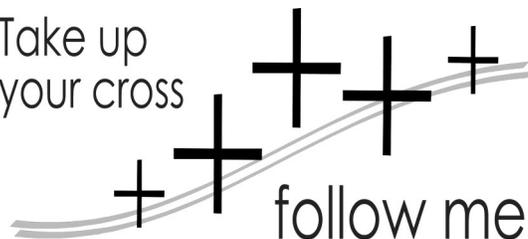


THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions

Take up
your cross



Saturday, September 2

4:30 pm †Rita Vachon

Requested by Jean McGair

Sunday, September 3

8:00am †Mary Costanza

Requested by Family

10:00am †Marcia Signorelli

Requested by Eric & Sharon Rose

12:00nn

Monday, September 4

7:00am Mass for the People

Tuesday, September 5

7:00am Special Intention

Wednesday, September 6

7:00am †Rev. Jerome E. Daly

10th Pastor—32nd Anniversary

Thursday, September 7

7:00am †Jean Krul

Requested by Gina Posillo

Friday, September 8

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

Requested by Family

Saturday, September 9

4:30 pm †Rose Calvitto

Requested by Family

Sunday, September 10

8:00am †Laura Webb

10:00am

12:00nn †Myles Mulligan

Requested by Family



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 2

5:30 †Norbert & Marguerite Jarbeau

Requested by Dan & Corinne McKinnon

Sunday, September 3

8:00am †Ann & Bill Cullinane

Requested by Family

10:00am †William H. McDevitt

Requested by Roger & Mary Grace Hood

Sunday, September 10

10:00am †Shirley & Scotty Clancy

Requested by Fr. Eugene McKenna



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

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

Those who lose their life for my sake



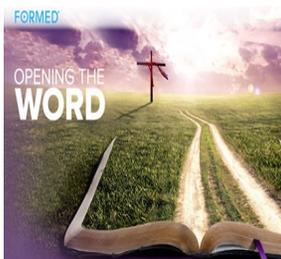
will find it

...Then Jesus said to His disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me just deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.

For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life?

For the Son of Man will come with His angels in His Father's glory, and then He will repay all according to his conduct."



Opening the Word will continue but at a new time. Would you like to develop a deeper understanding of the readings for the Sunday Liturgy? Join us on **Thursdays from 5:45-6:45pm 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. All are welcome!

Just a reminder that the *Word Among Us* booklets for the month of September can be found at the entrances of the Church.

PARISH SUPPORT

<u>Weekly Support</u>		<u>August 27</u>
Budget envelopes used (237)	-	\$5,999.50
Loose Donations	-	\$1,742.00
Online Giving (# of donors-63)	-	\$1,651.00
Total Budget	-	\$9,392.50

Second Collection (Ongoing Maintenance)

Budget envelopes used (164)	-	\$1,827.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 722.00
Total	-	\$2,549.00

This week's second collection is the Monthly Collection. Next week's second collection is for Ongoing Maintenance.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

SEPTEMBER 3, 2017

From Fr. Ricci,

In the Book of Ecclesiastes we read, "There is an appointed time for everything" (Eccl 3:1). Sadly, the time has arrived for me to depart Saint Francis Parish as I return to Rome to finish my license in Canon Law. As you know, in the midst of a person's life, goodbyes are necessary, but never easy. While I am eager to finish my studies, I must admit such a departure leaves me with a mixture of emotions. Nostalgia reminds me of the moments of joy, laughter, and the abounding presence of God's grace, which were hallmarks of these summer months. While this indeed enkindles certain sadness in leaving such a wonderful community of faith, these memories also prompt me to a profound sense of gratitude for the opportunity to serve you, learn from you, and grow with you during this journey upon which the Lord has placed us.

Pope Saint John Paul II once remarked, "In the designs of Divine Providence, there are no coincidences." The Lord has His reasons, known only to Him, for assigning me here to Saint Francis for my first assignment in parochial work, and to Him and His Church, I am immensely grateful for a blessed and rewarding summer of ministry in His vineyard. Thank you for your inspiring witness to the faith, your joy, and your love for God's Church. In particular, I am deeply grateful to Fr. Henry Bodah for his example of priestly charity, and for the kindness he has shown me as a brother priest. To the parish staff and all our parish volunteers at St. Francis and St. Romuald, I am grateful to you for your leadership and constant encouragement, which remains the bedrock of this community. To our youth especially, whose joy for the Gospel is an indelible sign of the presence of God, I thank you. Continue to open your hearts to the call of Christ for your lives. I assure you, He will give you the greatest joy known to man—the deepest joy, in fact, that there is in the world. When we follow Christ and His Church unreservedly, we encounter not sadness, nor banality, nor constraint, but deep and lasting fulfillment, wonder and excitement, and authentic human freedom.

I would ask you all to continue to pray for me and for our priests. Please also remember in your prayers those men and women discerning a call to the priesthood or religious life. Let us pray that many more young men and women from our diocese and parish might answer the call of Christ in their hearts to give of themselves entirely for Him and His Church, to accept the life of mysterious wonder he has prepared for them for all eternity. As Our Lord tells us Himself, "I have come so that they may have life, and have it abundantly!" (Jn 10:10).

