

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 20

4:30pm Fred Robinson

Req. by Dr. & Mrs. Gaglione & family

Sunday, June 21

8:00am Rose Gink

Requested by May Tran

10:00am Richard DeJoseph

Requested by Carol DeSista

12:00NN Fr. Nick's 50th Jubilee of Ordination

Monday, June 22

7:00am Eileen Lynch

Requested by The Curries

Tuesday, June 23

7:00am Marta E. Rodriguez

Requested by Amy and John Mongillo

Wednesday, June 24

7:00am Mass for the people

Thursday, June 25

7:00am Larry Bellantoni

Requested by friends

Friday, June 26

7:00am Rev. David Quinn

6th Pastor—88th Anniversary

Saturday, June 27

4:30pm Patricia Buonanno

Requested by Concetta Wilson

Sunday, June 28

8:00am John Lima

Requested by May Tran

10:00am Paul Lyons

Requested by family

12:00NN Dagmar Pucella Pignataro

Requested by family



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 20

5:30pm Thomas and Edward McLaughlin
and John Simpson

Requested by families

Sunday, June 21

8:00am Ann Callahan

Requested by family

10:00am Nina and Lou Argondizzo

Requested by Kathleen Dwyer

Saturday, June 27

5:30pm Gerard J. Cote

Requested by family

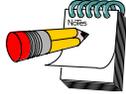
Sunday, June 28

8:00am Steven Schmidt

Requested by Regina and John Blair

10:00am Kay and Michael Fahey

Requested by a friend



For Your Information

PARISH SUPPORT

Parish support for June 14 was Budget—\$9,809; Catholic Communications Campaign—\$2,269. This weekend's second offering is the Ongoing Maintenance Fund offering. Next weekend's second offering will be a special "Make-up offering" to try to recoup some of what was lost in revenues with the winter snowstorms. Thank you for your continued generosity.

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of James Smith.

CEMETERY IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS

St. Francis Cemetery is still looking for volunteers to open and close the cemetery gate during the week—especially on Thursdays and Fridays. The gate opens at 8:00am and closes at 7:00pm during the summer months.

We are also looking for volunteers for data entry for the cemetery office. We are faced with a mighty task of inputting all of our information into a special program that will one day enable people to look up their loved ones online. This program is forecast to one day provide maps of all lots and directions to loved ones graves on demand. That's a bit in the future as we first need to get the information into the new system. Once that's done, the possibilities are endless as to what this program can do for us. So if you want to be a part of this exciting endeavor, please call Carol McDole at 782-2711. Thank you.

THE JONNYCAKE CENTER OF PEACE DALE is looking for volunteers to help out in the emergency food pantry in the months of July and August to help support our summer programs. The days and times are: Tuesday – Thursday, 3-5pm, Saturdays, 9:30-12 and 12-2:30. Mandatory orientation is required. The next orientation is on June 25, 2015, at 10:30 am, second floor of the Jonnycake Center. Please contact Paula Thayer, Volunteer Coordinator at 789-1559 x 17 or email her at volunteer@jonnycake.necoxmail.com if you are interested in this opportunity.

PRIEST ORDINATION & HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

The Diocese of Providence joyfully announces the **Ordination to the Priesthood** of Rev. Mr. Joshua Barrow, Rev. Mr. Nicholas Fleming, and Rev. Mr. Ryan Simas on Saturday, June 27, at the Cathedral of SS. Peter & Paul at 10:00 AM. **All are welcome.** On the eve of the ordinations, all are invited to pray with the ordinandi at a **Holy Hour for Vocations** at St. Rocco Church, 927 Atwood Ave., Johnston at 7:00 PM on June 26. Bishop Robert Evans will preside and Fr. Christopher Murphy will be the homilist as we pray for priestly vocations in the Diocese of Providence.



JUNE 21, 2015

From the Pastor

As we celebrate Fr. Nick's 50th anniversary of priestly ordination, we wish him good health and happiness for many years to come!

We also pledge ourselves to ensuring that the community of faith that he built up over 14 years continues into the distant future. Worship, prayer, education and faith formation, outreach to those in need, social events for building community spirit: all these are part and parcel of parish life and all are in service to what St. Paul calls "building up the Body of Christ."

Now although all these things can be done without parish churches, halls, rectories and offices, these buildings, especially of course the parish church, form a nucleus in and around which the parish community gathers.

From the end of January through much of March, this past winter was especially harsh. Snow storm after snow storm wreaked havoc on everyone's plans and schedules. All the parishes here in the northeast took a big hit as there were at least two weekends when snowfall made it impossible even to hold Mass.

