

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 25

5:30pm Joseph and Gilda Boragine
Requested by family

Sunday, June 26

8:00am Dr. Vincent Turco
Requested by family

10:00am Emma Gendron
Requested by daughter

12:00NN Costin Grimes & Lee Dotsin
Requested by family

Monday, June 27

7:00am Theresa Cicchetto
Requested by family

Tuesday, June 28

7:00am Rev. David Quinn
84th Anniv.—6th Pastor of St. Francis

Wednesday, June 29

7:00am Dagmar Pucella Pignataro
Requested by parents

Thursday, June 30

7:00am Marjorie Meehan
Requested by Jim and Susan Meehan

Friday, July 1

7:00am Dominic Coppolino
Requested by family

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



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 25

5:30pm Helen and Romauld Bouchard
Requested by family

Sunday, June 26

8:00am Serena M. Conley
Requested by Rose Ann Gamache

10:00am Jeanne Burns Dorie
Requested by Kathleen Dwyer

Saturday, July 2

5:30pm Robert J. McNally
Requested by family

Sunday, July 3

8:00am For the Parish
10:00am Helen and Mary Coffee
Requested by Kathleen Dwyer



For Your Information

PARISH SUPPORT for June 19th was Budget—\$9,239; Ongoing Maintenance—\$2,733.50 Next weekend's second offering will be the Monthly Offering for July. Thank you for your continued generosity!

SANCTUARY LAMPS

This week's sanctuary lamps at St. Francis Church and St. Romuald Chapel burn in memory of Father John Randall.

CATHOLIC CHARITY FUND APPEAL

According to the last Stewardship & Development report we received more than \$97,000 toward our 2011 CCFA goal of \$104,000. Thank you for your generosity.

PARISHIONER LOOKING FOR RIDE TO 12:00 MASS

A gentleman who lives near Kenyon Avenue in Wakefield is looking for a ride twice a month. If you are able to help or would like more information, please contact Judy Smail at 932-9550 after 6pm.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

Please join us for a holy hour led by Deacon Paul Iacono on First Friday, July 1st at 6:30pm at St. Francis Church.



LAUD, O ZION!

In the thirteenth century, Pope Urban declared that a feast should be instituted to celebrate the mystery of the Blessed Sacrament. He commissioned Saint Thomas Aquinas to compose hymns for the feast we celebrate this weekend. Below are excerpts from the Sequence from the Corpus Christi liturgy, which beautifully sum up the Church's teaching on the Eucharist:

Lo! before our eyes and living / is the Sacred Bread life-giving, / theme of canticle and hymn. / We profess this Bread from heaven / to the Twelve by Christ was given, / for our faith rest firm in Him.

On this altar of the King / this new Paschal Offering / brings an end to ancient rite. / Shadows flee that truth may stay, / oldness to the new gives way, / and the night's darkness to the light.

What at Supper Christ completed / He ordained to be repeated, / in His memory Divine. / Wherefore now, with adoration, / we, the Host of our salvation, / consecrate from bread and wine.

Here beneath these signs are hidden / priceless things, to sense forbidden; / signs, not things, are all we see. / Flesh from bread, and Blood from wine, / yet is Christ in either sign, / all entire confessed to be.

Hail! Bread of the Angels, broken, / for us pilgrims food, and token / of the promise by Christ spoken, / children's meat, to dogs denied! / Shown in Isaac's dedication, / in the Manna's preparation, / in the Paschal immolation, / in old types pre-signified.

JUNE 26, 2011

THANK YOU

Small things ... little incidents ... solitary moments! As I write this final 'feature' for the Sunday Bulletin, they fill my mind and surges of emotion burst forth.

I think of the lights going off on Christmas Eve for 'Silent Night' ... the children almost knocking me over on the way to Liturgy of the Word at the 10.00 Mass ... the duets on the accordion with my colleagues at Appreciation Night ... the quiet ride to Matunuck on Sunday Morning ... being the 'starter' at our 5K Race ... the Red Sox/Yankee banter that never ends ... the altar-server saying 'Father, I liked your homily today'.

Its life's small moments that make the big ones all the more profound. After fourteen wonderful years at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, goodbye for me is large and intense. It also however creates in me a certain space to put all of my life in perspective. In this departure moment, I'm still discovering what vocation means, and I find myself being drawn to a greater reliance on and trust in the God of Love. In the face of the unknown, such is my peace.

I knew full well that investing myself in the life of this parish and its people would one day cost me the price of goodbyes and letting go. So, what to do? Hold back? Be tentative? No way! The longer we live, the more we see that life's hellos and goodbyes are nothing more than guideposts to the eternal hello. My consolation now is that this particular goodbye contains within it all the historical and rich meanings of the word. Goodbye is, after all, God-be-with-you! When people journey in faith together like we have, we become one, and for the rest of our lives we treasure that togetherness. In the goodbye then, God is present, holds us close, fills our emptiness, and gives us the freedom to move on.

A few years ago, in 'The Year of the Priest' proclaimed by Pope Benedict XVI, I spoke to you in a homily about my love for the priesthood, a life and lifestyle under the microscope because of the despicable actions of a small number. It's because of the example, holiness and inspiration of priests in the Diocese of Providence however, that I remain a happy priest 46 years later. They include that great friend to St. Francis of Assisi, the ageless Father Bob Randall, and those who served as assistants during my watch; Fathers Steve Amaral, Paul O'Rourke (RIP), Bob Caul, Jared Costanza, Tim Reilly, Gregory Stowe, and now the inimitable Joe Upton. A formidable, multi-talented and holy group of men! I am all the richer for having crossed their paths.

