

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 7

5:30pm Howard, Wayne & Dana
Fanning—*Req. by family*

Sunday, May 8

8:00am For the Parish

10:00am Dorothy Feipel

Req. by Mary Ann's co-workers

12:00NN Marian Santaniello

Requested by Matuza family

Monday, May 9

7:00am Jim and Peg Flynn

Requested by Kathleen and Jeff

Tuesday, May 10

7:00am Tina Marie Luciano

Requested by family

Wednesday, May 11

7:00am Betty Goodwin

Req. by daughter Kathy Cawley

Thursday, May 12

7:00am Special Intention for
Sister Pia

Requested by Mom & Dad

First Friday, May 13

7:00am Laretta Carlson

Requested by Ted & Denise Carlson

Saturday, May 14

5:30pm Donald & Julia Wilson

Requested by parish family

Sunday, May 15

8:00am Ron Matteson & Ralph
D'Agostino—*Req. by family*

10:00am Elizabeth Merluzzo

Requested by family

12:00NN Hannah Laffey

Requested by Theresa Newton



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, May 8

10:00am Sondra Giles

Req. by Mary Grace & Roger Hood

Sunday, May 15

10:00am Walter S. Kieon

Requested by Susan Plante



For Your Information

PARISH SUPPORT

Parish Support for May 1st was Budget—\$7,088.50; Monthly—\$2,580. Thank you for your continued generosity!

SANCTUARY LAMP

The sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Chi Thi Anna Tran and Thanh John Ha.

ANNUAL BABY SHOWER

On the weekend of May 14/15, St. Francis of Assisi Church / St. Romuald Chapel will be holding the Annual Baby Shower sponsored by the Social Outreach Committee. This year (4) community/diocesan agencies will be the recipients of your donations. Please drop off your unwrapped baby items at the church/ chapel entrances on May 14/15. Any questions please contact Judy Smail at 932-9550. Thank you for your support!

CATHOLIC CHARITY FUND APPEAL

Where we stand to date: Received: \$83,456 Goal: \$104,000
Thank you for your continued generosity.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Many thanks are due to Barbette Cullen, our Director of Religious Education, for the extensive and valuable time she spent preparing our young children for their First Holy Communion this past Saturday. And many thanks to their catechists, for their dedication and conviction! We are truly blessed! Thanks to all those who had any part in preparing for and executing our First Communion Masses and receptions. Thank you to one and all!

NEW TRANSLATION COUNTDOWN

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

MAY: THE MONTH OF MARY

Every May we turn to Mary and honor her anew. We crown her, we bring her flowers, we pray the rosary with a renewed devotion. And why May for all this? There is nothing in Scripture pointing to this "extended feast" of May for Mary. There is nothing on the Church's calendar either that makes May any more likely than any other month to honor her. The answer to May's devotions is simply found in life...May is the month of Mary because it is the month of fragrance and freshness. It is the month of life and light. It is not a Church calendar that points us to Mary; it is our heart's desire for what Mary represents and what she always offers: growth in everything.

-Fr. James M. Sullivan, O.P.

CATHOLICS IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE

The Second Vatican Council characterized the distinctive vocation of the laity as a life-giving leaven in the midst of the world. The call of the Council to the lay faithful was a call to transform society from within, in order to build up the kingdom of God. The Rhode Island Catholic Conference advocates for the Church's public policy positions before the Rhode Island General Assembly and other elected officials. As Catholics, we have a duty to speak for the Church in the public square. We urge you to stay informed of the activity of the Rhode Island Catholic Conference by signing up to receive email alerts. Yellow sheets have been placed at the doors of the Church more information. Please take a stand for Christ in our society and get involved! Visit <http://www.faithfulcitizenri.org> for more information.

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WHY DO WE NEED THE NEW MASS TRANSLATION?

Here's an example from last Sunday's liturgy. The opening prayer read: *"God of mercy, you wash away our sins in water, you give us new birth in the Spirit, and redeem us in the blood of Christ. As we celebrate Christ's resurrection increase our awareness of these blessings, and renew your gift of life within us."* Here is the new translation of that prayer which is much richer in tone: **"God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood they have been redeemed."** The whole thrust of the prayer, properly translated, conveys a deeper sense of the Easter mystery. Imagine the entire liturgy being prayed in language that is accurate, poetic, and theologically rich! Why do we need the new translation? Because the words we use really matter!

NEW TRANSLATION PREVIEW: THE LORD BE WITH YOU

In the liturgy of the Roman Catholic Church, the greeting "The Lord be with you," is always given by an ordained minister (deacon, priest, or bishop). Each of these greetings expresses the desire that the power of the Spirit of God may be given to the People of God that they may enter into worship as one and be enabled to do what God has entrusted them to do. Each time we hear the words, "The Lord be with you," we should call to mind that we need the presence of God or the power of the Holy Spirit to be able to worship God fittingly, to hear what Sacred Scripture has to teach us, to offer our sacrifices and ourselves in union with Christ's one perfect sacrifice of Himself on the Cross to the Father, and to take the graces that we receive in the Mass into the world. **In the new translation of the Roman Missal, the use of which will begin on November 27, 2011, the response is rendered, "And with your spirit" instead of the familiar, "And also with you." Why the change?** "And with your spirit" is certainly not common street language, and apart from the fact that it is a more literal translation it also carries more theological significance than "And also with you." As opposed to a mere wish that the deacon, priest, or bishop might have the same good thing as wished upon the congregation, saying "**And with your spirit**" is the faithful's way of assuring the minister that the gift of the Spirit given to him at his ordination, through which he has just extended this gift to the People of God, is also assisting the deacon, priest, or bishop to fulfill those sacred duties entrusted to them.

THANK YOU!!

Religious Education Classes have ended for the year.