In view of the consequent financial stress, Bishop Tobin has authorized the pastors to hold a second collection in hopes of recouping at least some of the lost revenue. The last opportunity we'll have before the end of the fiscal year to make up the *at least* \$17,000 loss is next weekend, June 27-28. So, although I'm not a great fan of second collections, I have authorized a second collection for next weekend and would beg not only your indulgence but your generosity. I could also renew my request to consider online giving since this would ensure the parish a regular income no matter what the circumstance. Simply go to stfranciswakefield.com/, click on "Online Giving" and follow the instructions.

Excelsior!

Fr. Bodah



Vacation Bible School

When it comes to teaching kids about the Catholic Faith, **Cat.Chat** knows how to make the faith come ALIVE and STICK! Cat Chat

VBS "puts Catholicism" into vacation bible school! Parents, Grandparents, Guardians, sign your children up for a great adventure to take **A Radical Ride on the Wings of Prayer June 26, 29, 30, July 1st and 2nd from 8:30-11:30**. Enjoy music, crafts, snacks, games and more all while learning about your Catholic faith!

Registration forms may be found at the entrances of the church and on our parish website. Last day to register is June 24th. Visit www.catchat.ca for sample of vbs music and more info.



Religious Education

MSGR. CLARKE 8TH GRADE STUDENTS

If you are currently an 8th grade student at Msgr. Clarke School you need to register for our summer Confirmation program. This can be done by calling the Religious Education Office at 792-8684.



This Week

Sunday, June 21

12:00nn Mass celebrating the 50th Jubilee of Ordination of Fr. Nick followed by reception in Father Greenan Hall.

Monday, June 22

7:30am-12nn Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (SF)

Thursday, June 25

7:00pm Divine Mercy Cenacle (SR)
7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (JFGC)

Friday, June 26

8:30-11:30am Vacation Bible School (FGC & HBH)

Saturday, June 27

9am-12nn Youth Group Car Wash

Happy Father's Day!



***“How can I repay the Lord
for all his goodness to me?
The cup of salvation I will raise
and call upon the name of the Lord.”***

~ Psalm 116:12-13



That same verse from scripture began the very first bulletin column I wrote for the parish back in the summer of 2010. It's even more appropriate now as I write my last. Words cannot begin to describe how truly grateful I am to have been able to spend the first five years of my priesthood with you at St. Francis and St. Romuald. There are many things I will miss about this parish, too many to be listed in one place. But the relationships forged and the memories made will no doubt endure well into the future.

I'd like to offer a word of thanks to our parish staff and to all those with whom I've worked closely on various spiritual, pastoral or liturgical projects over the last five years. Your guidance, advice and collective wisdom will benefit me in my future assignments and for that, I thank you. I am also grateful to everyone who had any part in planning my final parish liturgies and receptions. Thanks to Steve Higgins and Karen Graham, and the choirs from both the church and chapel, for providing such uplifting and prayerful music.

Thanks to the readers, the servers, the seminarians, the extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, the ushers and especially my brother priests. Thanks to Martha's Helpers and to Bill Harding and his team at the chapel for preparing wonderful spreads of food and drink for the receptions. Thank you to those who offered words of thanks at the liturgies, especially Bill Harding, Ellen Schwab (even though she admitted she'll miss Reggie more than me!), Mary Ann Cook, and Matt Cook (on behalf of the students at Prout). Thanks to the many folks who took the time to wait in line and wish me well, in addition to those who expressed best wishes but regrettably couldn't be present for the celebrations last weekend. And many thanks to those who offered cards, notes, and generous gifts. Your support, encouragement and kindness to me will always be appreciated. Please be assured of that special place in his heart which a priest always reserves for his first assignment.

My last request is that you pray for priests, for seminarians, and for an increase in vocations to the priesthood. I am convinced now, more than ever before, of the urgent need for priestly ministry in our church and in our world. The need for the priesthood is nothing more, really, than the desperate need for the presence of Christ. St. John Vianney, the patron saint of priests, sums it up well: ***“The priest is not a priest for himself; he does not give himself absolution; he does not administer the Sacraments to himself. He is not for himself, he is for you...The priesthood is the love of the Heart of Jesus. When you see the priest, think of Our Lord Jesus Christ.”*** So please pray for priests, that they may remain faithful to the Lord Jesus and to their people. Pray for our parish seminarians, Steve Battey and Dan Mahoney. We need them! And they need our prayers and our encouragement. Lastly, please pray that many young men from this parish and beyond will make it their choice in life to serve their brothers and sisters as priests after the heart of Christ.

One of the blessings of my new assignment is that I will be close by, and I know that our paths will cross again soon. I've included my contact information below if you'd like to keep in touch. And always be assured of my prayers and my gratitude for all that you have done for me and all that you have been to me. ***“I can no other answer make but thanks. And thanks, and ever thanks.”***

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Fr. Joe Upton

PS – Since so many have asked for a copy, Kelli has arranged to post my last homily on our parish website. Visit <http://www.stfranciswakefield.com> to access it.

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