

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 2

5:30pm Camella Ford

Req. by Social Outreach Committee

Sunday, July 3

8:00am Joseph L. McNulty

Requested by family

10:00am Neal Fiorio

Requested by family

12:00NN Oscar Newton

Requested by Theresa Newton

Monday, July 4

7:00am Edward P. Gormley

Requested by friend

Tuesday, July 5

7:00am Dr. Leonard Staudinger

Requested by wife

Wednesday, July 6

7:00am Rose Cessini

Requested by Arundel family

Thursday, July 7

7:00am Louis Richards

Requested by Arundel family

Friday, July 8

7:00am Beth Stevens

Req. by Jeff and Kathleen Carney

Saturday, July 9

5:30pm Special Intention

Requested by 7AM Mass Group

Sunday, July 10

8:00am Walter DiPrete

Requested by family

10:00am Dr. Charles Farrell

Requested by family

12:00NN John and Mary Boyle

Requested by family



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 2

5:30pm Robert J. McNally

Requested by family

Sunday, July 3

8:00am Mass for the People

10:00am Helen and Mary Coffey

Requested by Kathleen Dwyer

Saturday, July 9

5:30pm Alice M. Pyne

Requested by family

Sunday, July 10

8:00am Mass for the People

10:00am Florence Gadzik

Requested by Bill and Ellen Greene



For Your Information

PARISH SUPPORT for June 26th was Budget—\$11,169. This weekend's second offering is the Monthly Offering for July. Thank you for your continued generosity!

SANCTUARY LAMP & FLOWERS

This week's sanctuary lamp and flowers at St. Francis Church are in memory of Oscar Newton. The sanctuary lamp at St. Romuald Chapel burns in memory of Michael and Agnes Rucci.

CATHOLIC CHARITY FUND APPEAL

According to the last Stewardship & Development report we received more than \$100,445 toward our 2011 CCFA goal of \$104,000. Thank you for your generosity.

BOOK CLUB

The next Book Club meeting will take place this Wednesday, July 6th at 10:00am in Helen Bouchard Hall located in the basement of the church. Assignment: Read the first two chapters of *Rediscovering Catholicism* by Matthew Kelly. It is also recommended that you read the Prologue and Where to Go from Here. Mary Vitiello will facilitate the next meeting and guiding questions will be sent out weekly by the facilitator one week in advance. If you let the parish office know you're interested, we'll email you the questions (783-4411). Don't forget, the office has copies of *Rediscovering Catholicism* for \$3.

FATHER NICK'S HOMILY

Many requests have come in for Father Nick's final homily. You'll be happy to know that you can download it from the new parish website: stfranciswakefield.com or pick up a copy

SOOOO ... WHO GOT THE PAINTING & MAP???

Congratulations to Linda Iredale who won Father Nick's Historical Map of Irish Names and to Frank Day who won Father Nick's 8th Hole at Pebble Beach painting. Father Nick personally drew the winners on Monday morning.

STEUBENVILLE EAST CONFERENCE LOOKING FOR RN'S

Registered RI Nurses are being sought to volunteer their time at the Steubenville East Conference at URI on July 22-24. If you're interested, please call Pattie Flynn at 781-326-0745.

2ND ANNUAL QUO VADIS DAYS CAMP

August 14-16th at Camp Canonicus, Exeter, RI

Attention all high school age young men. "Quo Vadis" is Latin for "Where are you going?" Do you know where your life is going? The Lord has a great plan for you! You're invited to attend the 2nd Annual Quo Vadis Day Camp (QVD) to spend time with other young men your age exploring the Lord's call in our life while having fun. Cost—\$80 (however, scholarships are available.) If you'd like to attend or to obtain more information visit www.catholicpriest.com or contact Father Michael Najim at 401-331-1316 or email: mnajim@catholicpriest.com.

