

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 30

5:30pm Bernard McSally

Requested by family

Sunday, July 31

8:00am John Matusa

Requested by Debbie & Dennis Ferreira

10:00am Peter Swanson

Requested by family

12:00NN Marion Cappuccio

Requested by Colavita family

Monday, August 1

7:00am Robert Cote

Requested by family

Tuesday, August 2

7:00am Thomas Walsh

Requested by Amy and John Mongillo

Wednesday, August 3

7:00am Mary Ann Tetreault

Requested by Paul

Thursday, August 4

7:00am Donald Wilson

Requested by Green family

First Friday, August 5

7:00am Dr. Leonard Staudinger

Requested by wife

First Saturday, August 6

8:00am Mass for the People

5:30pm Rose Calitri

Requested by family

Sunday, August 7

8:00am Kerri Bessette

Requested by Mom, Dad & Scott

10:00am Claire E. Pompei

Requested by family

12:00NN Paul Madden

Requested by Patty Salerno



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 30

5:30pm Craig Michael Bento & James

and Mary O'Rourke

Requested by family

Sunday, July 31

8:00am William Apicerno

Requested by family

10:00am Madeline Johansen

Requested by Jude and Bob

Saturday, August 6

5:30pm George Adam Rivera

Sunday, August 7

8:00am Robert & Mary Cochrane

Requested by Gerri and Al Marsocci

10:00am Sabatino and Pearl Vacca &

Gino and Catherine Parente

Requested by family



For Your Information

PARISH SUPPORT for July 24 was Budget—\$9,072.50. This weekend's second offering—Mission Cooperative. Next weekend our diocese will take up the Peter's Pence collection, which provides the Holy Father with the funds he needs to carry out his most important charitable works. The proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Through your generosity, we can cast the peace of Christ upon the world. Thank you for your continued generosity.

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Rose Calitri.

PARISH MOVIE NIGHT

Move over Showcase! Saint Francis will be hosting a night at the movies! Join our parish family for a showing of the outstanding film, "**Of Gods and Men**," which tells the story of nine Trappist monks living in Algeria who were kidnapped in 1996. It is by far one of the most powerful films of a religious theme ever made. "Of Gods and Men" won the prestigious Grand Prix award at the 2010 Cannes Film Festival, as well as the Lumière Award and César Award for Best Film. Join us in Lower Greenan Hall (air conditioned) on Sunday, August 7, at 7:00PM for a showing of the film on our brand new giant screen! All are welcome! (This is a powerful family film, as well.) We'll provide the popcorn and soft drinks. Call the rectory to let us know if you're coming!



BAPTIZED INTO GOD'S FAMILY

Congratulations to the proud parents and godparents of Joseph Robert Phillips and Avery Kate Phillips who were baptized into God's family last Sunday by Father Joe.

BOOK CLUB

The next Book Club meeting will take place this Wednesday, August 3rd at 10:00am in Helen Bouchard Hall located in the basement of the church.

BILL BOUCHARD MEMORIAL MASS

The Bouchard family has requested a Memorial Mass for all of Bill Bouchard's friends and local family members. There will be a Memorial Mass for our beloved friend Bill, who went home on July 10th, on Saturday, August 27th at 11:00AM at St. Francis Church. Our prayers go out to all of Bill's family and friends.

UPPER ROOM: WISH LIST (UPDATED)

Many, many thanks to all those who called with items to donate to the Upper Room. A complete listing of donations, memorials and donors will be published in the bulletin in the Fall. We are still in need of: television and blu-ray player, lamps (floor and table), round table and chairs, bar-type stools, an i-Pod dock. An area rug, tension rods, and valances have also been purchased. If you would like to memorialize any of these items, please call the rectory. Remember that all donations are tax-deductible and may be given in memory of a loved one. Call the rectory to speak with Laurie Friel regarding donations. Many, many thanks to all who are helping to provide a space for our young people to call their own. This is a true investment in the future of our parish family!

JULY 31, 2011



11th Annual End-of-Summer Breakfast

They say that breakfast is the most important meal of the day because it is so beneficial to our health and overall well-being. While I have only been in the parish for a few weeks, I have heard much about a breakfast that is very important to the community of Saint Francis and Saint Romuald – the **Annual Breakfast at Matunuck**. This year will be the 11th breakfast and it has certainly proven to be a great benefit to our parish. As we look to the last days of summer, this fine gastronomic event brings together the in-town crowd, the Matunuck chapel-goers and, of course, some of our valued summer guests – what a great way to celebrate the many dimensions of our parish community.

