

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 13

4:30pm Rose Calitri
Requested by family

Sunday, October 14

8:00am James Carney
Requested by Jeff & Kathie Carney

10:00am Armando Martiniano
Requested by family

12:00nn William & Anne McCormack
Requested by Heather Gray

Monday, October 15

7:00am Rose Silva
Requested by granddaughter

Tuesday, October 16

7:00am Mass for the People

Wednesday, October 17

7:00am Walter DiPrete
Requested by family

Thursday, October 18

7:00am Rita & Tom O'Rourke and
Warren Behie
Requested by family

Friday, October 19

7:00am Loretta DeTroia
Requested by Soltysiak family

Saturday, October 20

4:30pm Gilda Boragine
Requested by family

Sunday, October 21

8:00am Clementina Birch
Requested by family

10:00am June Kelly
Requested by Concetta Wilson

12:00nn John Champion
Requested by family



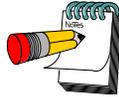
St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, October 14

10:00am Madeline Johansen
Requested by Jude and Bob

Sunday, October 21

10:00am Grace & John Carpinelli
Requested by family



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

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



TOWARD A VATICAN II CHURCH

Begins tomorrow night (Monday), 6:30-8pm
October 15th in Helen Bouchard Hall

MASS OF BELONGING: OCTOBER 21, 10:00AM

Next Sunday, the First Communion children and their families will participate in a special Mass highlighting their membership in God's family and in our parish family. We welcome them in a special way and look forward to the day that they can share in the Eucharist with us. A reception will follow in Helen Bouchard Hall. All are welcome!

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

NET Ministries, a national evangelization team consisting of 12 young adults will be leading our Confirmation Retreats again this year. They spend 10 months travelling the country leading retreats. Our parish is responsible for providing lodging during their stay in Rhode Island on November 14-20. Team members travel with their own sleeping bag so they are just looking for floor space, hot showers and a meal. If you are interested in hosting some of them, please contact Diane Castro at our Religious Education Office by phone (792-8684) or email (castro_stfrancis@verizon.net). Thank you.

ST. FRANCIS CEMETERY FALL CLEAN-UP: Kindly remove summer/fall decorations, empty containers, arrangements, etc. by November 1st. If you wish to retain decorations, please remove them. A general clean-up will follow. / For questions on purchasing a lot or for general information on our parish cemetery, please call Laurie at 782-2711.

WEEKLY PARISH SUPPORT— October 7

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Budget envelopes (354 used) -	\$6,164.00
Loose Donations -	\$ 1,378.00
Online Giving (18 donors) -	\$ 375.00
Total Budget -	\$7,917.00

Seminarians' Education

Envelopes used (223) -	\$2,520.00
Other donations -	\$ 713.00
Total Seminarians' Ed -	\$3,233.00

This weekend's second offering is the Monthly offering for October. Next weekend's second offering will be the Mission Sunday collection. As always, thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

OCTOBER 14, 2012

From the Pastor...

First, I would like to thank **Ellen Schwab** and her committee for making last week's **20-Week Club** event such a great success. The food was excellent, the band had many people dancing and the fall decorations were colorful. It was a wonderful time and I extend our gratitude to everyone who contributed to it in any way.

On Thursday we began the **Year of Faith**. As I have already mentioned, I hope that many of our parishioners will take advantage of the opportunities that will be presented over the course of the year for renewing and strengthening our faith. **Father Joe begins his series of talks on the documents of Vatican II this Monday evening at 6:30 PM in Helen Bouchard Hall (lower church).** It isn't too late to register, just call the rectory on Monday to let us know that you will attend.

This weekend the Church in the United States observes **Vocation Awareness Sunday**. We are asked to pray that the Lord will enlighten the hearts of our young people to hear and respond to His call and that He will strengthen and bless those already in the vocations to married life, priesthood or religious life. Our parish is blessed to have one of our young members, **Stephen Battey**, in his second year at the **Seminary of Our Lady of Providence**. I am sure you see Steve here often on weekends helping out at our parish Masses. Please say a special prayer for him as he continues his discernment and formation for the priesthood.

Msgr. Theroux

20 WEEK CLUB WINNERS

Congratulations to the 20 Week Club Grand Raffle Drawing:

- \$2,500 Mary Sylvia
- \$2,000 Jean McGair
- \$1,000 Greg Hartnett
- \$1,000 Domenic Coppolino
- \$ 500 Carmel Martin
- \$ 500 Margaret Navin
- \$ 500 James DeLuca
- \$ 250 John Sadlon
- \$ 250 Madeleine Marcotte
- \$ 250 Charles Moffitt
- \$ 250 Michael O'Sullivan

Wine Basket - Peter Diebold; Liquor Basket - Melanie Murphy;
Gift Cards/Picture Frame - Msgr. Theroux;
Lottery Tree - Ellen Schwab

Religious Education

CLASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 14th

- 8:50-9:50am GRADES 1 & 2 (FGC)
- GRADE 7 (FGC)
- 9:50-10:50am GRADE K (HBH)
- 10:50-11:50am GRADES 3-6 (FGC)
- GRADE 8 (HBH)

