

## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, July 7

8:00am First Saturday Mass

4:30pm Edgar Timothy

*Requested by family*

#### Sunday, July 8

8:00am Raymond Yemma

*Requested by Wendall & Maggie Futch*

10:00am Susan M. Hogan and  
Charles L. Farrell

*Requested by family*

12:00nn Emma Gendron

*Requested by daughter*

#### Monday, July 9

7:00am Beverly Walters

*Requested by Social Outreach Committee*

#### Tuesday, July 10

7:00am Clementina Birch

*Requested by Rose Gink*

#### Wednesday, July 11

7:00am Mass for the People

#### Thursday, July 12

7:00am Emily, Arthur & Marcelle Tonner

*Requested by Fred & Arlene Robinson*

#### Friday, July 13

7:00am Donald K. Reilly

*Requested by friends of the Reilly family*

#### Saturday, July 14

4:30pm Dolores and Norman Iacuele

*Requested by family*

#### Sunday, July 15

8:00am Mass for the People

10:00am Marjorie Cook

*Requested by D. Smith*

12:00nn Nat Turco

*Requested by family*



### St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, July 7

5:30pm Terrence & Elizabeth Simpson

*Requested by Simpson family*

#### Sunday, July 8

8am William G. Dugan, J. Joseph Garrahy  
& James L. Taft, Jr.

*Requested by Bob Tiernan*

10:00am Eugene Hackney, Sr.

*Requested by family*

#### Saturday, July 14

5:30pm For the souls in Purgatory

#### Sunday, July 15

8:00am Grace & John Carpinelli

*Requested by family*

10:00am Michael & Kay Fahey

*Requested by a friend*



## For Your Information

**WEEKLY PARISH SUPPORT** for July 1st will be recorded in next weekend's parish bulletin. Due to the July 4th holiday printing deadline, the figures were not available at transmission time. Next week's bulletin will list the figures for July 1st and 8th. Next weekend's second offering will be the Ongoing Maintenance fund offering. As always, thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

### SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns for a Special Intention for Prayers Answered by Maria Silva.

### ST. FRANCIS CEMETERY

We're still looking for a volunteer to open the gate Thursday-Saturday. If interested in doing one or all of those days or if you'd like to be an alternate gatekeeper, please call Laurie Friel at 782-2711. Thank you.

### ARE YOUR CHILDREN BORED AND LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO? LOOK NO FURTHER!

Mother of Hope Camp has been providing safe, fun and activity-filled summers to thousands of children ages 5-12 for more than 60 years! Registering for this day camp located on the shores of beautiful Echo Lake in Chepachet includes bus transportation to and from camp, opportunities for swimming, sports, arts and crafts, weekly Mass, making friends, and so much, much more. Camp runs now through August 17. Day registrations are welcomed.

Visit [www.motherofhopecamp.com](http://www.motherofhopecamp.com) for all the details or call 568-3580. New this year, additional Soccer Camp opportunity for youth ages 7-10. Please check it out.

### "I WILL COME TO YOU IN THE SILENCE."

Mother Teresa said, "Souls of prayer are souls of deep silence ... we cannot find (God) in noise, in excitement." Unfortunately, few of us have quiet lives, but it is possible to create quiet moments. The first step is to find the right place. If your home allows, try to create a prayer spot. This can be a small corner in a larger room where you put an altar, a comfortable chair, or even a big pillow—whatever will make you comfortable while you are there. Surround it with statues or holy pictures—anything that will help you focus on God while you pray.

### When can you give him your full attention?

Finding the right time to pray may not be as tough as you think. *The trick is to find when you can give God your whole attention.* Find a time when you won't feel rushed or hurried. When you do it at the same time everyday it becomes habit. Commit to begin daily prayer time and let the Holy Spirit take it from there. Start with ten minutes a day dedicated to God. You'll be surprised to learn how much your prayer time will grow and you'll look forward to your prayer time the more you do it.

JULY 8, 2012

## Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha

Feastday: July 14

(1656-1680)

The blood of martyrs is the seed of saints. Nine years after the Jesuits Isaac Jogues and John de Brébeuf were tomahawked by Iroquois warriors, a baby girl was born near the place of their martyrdom, Auriesville, New York.

Her mother was a Christian Algonquin, taken captive by the Iroquois and given as wife to the chief of the Mohawk clan, the boldest and fiercest of the Five Nations. When she was four, Kateri lost her parents and little brother in a smallpox epidemic that left her disfigured and half blind. She was adopted by an uncle, who succeeded her father as chief. He hated the coming of the Blackrobes (Jesuit missionaries), but could do nothing to them because a peace treaty with the French required their presence in villages with Christian captives. She was moved by the words of three Blackrobes who lodged with her uncle, but fear of him kept her from seeking instruction. She refused to marry a Mohawk brave and at 19 finally got the courage to take the step of converting. She was baptized with the name Kateri (Catherine) on Easter Sunday.

Now she would be treated as a slave. Because she would not work on Sunday, she received no food that day. Her life in grace grew rapidly. She told a missionary that she often meditated on the great dignity of being baptized. She was powerfully moved by God's love for human beings and saw the dignity of each of her people.

