not afraid that He might take something away from us? Are we not perhaps afraid to give up something significant, something unique, something that makes life so beautiful? Do we not then risk ending up diminished and deprived of our freedom? . . . No! If we let Christ into our lives, we lose nothing, nothing, absolutely nothing of what makes life free, beautiful and great. No! Only in this friendship are the doors of life opened wide. Only in this friendship is the great potential of human existence truly revealed. Only in this friendship do we experience beauty and liberation. And so, today, with great strength and great conviction, on the basis of long personal experience of life, I say to you, dear young people: Do not be afraid of Christ! He takes nothing away, and he gives you everything. When we give ourselves to him, we receive a hundredfold in return. Yes, open, open wide the doors to Christ – and you will find true life. Amen.”

God bless you. *Fr. Ricci*

SUMMER STAGE AT BISHOP HENDRICKEN PRESENTS *GODSPELL!*

Performances are August 3-5 at 7pm, and August 6 at 2pm in the Dr. Daniel S. Harrop Theater at Bishop Hendricken High School. Tickets are \$12 for Students & Seniors, and \$15 for Adults.

Tickets can be purchased:

online at www.hendrickendrama.weebly.com, or by calling the Box Office at (401) 739-3450 ext. 172.

We hope that you join us on our journey!



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:

Katie Mertens at:

(kmmertens99@gmail.com)

or Barbette Cullen at:

(Cullen_stfrancis@verizon.net)

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.***

This Week

Monday, July 31

7:30am Adoration (SF)

6:00pm Event Committee Meeting (In Matunuck)

Thursday, August 3

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (↓FGC-Foyer)

Friday, August 4

4-10:00pm Marriage Preparation Course (FGC)**Pre-registration through the diocesan office of marriage prep required to attend*

Saturday, August 5

7am-3:00pm-Marriage Preparation Course (FGC)**Pre-registration required*

Sunday, August 6

12NN Praise Mass



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What is “right” and “wrong”? Is what’s right for you right for me? Is there a right and wrong for everyone, all the time?

These are difficult questions to discuss in our culture. We live in a society that supports the opinion that each person should make up his or her own morality—that there is no moral truth that applies to everyone. Many of us have been affected by the relativistic outlook that pervades the modern world. Maybe some of us wonder whether there really is an absolute right and wrong for everyone. Or maybe we accept that there is a moral standard for all, but we don’t know how to explain our moral convictions in a convincing way. Maybe some of us are afraid of saying something is immoral because we’re afraid of offending others or of being labeled intolerant. How do we talk about morality in a relativistic world? **Find this on FORMED!**

THE PETER’S PENCE COLLECTION:

**BE A WITNESS OF CHARITY
NEXT WEEKEND, AUGUST 5/6**



The Peter’s Pence Collection has ancient Christian roots, linking back to the New Testament times when people would provide material support to those preaching the Gospel to distribute to those in need (see Acts 4:34- 35, 11:29). Today the collection is the way we as members of the Catholic Church unite ourselves to the concerns of the Holy Father. Donations to this collection support the charitable works of Pope Francis for the assistance of those most in need.

How We Can Join Pope Francis and Be a Witness of Charity. By supporting this collection, you support the charitable works of Pope Francis. Your donations are a witness of charity and help the Holy See reach out compassionately to those who are marginalized. Contributions to this collection provide assistance to victims of natural disaster, war, oppression, and disease.

Please give generously to this collection, as a witness of charity, and give hope to those who suffer around the globe.

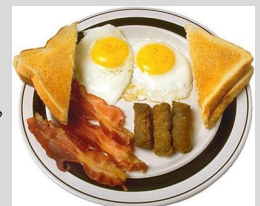
“A little mercy makes the world less cold and more just.” —Pope Francis, Angelus, March 17, 2013



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.