Monday, October 15th

- 7-8:30PM Confirmation II (FGC)

Wednesday, October 17th

- 4:00-5:00PM GRADES 3-6 (FGC)
- 7-8:15PM Grades 7 & 8 (FGC)



This Week

Sunday, October 14

- 11am-1pm SC Hospital Flu Clinic (St. Rom)
- 7:00pm AA (HBH)

Monday, October 15

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 7:00pm ROSARY at St. Romuald

Tuesday, October 16

- 6:30-7:30pm RCIA (MCCR)
- 6:30pm 20 Week Club Wrap-Up & Pasta Dinner Planning Mtg.
- 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (loft)
- 7:00pm Holy Rosary at St. Romuald

Wednesday, October 17

- 4-5:00pm Class—Grades 3-6 (FGC)
- 6:30pm Twilight Retreat Team Mtg. (MCCR)
- 6:30pm Fra Angelico Workshop (HBH)
- 7:00pm Class—Grades 7&8 (FGC)
- 7:00pm Holy Rosary at St. Romuald

Thursday, October 18

- 7pm St. Francis Women's Club Mtg. (FGC)
- 7pm Men of St. Joseph Mtg. (FGC)

Friday, October 19

- 7:00pm Holy Rosary at St. Romuald

BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG



Hopefully, as you read this, you will have taken a baby bottle home with you. We are asking that you fill them with a check or currency and return them to church or chapel NEXT weekend, October 20/21. The "Baby Bottle Boomerang" is used to fund Right to Life Services, a ministry (since 1979) that helps pregnant women, newborns, and toddlers throughout RI with material needs, referrals, and emergency baby food and formula. There will be collection receptacles at the entrances of the church and chapel.



Flu Clinics

Sponsored by South County Hospital

TODAY

11:00AM—1:00PM

St. Romuald Chapel

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Friday, November 2nd is All Soul's Day. *We invite you to join us at St. Francis Cemetery at 6:15PM for a candlelight prayer service for the deceased.* (Note: You needn't have a loved one buried in our cemetery to participate. The prayers will be offered for *all* our deceased loved ones.) The brief service of readings and prayers asks God's forgiveness for the sins of the deceased and is meant to strengthen in us the hope of the resurrection. Please meet at the parish cemetery on George Schaeffer Street in Wakefield.

The annual Mass of Remembrance will follow in St. Francis Church at 7:00PM.

MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

Join us at St. Romuald Chapel weeknights at 7:00PM throughout the month of October as we pray the Holy Rosary.



We now offer a secure and convenient way for you to contribute to St. Francis Parish!

Online donations may be made at any time from the privacy and comfort of your own home or any place with internet access. Online donations are credited to your tax statement for the end of the year (except when made anonymously), and each user can change his or her preferences or desired donation amounts at any time!

Visit our website for more information on how to get started: www.stfranciswakefield.com.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer Shawls are on display at St. Francis this week. *What is the "Prayer Shawl Ministry"?* This ministry began at St. Francis/St. Romuald in October 2008. Since then we have been meeting the **1st Thursday of each month** to knit (and chat). We continue work on the shawls at home. As the prayer shawls are knit or crocheted, we pray for the person who will receive it. The shawls on display today are blessed and ready to be given away. If you know of someone who would benefit from a shawl (perhaps battling an illness or suffering a loss), please call **Kathleen Carney 294-6775**. *New knitters are always welcome.*

Next meeting—November 1st at 7pm.

Also, please take note of the framed "Thank you" to parishioners for their support of handmade lap blankets give to hospice patients over the past two years.

ANNIVERSARY OF DEDICATION

Monday, October 22, is a significant date in the history of our parish. 79 years ago, on Sunday, October 22, 1933, our parish church was dedicated and placed under the protection of Saint Francis of Assisi by Father O'Rourke. Father O'Rourke, who immediately preceded Father Greenan as pastor of Saint Francis, oversaw the construction of the present church building, which was begun in 1932. An article from the diocesan newspaper, "The Providence Visitor" (as it was known at the time), dated September 24, 1936, notes that our parish church was recognized from the beginning as "one of the most attractive edifices in the diocese." The same Visitor article offers some wonderful details about our church: "The new edifice is in the style of the Medieval English country church and is built of native stone...The principal feature of the exterior is the tower on the left hand side of the front facade...Passing through the narthex one enters the nave, which is separated from the side aisles by arcades of moulded wooden column supporting massive wooden hammer beam trusses which span the width of the nave." From these beams, carved figures of the apostles look down on the congregation. For 78 years our beautiful parish church has stood as a beacon of faith, hope and charity in South County. Countless souls have been reborn in baptism within its walls, been instructed in the faith, worshiped Jesus living among us in the Blessed Sacrament, had their sins forgiven in our confessionals, and have been sent home to God through the Church's funeral rites. Our church is truly a sacred space, a small piece of our neighborhood set aside for God alone. As the mother church of South County, may it continue to be a house of prayer for all people.