She was always in danger, for her conversion and holy life created great opposition. On the advice of a priest, she stole away one night and began a 200-mile walking journey to a Christian Indian village at Sault St. Louis, near Montreal.

For three years she grew in holiness under the direction of a priest and an older Iroquois woman, giving herself totally to God in long hours of prayer, in charity and in strenuous penance. At 23 she took a vow of virginity, an unprecedented act for an Indian woman, whose future depended on being married. She found a place in the woods where she could pray an hour a day—and was accused of meeting a man there!

Her dedication to virginity was instinctive: She did not know about religious life for women until she visited Montreal. Inspired by this, she and two friends wanted to start a community, but the local priest dissuaded her. She humbly accepted an "ordinary" life. She practiced extremely severe fasting as penance for the conversion of her nation. She died the afternoon before Holy Thursday. Witnesses said that her emaciated face changed color and became like that of a healthy child. The lines of suffering, even the pockmarks, disappeared and the touch of a smile came upon her lips. She was beatified in 1980. A second miracle was officially confirmed in December 2011; her canonization has been scheduled for October 21, 2012.



## This Week

### Sunday, July 8

7:00pm AA (HBH)

### Monday, July 9

7:30am-12nn Adoration

7-8:30pm Praise Rehearsal (FGC)

### Thursday, July 12

6:30-9pm Fra Angelico Institute—Icon Writing Workshop (HBH)

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (Upper Room)

### Friday, July 13

9am-5pm Fra Angelico Institute—Icon Writing Workshop (HBH)

### Saturday, July 14

9am-5pm Fra Angelico Institute—Icon Writing Workshop (HBH)

### POPE BENEDICT'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY

*"That everyone may have work in safe and secure conditions".*

His mission intention is: "That Christian volunteers in mission territories may witness to the love of Christ".

*"He summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick--no food, no sack, no money in their belts. They were, however, to wear sandals but not a second tunic. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave from there. Whatever place does not welcome you or listen to you, leave there and shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them." So they went off and preached repentance. They drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them." - Mk 6:7-13*

Lord, like the apostles in your time and the missionaries today, may I always turn to You with childlike trust to sustain me in all my needs. Amen.



## Under My Roof

by Paul Turner

After the priest invites the people to receive communion, they express their unworthiness for it. The first English translation had the people say, "Lord, I am not worthy to receive you," but the revised translation puts it this way: "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof."

The revision expresses more closely the words that have always been there in Latin. The first translation recognized the difficulty of the metaphor, but the revised missal restores it in hopes that it will provoke meditation and prayer.

Why "under my roof"? The words, of course, come from the story of Jesus's healing the servant of the centurion (Mt 8:8; Lk 7:6). In Matthew's account, the centurion himself comes to Jesus, but in Luke's version, he sends representatives. In either case, he doesn't feel right having Jesus come to his home, and he has complete trust in Jesus's power over sickness and evil. And, perhaps, he just wants to avoid inconveniencing the master. His statement is one of faith, trust, and respect. So Jesus works the miracle. The invitation to communion should call this story to mind. Some people may mistakenly think that the new words refer to the roof of the mouth. But its intent is to quote the centurion. We should have the same attitude: faith, trust, and respect. Jesus, unfailingly, in spite of our unworthiness, still draws us to his table. We are not praying for the physical healing of our servant; we are praying for the spiritual healing of our soul. We can be confident that our prayer will be answered as we leave our place, go to the minister, and present ourselves for communion.

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## Medjugorje

Join Maureen O'Brien on pilgrimage:

**September 23—October 4**

\$2,199 per person from Boston

with Father Paul Desmarais as Spiritual Director. Father Paul is currently the pastor of St. Mary's, Carolina and St. James, Charlestown.

It has been said that Medjugorje is where Heaven and earth touch. Come find out for yourself. Call Maureen at 508-888-2740. Registration forms are available in the main office.

## Catholic School Tuition Assistance

The Diocese of Providence urges all parishes to support Catholic Schools by giving aid, as far as possible, when parents request it. As a believer in the value of Catholic Schools, I am happy to do that, both to the fullest extent allowable, and to the extent that the parish can afford.

Some things to note, however! Eligibility for consideration requires that families are:

1. Registered members of St. Francis of Assisi Parish;
2. Contributing members for at least a one year period;
3. Attend church and are actively involved;

So, assistance is based on the assumption that there is a *need*, and that the family would not be able to afford sending a child without it. Also, as mandated by the Diocese, the parish only assists students in Kindergarten through Grade 8.

**If you haven't already done so, please get your tuition applications into the parish office so that we can finalize our budget for F/Y 12-13. Thank you.**

## Wedding Anniversary Celebration

The Diocese of Providence cordially invites you and your spouse to celebrate your

25th, 40th, 50th or Over

Wedding Anniversary

**Sunday, September 23rd, 2012 at 1:00pm**

Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul

Providence, Rhode Island

The 2012 Wedding Anniversary Celebration includes: Mass, a renewal of your wedding vows, a personalized certificate and a reception for you and your guests. Bishop Thomas J. Tobin will be the main celebrant and homilist.

Be sure to check out the following sites to keep on top of all the happenings in the parish:

**<http://stfranciswakefield.com> or  
<http://facebook.com/stfranciswakefield>**