This year our festive breakfast will take place on Sunday, August 28 from 8:30 AM to 12:00 Noon at the Matunuck Community Center on Matunuck Beach Road. As in previous years, tents will be set up to accommodate everyone and there will be an abundance of clearly-defined parking.

So whether you attend Mass at St. Francis Church or St. Romuald Chapel, please consider joining us to enjoy the late summer breeze, fantastic breakfast fare and the great company of families from both of our places of worship. We offer a special welcome to our summer visitors who are also an important part of our parish community.

Still an inflation-free event, the cost this year is again an amazing \$7 per adult and \$4 for children six to twelve. Children under five eat free. Tickets are available at the parish office and will be sold at the chapel in the coming weeks. We appreciate your getting tickets early so that we can get a good sense of numbers.

I hope that you will join our very dedicated co-chairs, Fran and Cathy Fitzpatrick, Father Joe Upton and me for what promises to be another outstanding event!

Msgr. Paul Theroux

Holy Hour with Praise!

Our parish youth ensemble PRAISE will provide the music for a Eucharistic Holy Hour on **TUESDAY, AUGUST 9TH** in St. Francis Church at 7:00PM. Be there! Our parish youth work so hard and give so freely of their time to help us raise our voices to God in song. Please join us for this special hour of uplifting and reverent prayer and song. We are truly blessed to have a group such as this in our parish, under the capable direction of Mimi Battey and with indispensable help from Bill Craig, Mark Castro, and Rick Bicknell. Come and see what they've been up to! The PRAISE! members will participate in a Lock-In at Father Greenan Parish Center immediately following the holy hour.

POPE BENEDICT'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

Did you know that the Holy Father's prayer intentions for each month are published so that the faithful may join with him in prayer? Pope Benedict's prayer intentions for the month of August are: **For the success of World Youth Day**, that young people throughout the world may be encouraged to have their lives rooted and built up in Christ; **For Western Christians**, that they may be open to the action of the Holy Spirit and rediscover the freshness and enthusiasm of their faith.



This Week

Sunday, July 31

4:00pm Leadership Mtg.—Twilight Retreat (FGC)

7:00pm AA (HBH)

Monday, August 1

6:30-9:30pm Twilight Retreat (FGC)

Tuesday, August 2

7-8:30pm Praise! Rehearsal (FGC)

Wednesday, August 3

10:00am Book Club

Thursday, August 4

7:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (MCCR)

1st Friday, August 5

6:30pm Holy Holy led by Deacon Paul Iacono (church)

1st Saturday, August 6

8:00am Mass at St. Francis

NEW TRANSLATION COUNTDOWN

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

DID YOU KNOW?

The Mass Readings for every day of the month can be found online at:

<http://www.usccb.org/nab/>

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS READINGS

1 Kgs 19:9, 11-13; Rom 9:1-5;

Mt 14:22-33

COLLEGE-BOUND PARISHIONERS!

As Monsignor Theroux noted in his homily last weekend, the youth of our parish are one of our greatest blessings. We would like to express our best wishes to those young parishioners of ours who will be heading off to college in the Fall. NEXT Sunday, August 7, at the 12NN Mass, we will offer a special ceremony of blessing and sending-forth for those who will be *starting* or *returning* to college. Our young people are an integral part of our parish family, even when they go away to school! Call the rectory to let us know if you or your son/daughter will participate!



Don't forget to check out our NEW parish website:

<http://stfranciswakefield.com>

IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

In today's First Reading, Isaiah invites all those who thirst to come to the Lord for water. This is the posture of all those who approach God through the liturgy each week. We come to the Lord thirsting for the living water of grace, and only God can satiate that thirst. Jesus pours out his grace in abundance upon us through the sacraments and our deepest spiritual longings are satisfied. God asks his people through the prophet, "Why do you spend your money on what is not food? Why waste your wages on what fails to fulfill you?" We often seek fulfillment in all the wrong places. We "spend our lives" on a search that often leaves us feeling empty. Christ is here, waiting for us to approach him with open and sincere hearts. We should prepare ourselves before each liturgy, asking God to open our hearts so that we can receive whichever graces he wants to give us through our devout participation in that celebration. Notice that in today's Gospel, Jesus blesses, breaks and distributes the bread to the crowds in a ritual manner. It is meant to invoke Eucharistic overtones. The gesture of Jesus, looking up to heaven toward the Father, has even made its way into the rubrics of the Mass, when the priest during the First Eucharistic Prayer looks up toward heaven before the consecration. The highly Eucharistic act of Jesus recounted in today's Gospel gives a further clue about God's desire to fulfill our longing: our worthy and devout participation in the Eucharist is the pinnacle of spiritual fulfillment in this life. We should approach the altar well prepared and properly disposed so that Christ's life in us can lay down deep roots.

THE "PORTIUNCULA"

This coming week, Franciscans around the world will celebrate the feast of the "Portiuncula" (meaning literally, "little portion") on August 2. The Portiuncula is the little chapel just outside of Assisi where our parish patron, Saint Francis, first received his vocation while praying in front of the Cross of San Damiano. The little chapel, now surrounded by a much larger basilica, is officially dedicated to Our Lady of the Angels. It was there that Francis rolled in the thorn bush to squelch his temptations, it was there that Francis spent most of his earthly life, and it was there that he finally died in 1226. May our own parish church always be a "little portion" set aside for prayer and devotion, like the little chapel of our patron, Saint Francis!

Summer's Swan-Song Sweepstakes

NEXT Saturday & Sunday, August 6th & 7th

tickets go on sale. **Cost: \$35**

1st Prize—\$2,000, 2nd Prize—\$500, 3rd Prize—\$500

Tickets go on sale the weekend of August 6/7 after all Masses. Winning tickets will be drawn on Sunday, October 2nd at the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi Breakfast at Father Greenan Parish Center.



Year of Liturgical and Spiritual Renewal

LAST CHANCE!

If you would like to participate in our Twilight Retreat, "With Burning Hearts," you must call the rectory by Monday morning! For those who are already registered, we will begin with a light supper at 6:30PM in Lower Father Greenan. Bring only yourself and an open heart and mind.



UPCOMING EVENTS

August 1 - Parish Twilight Retreat, "With Burning Hearts," at 6:30PM in Fr. Greenan Center. There is still time to sign-up! A great opportunity for summer

R&R for the soul!

August 3 - Book Club Meeting, Matthew Kelly's *Rediscovering Catholicism*, at 10:00AM in Helen Bouchard Hall.

August 5 - First Friday Holy Hour at 6:30PM with Deacon Paul Iacono.

August 6 - First Saturday Mass at 8:00AM in St. Francis Church.

August 7 - Special Blessing for College-Bound Parishioners (new and returning) at the 12:00NN Mass at St. Francis.

August 7 - Parish Movie Night, "Of Gods and Men," at 7:00PM in Fr. Greenan Center. Come watch an outstanding film in a comfortable atmosphere. Popcorn and drinks provided.

August 9 - PRAISE Holy Hour at 7:00PM in St. Francis Church. Join us for an evening of uplifting yet reverent prayer and song with the Blessed Sacrament.

TAKE A BOW...

As Catholics, we believe that prayer engages the whole person, even one's body! Our postures and bodily gestures during the Mass (standing, kneeling, bowing) are meant to foster an interior disposition of prayer and reverence. During the Mass, in addition to the more common gestures, the ENTIRE congregation should BOW at the following words during the recitation of the Creed: "*By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh and was born of the Virgin Mary.*" Additionally, before receiving Holy Communion, the person approaching the priest, deacon or extraordinary minister of the Eucharist, should BOW, *then* extend their hands or their tongue to receive the Sacred Host. Another BOW is made before drinking the Precious Blood from the chalice. Remember, the law of prayer is the law of belief, meaning that the way we pray indicates something of what we believe and hold dear! Think of that the next time you take a bow!

I CAN'T TALK RIGHT NOW!

Please be certain to turn off your cell phone before you enter Church. Those who need to leave their cell phones on for emergency purposes should silence them before Mass. An announcement is normally made at the beginning of each Mass, but some miss the announcement. Please be conscious of maintaining a prayerful and reverent atmosphere in our Church and Chapel.