To all our parishioners, thank you for everything you have done for me and for this parish, and may God bless you and your families abundantly. Lastly, let us pray for each other always – *Oremus pro invicem!*

To contact Father Ricci, you can e-mail him at the parish e-mail address, which will remain active (fnathanricci@stfranciswakefield.com). Mail may be sent to Fr. Ricci at the following address in Rome:

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Italy

BIBLE STUDY AT ST. FRANCIS

Bible Study will resume here at St Francis on Tuesday, September 12, 2017. This year we will begin with the books of James and Peter. After Christmas we will study Hebrews. Come and discover the wonderful story of our Lord through Peter and James. All are welcome! We hope to see you Tuesday evenings!

For further information contact Vicky at montanivicky@gmail.com or 580-2736. You may also call the parish office at 401-783-4411.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES



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. The Religious Education mailing was sent on the 23rd of August, if you have not received this information *please call Barbette or Diane at the Religious Ed Office at 792-8684.*

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.



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.

We are in need of Catechists at various grade levels. Class times: Gr.K-6 meet on Sunday mornings 8:55 -9:50 (K-2) 10:55-11:50(gr.3-6) Wed afternoon (gr.3-6) 4:15-5:15 Wed. evening(gr.7&8) 7:00-8:15 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!**

Congratulations to Miss Katie Mertens! Katie has earned her Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest honor available in Girl Scouting. St Francis was the recipient of Katie's efforts. Katie formed St. Francis' Little Friends Childcare and gave parents at the 10:00am Sunday Mass at St. Francis the opportunity to have childcare for their young children. Katie organized the kitchen in Fr. Greenan Center, complete with labeled cupboards and drawers and provided a few recipes that could be used in the Religious Education classes. Thank you Katie, St. Francis has been blessed by your commitment to service. May God bless you as you begin your first year of college!



This Week
Monday, September 4
HOLIDAY—NO ADORATION/PARISH OFFICES CLOSED



Tuesday, September 5
 6:00pm Social Outreach Committee Meeting (FGC)

Thursday, September 7
 5:45pm Opening the Word (FGC)
 6:30pm Prayer Shawl Meeting (MCCR)
 7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (↓FGC-Foyer)

Sunday, September 10
 12NN Praise Mass

blood drive!

St. Romuald Chapel

Sunday, September 3, 2017

7:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Bloodmobile

61 Atlantic Avenue, Matunuck

Don't forget to bring your driver's license or another form of identification when you donate.

Visit www.ribc.org to make an appointment, Sponsor Code 2487.

Rhode Island
Blood Center

Every day in RI, 200 people are needed to donate blood in order to meet the needs of patients at local hospitals. Blood components do not last long. This is why new, healthy blood is needed every day. If you are not sure if you can donate, please call 453-8307 to find out.

Giving blood is a wonderful way to give of oneself and help save lives in our community!

SAVE THE DATE!

Flu Clinics: *October 1* at St. Romuald Chapel (11am-1:00pm); *October 8* at St. Francis Church (9am-1:00pm)

Blessing of the Animals: *October 1* at 1:00pm by the statue of St. Francis of Assisi on the side of the church

October Devotions (Rosary & Litany of Our Lady): Weeknights at 7:00pm throughout the month of October at St. Romuald Chapel.

Parish Pasta Dinner: *Friday, October 6* from 5-7:30pm

ST. FRANCIS END OF SUMMER BREAKFAST

Sunday, August 20th was a “perfect day” for the annual St. Francis End of Summer Breakfast in Matunuck. We want to thank all who came and enjoyed the delicious breakfast and beautiful late summer breezes. It couldn't have been possible without the help of so many—in particular all those who set up and cleaned up; the many cooks (both at the breakfast and pastry from home) and the servers—to all of you—we extend our many thanks. It was an extremely successful event in continuing the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi. *Joe & Ellen Schwab; Al & Gerri Marsocci*

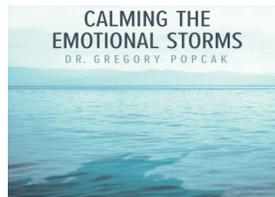
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The Social Outreach Committee will begin 2017-2018 season with the first monthly meeting this *Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at Father Greenan Center at 6:00pm*. This committee works on various events throughout the year helping several community needs. We are always looking for new members to help with this parish ministry. All are welcome to attend this meeting!



SENIOR PRIEST RETIREMENT FUND

After decades of faithful service, many retired priests continue to serve where they are needed, while others require assisted living, or nursing home care. Since priests are paid a very modest wage, they cannot rely on Social Security to make ends meet. No longer able to rely upon parishes for basic living needs, senior priests depend on support from this challenged fund. Your generosity will make a difference in the lives of many who have served faithfully for many years in ministry—some of whom continue to serve well after their ‘retirement.’ The collection is also our way of saying “thank you” for that service. At Masses on September 16 & 17, our parish will join others throughout the Diocese in a special second collection in support of the Senior Priest Retirement Fund. Please consider a generous donation in support of our senior priests. To learn how this fund benefits senior priests or to make an online donation, please visit www.srpriestri.org. Thank you for your support of this worthy endeavor.

HELP NEEDED

We are in need of a parishioner who is willing to wash a small amount of linens used from Mass every other week. Perhaps you are a stay at home mom, a retired person or someone who is looking to help our parish family in some small way this may be the ministry for you! The current person is willing to guide you through the process. If you are able to help call Jacki at 783-4411.