As I leave though, I really want you to know of my love for the Church which is *you*. Any fears and uncertainties I may have about the future are transmuted into hope because over the years I have seen in your faces the face of Christ. In you, the Good News that is gospel is real.

Thanks for taking me in! Thanks for being my life! Thanks most of all for giving it meaning and fulfillment. God-be-with-you!

Fr. Nicholas P. Smith

June 26th, 2011



This Week

Sunday, June 26

7:00pm AA (HBH)

Monday, June 27

7-8:30pm Praise Rehearsal (FGC)

Tuesday, June 28

7pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (loft)

7pm Steubenville East Mtg. (HBH)

First Friday, July 1

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

First Saturday, July 2

8:00am First Saturday Mass followed by recitation of the Chaplet of Seven Sorrows by the Militia Immaculata (Church)

NEW TRANSLATION COUNTDOWN: 22 weeks remain until

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

HELP US COMPLETE THE "UPPER ROOM"!

In the gospels, the upper room was the place where the disciples gathered together for fellowship, meals, and prayer. It was a special place where the disciples could experience union with God and with each other. Saint Francis has its own "upper room" on the third floor of Father Greenan hall. Currently, this space is largely unused and is almost entirely unfurnished. For a year now, our parish staff has been exploring the use of this space in light of our growing youth ministry program. We would like to see that space turned into a contemporary "upper room" for our parish youth, a place to meet and gather, to hang-out and relax, and most importantly, to celebrate their Catholic faith with other young people who face the same struggles. Be on the lookout within the next few weeks for a "wish list" with items we would like to see donated. A set of furniture has already been donated, and we're eager to complete the space for the fall. Please call Fr. Joe for more information or if you'd like to help!

IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH: THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of the Lord, a special feast set aside for reflecting on the mystery of the Eucharist. The Alternative Opening Prayer for today's Solemnity reads: "Lord Jesus Christ, we worship you living among us in the sacrament of your body and blood. May we offer to our Father in heaven a solemn pledge of undivided love. May we offer to our brothers and sisters a life poured out in loving service of that kingdom where you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen." This prayer encapsulates beautifully the teaching of the Church on the Eucharist. Firstly, the Eucharist is truly Jesus' presence among us. It is not symbolic, it is not a sign of something that it itself is not in reality. Catholics believe that the bread and wine, after the words of consecration are spoken by the priest, are truly the body and blood of Jesus. The reality of the Eucharist is attested to by Jesus himself in the Gospel of Saint John when he says explicitly: "My flesh is true food and my blood is true drink" (John 6:55). Why should the Eucharist truly be Jesus' body and blood? Wouldn't a spiritual union with him be sufficient? The scriptural notion of sacrifice requires the offering of an innocent victim which is then consumed by those offering the sacrifice. Think back to the first Passover. On the eve of their flight from Egypt, the Jews were instructed to procure a spotless lamb and offer it in sacrifice to God. They were then instructed to *consume* the sacrifice. By consuming the Eucharist, we attain an authentic union with the body and blood of Jesus, which leads to a deeper spiritual communion. Since the Eucharist is truly Jesus living among us, the Blessed Sacrament is adored through signs of devotion such as genuflections when passing before the tabernacle, bowing before receiving Holy Communion, and making visits to the Blessed Sacrament throughout the week. The prayer also makes it clear that worship of Jesus in the Eucharist should lead to a Eucharistic life of thanksgiving poured out in service to our brothers and sisters. Nourishment by Christ in the Eucharist nourishes us precisely for loving service to others. The liturgy captures this dynamic well by dismissing the congregation at the end of Mass, shortly after the reception of Holy Communion, and sending them forth into the world to live the Eucharist they have received.



Year of Liturgical
and Spiritual Renewal

FOODS/COMMODITIES FOR JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST ARE:

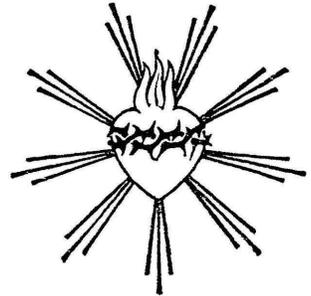
Peanut butter and jelly, cans/jars of veggies, tuna, canned meats, tomato sauce, pasta, fruit juice and snacks. Unopened toilet tissue and paper towels, bug spray and sunblock are also needed. Collections are low so please try to remember to bring some items once a month. As always, thank you for your generosity.

WHEN RECEIVING COMMUNION ...

Be sure to BOW before receiving Holy Communion (both the Host and the Precious Blood)! Consume the host immediately and handle the chalice carefully! The way we pray and conduct ourselves at liturgy should be expressive of an interior love and reverence for Christ in the Eucharist.

SOLEMNITY OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Join us on Friday evening, July 1, for a Holy Hour at 6:30PM in Saint Francis Church. Our Blessed Lord appeared to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in the seventeenth century and showed her his Sacred Heart. He said, "Behold this heart which has loved so much yet is loved so little." Please come and express your love for the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. *"Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make our hearts like unto thine!"*



MEMORIAL OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Join us on Saturday, July 2, which is both First Saturday and the Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, for the Celebration of Mass at 8:00AM in St. Francis Church. This special commemoration recalls the words of Simeon to our Blessed Mother: "A sword of sorrow will pierce your heart" (Luke 2:32). The Chaplet of the Seven Sorrows will be prayed immediately following Mass.

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

<http://stfranciswakefield.com>