Thank you to all who helped assemble the programs, decorate the church, arrange the flowers and transform Father Greenan Center into a beautiful reception hall for our 64 Confirmation Candidates. Thank you also to the Confirmation I students and parents for providing baked goods for the reception. And last but not least a multitude of thanks to the Saint Francis of Assisi Women's Club who graciously catered the reception.



This Week

Sunday, May 8

6-7:30pm PRAISE Rehearsal (FGC)

7:00pm AA (HBH)

Monday, May 9

7pm Festival Meeting (MCCR)

7pm Rosary at St. Romuald Chapel

Tuesday, May 10

7pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (loft)

7pm Bible Study (HBH)

7pm Rosary at St. Romuald Chapel

7pm South County Community String Orchestra (FGC)

Wednesday, May 11

6:30pm Liturgical & Spiritual Life Committee Meeting (MCCR)

7pm Rosary at St. Romuald Chapel

Thursday, May 12

7pm Rosary at St. Romuald Chapel

Friday, May 13

10am Mass at Scallop Shell

11am Mass at South Bay Manor

7pm Rosary at St. Romuald Chapel

Saturday, May 14

5:30PM Social Outreach Baby Shower

PRAY THE ROSARY DURING MAY, MARY'S MONTH

May is Mary's month! Perhaps now is a good time to pick up those old rosary beads! Visit <http://www.rosary-center.org> for help in praying the rosary. Did you know we pray the rosary every weeknight at 7:00pm during the month of May at St. Romuald Chapel, Matunuck? Won't you join us?

THE WORDS OF THE MASS WILL BE CHANGING!

Why not get prepared? The diocesan committee for the implementation of the new Roman Missal has put together an attractive and useful website to help clergy and laity alike to prepare for the new translation, which will take effect on November 27, 2011. Please take a moment to visit: <http://www.riliturgy.com>.

Don't forget to check out our
NEW parish website:
<http://stfranciswakefield.com>

IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH: THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Today's gospel recounts the story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus. This powerful story provides a vision of worship that still characterizes our Mass to this day. Notice that the disciples, weighed down with their cares, concerns, burdens and anxieties, are met by the Risen Lord. At every Mass, we present ourselves, weighed down by the burden of our cares, concerns, sins and anxieties. We begin each Mass, after the greeting, with the Penitential Rite, recognizing our need for God's mercy and strength. In other words, Jesus meets the disciples "where they are." The same is true of us at Mass, we come to Jesus "as we are." Then the downcast disciples have their minds opened to the truth of God's Word in the Holy Scriptures. Jesus breaks open the Word for them and their hearts burn with joy. Likewise, at each Mass, we listen attentively at the table of God's Word. The part of the Mass known as the "Liturgy of the Word" exposes us to the Sacred Scriptures, and should cause our hearts to burn as we hear the story of God's raging love for his people. Then the disciples sit down to a meal with the Risen Jesus. It is in the breaking of the bread that they come to see him as the Lord. And then he vanishes! In our experience at Mass, after hearing God's Word proclaimed, we experience a meal. But the meal that we experience at Mass is unlike any other. This meal is also a *sacrifice*. We come to know Jesus in the breaking of the bread, the sacrament of the Eucharist, which makes present to us the sacrifice of Jesus on Calvary. We eat this sacrificial meal with reverence, knowing that it is actually the risen and glorified Body of Jesus that becomes our food and drink! Notice that once the disciples recognize Jesus, he vanishes! Why? Because Jesus' presence is now sacramental, it is hidden. Rather than make himself known to us in bodily form, Jesus becomes present to us under the appearance of bread and wine, ordinary signs that speak to us of nourishment and well-being. But we know, through faith, that these signs contain a hidden reality that is not perceived by human senses alone! Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we cannot see Jesus, but we know he's there. At every Mass, we should come to know him in the breaking of the bread, so that our hearts can burn within us!



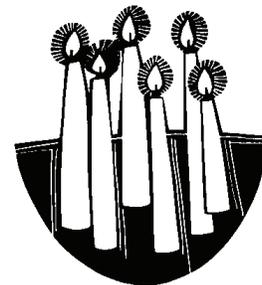
Year of Liturgical
and Spiritual Renewal

MILITIA IMMACULATA: PARISHIONERS HONORING MARY

This past Saturday, the Militia Immaculata of St. Francis and St. Romuald sponsored a First Saturday Mass. The Militia Immaculata is a group of parishioners who gather for prayer, education and apostolic works. If you would like information about becoming a member of the Militia Immaculata, please call Kelli at the rectory (783-4411).

SAVE THE DATE: TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE

Back by popular demand! Our next Taize prayer service will be held at 7:00PM on Sunday, May 22 in St. Francis Church. Mark your calendars now! Details will soon follow! You won't want to miss this unique experience of prayer, song and reflection!



Calling all Artists - Join the New Fra Angelico Institute for Sacred Art!

Are you interested in creating art, photography, quilts, poems, short stories, novels, music, or other artistic endeavors? If so you are invited to join a new parish organization - called *The Fra Angelico Institute for Sacred Art* - that attempts to bring together creative people from this parish to give glory to God, improve their prayer life, and have an opportunity to discuss and share their creations with other artists. Novices and established artists - high school through senior citizens - are all welcome. To find out more information about the Institute, please follow these steps:

- 1) log into the new parish website:
<http://stfranciswakefield.com>
- 2) the home page comes up then click on the *Adult Education* banner
- 3) then click on the banner for the the *Fra Angelico Institute* - this will give you the details of what we hope to accomplish.
- 4) If the goals and objectives of the Institute interest you then please email Deacon Paul at deaconiacono@cox.net and tell him you are interested in becoming a member, your area of interest, and the number of years you have been pursuing your art. Thank you.