THE CRY ROOMS

Please keep the cry rooms open and available for families with babies or small children. Parents are welcome and invited to use these areas at the back of St. Francis Church (in the main vestibule) for those times when the children won't sit still or the baby won't stop crying!

JULY 3, 2011

A Word from Your New Pastor ...

Let me begin by saying how happy and grateful I am that Bishop Tobin has appointed me to be the new pastor of St. Francis Parish. I've always known that St. Francis is a vibrant parish in one of the most beautiful areas of the state, but ever since my appointment was announced I have repeatedly heard from priests who have served here as well as others associated with the parish how warm and welcoming the people of this community are. You certainly have a great reputation and I am looking forward to serving among you.

I am very grateful to Fr. Nick Smith for welcoming me so warmly on behalf of the parish and for filling me in on many of the practical things I need to know as I begin my service here. More importantly, I am grateful to Fr. Nick for his fourteen years of very dedicated ministry as your pastor. I am moving into a parish that is spiritually alive and physically sound. That is undoubtedly a tribute to his fine pastoral leadership. Fr. Nick speaks so fondly of this parish that it was clearly a labor of love. I know it is difficult for him to leave St. Francis, but he is always welcome to join us in celebrations and he will certainly continue to be in our thoughts and prayers.

Two years ago I had the pleasure of getting to know Fr. Joe Upton when he served as a "summer deacon" at St. Margaret Parish in Rumford. I admired his energy and many talents never imagining that he would soon be my associate. I look forward to renewing our friendship and working with him to serve you. I have also begun to meet members of the staff and parish leadership and it is clear that our parish is blessed with many talented, faith-filled people who are committed to making St. Francis a great parish community.

On a personal note, thirty-four years ago this month I was ordained to the priesthood. While I started out in parish ministry, most of my years have been spent in administrative service. Throughout those years, I have always tried to stay connected to parish life because it is the essence of the Church. The parish is where we all have the opportunity to encounter our living God in the many, varied situations of our everyday lives. I am really happy to be a full-time parish priest again and I look forward to joining in the spiritual journey of the many families of St. Francis Parish and St. Romuald Chapel.

Msgr. Paul Theroux

From the Assistant Pastor...

Phew! What a month it's been! Preparing for Fr. Nick's departure, his final Mass and farewell reception was a bittersweet experience. We know that Fr. Nick is heading off to a well-deserved retirement, but we will miss him greatly (and there's no doubt he will miss us!). Preparing for our new pastor has been very exciting! I am delighted and looking forward to ministering again with Msgr. Theroux, who served for many faithful years in diocesan administration. I can think of no better person to begin this new chapter in the life of our parish family, and I'm excited to be a part of it! No doubt God has exciting things in store for the parish family of St. Francis and St. Romuald. Many, many thanks to all those who helped in any way organizing and executing Fr. Nick's last Masses and farewell receptions at both St. Francis and St. Romuald. We are so blessed by the caring dedication of so many parishioners who made those experiences memorable. And thank you to all those who sent cards and gifts or extended words of encouragement on the occasion of my first anniversary of ordination. It has been a truly grace-filled and happy year! Thank you for everything, and most of all, for being patient with me as I learn the ropes!



This Week

Sunday, July 3

1:30pm Baptisms—by Deacon Paul
7:00pm AA (HBH)

Monday, July 4



All Parish Offices **CLOSED** in observance of Independence Day

Have a safe and Happy 4th of July!

Wednesday, July 6

10:00am Book Club—Rediscovering Catholicism (HBH)

Thursday, July 7

7pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (MCCR)

NEW TRANSLATION COUNTDOWN

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



MWEA FUNDRAISER BREAKFAST

Help support the Mwea children of Kenya, Africa. Come join us for a morning breakfast taking place Sunday, July 17 from 9:00am to 12:00pm, located at Fr. Greenan Parish Center. The breakfast will be sponsored by Panera Bread and many local gift cards will be raffled.

IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH: THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Today's second reading from Romans 8 describes "life in the Spirit." Saint Paul makes it clear that those who follow Christ are no longer "of the flesh" but are "in the Spirit." Saint Paul is describing, very beautifully, the life of *grace*. He points us to a plane of reality that is different from, and above our own. Living the life of grace means participating in the liturgy and receiving the sacraments often and worthily. Our human, fleshly existence inclines us to see things in merely human terms, to think that somehow even our experience of faith is something we can contrive or control. But Saint Paul challenges us to see that grace is operating in us and through us, drawing us above and beyond our merely earthly existence. If we fail to avail ourselves of opportunities to receive God's grace in the liturgy and the sacramental life of the Church, we are refusing God's invitation to be given a supernatural gift which can transfigure even the most mundane of our human experiences. Living the life of the Spirit means living the *sacramental* life, where we return again and again to the spring of living water and drink deeply of the grace available to us. Saint Paul indicates that life in the Spirit will extend to our bodies, as well. Our bodies, indeed our entire "fleshly" existence, are drawn up and are used by God in the sacramental dynamic. The sacraments, by definition, always incorporate some element of material reality (water, oil, bread, wine, the laying on of hands, etc.). Saint Paul doesn't expect that we deny or degrade our physical existence in light of a better, spiritual one. He simply means that our whole existence can be transformed in and through grace. That transformation happens through our participation in the liturgical and sacramental life of the Church, where the Spirit is at work, conforming us more and more deeply to the image of Christ.

AS THE WEATHER GETS WARMER...

A friendly reminder that appropriate dress is required in Church, even during the summer months.

SAVE THE DATE!

A parish "Twilight Retreat" is scheduled for August 1st, from 6:30PM to 9:30PM in lower Fr. Greenan Hall. A Twilight Retreat is an opportunity to "get away" for just a few hours during the week to take a closer look at your relationship with God in a relaxed yet prayerful setting. A team of parishioners will lead the retreat with Fr. Joe. Dinner will be included! Details will follow; be on the lookout!



Year of Liturgical
and Spiritual Renewal

FOODS/COMMODITIES FOR JULY & AUGUST:

Peanut butter and jelly, cans/jars of veggies, tuna, canned meats, tomato sauce, pasta, fruit juice and snacks. Unopened 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.

Father Nick's NEW Mailing Address:

Rev. Nicholas P. Smith
St. John Vianney Residence
493 Mount Pleasant Ave.
Providence, RI 02908

NEW TRANSLATION PREVIEW: THE PREFACE

The "Preface" opens the Eucharistic Prayer, which is the "center and summit of the entire celebration" (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*). The Preface is preceded by a dialogue between priest and people, which includes the distinctive invitation to "lift up your hearts." In the new translation of the Roman Missal which will take effect in November, 2011, one line of that dialogue is translated differently. Currently, after the priest says, "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God," the people respond, "It is right to give him thanks and praise." The new translation changes this response so that it better reflects the Latin original: "It is right and just" (*"Dignum et iustum est"*). That we are still giving thanks to God is understood from the words the Priest addresses to the people. What is missing from the current translation is any mention that our giving thanks to God is actually something that is required by *justice*. As St. Thomas Aquinas reminds us, justice is giving the other his or her due. With respect to God, we can never fully repay Him for all the good that we have received from Him: our very existence, our life, all the goods of this world, the supreme gift of His Son, the Church, the faith, the hope of eternal salvation, etc. The virtue of religion concerns our returning to God what we owe Him, and although we can never give Him back more than He has first given us, we can in thanksgiving offer Him our very selves in union with that perfect offering of His Son, our Head and Savior. Our thanksgiving, which is a translation of the Greek work *eucharistia*, is perfected when it is offered by He who is capable of perfectly offering it: Christ alone. Our thanksgiving and offering is united with that of Christ's through the power of the Holy Spirit in the Eucharistic Prayer as the Priest offers Christ's perfect offering.