

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 27

4:30pm Rosemarie Silva-McNulty
Requested by daughter

Sunday, October 28

8:00am Chi Thi Anna Tran & Thanh John Ha
Requested by family

10:00am Patrice Munson
Requested by family

12:00nn Helen Nicholas & Thomas O'Brien—*Req. by Gail Moran*

Monday, October 29

7:00am Chi Thi Anna Tran & Thanh John Ha—*Req. by family*

Tuesday, October 30

7:00am Susan Marchand
Requested by Al Marchand

Wednesday, October 31

7:00am Raymond A. Wright, Jr.
Requested by John Gilgun

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS, HOLY DAY

Thursday, November 1

7:00am Fred Beauchaine
Requested by family

12:00nn Mary Beth Stone
Requested by Jeanne & Dan Thompson

6:30pm Robert Cote
Requested by family

Friday, November 2—ALL SOUL'S DAY

7:00am Mass for the People

7:00pm Mass of Remembrance

Saturday, November 3

8:00am First Saturday Mass

4:30pm William & Genevieve Wajda
Requested by daughter

Sunday, November 4

8:00am Celeste Krul
Requested by family

10:00am John Meehan
Requested by Jim & Susan Meehan

12:00nn Marty & Manuel Caetano
Requested by family



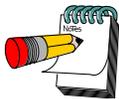
St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, October 28

10:00am Charles Hochler
Requested by Nancy & Larry Miller

Sunday, November 4

10:00am Patrice Munson
Requested by family



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Chi Thi Anna Tran and Thanh John Ha.

HOST FAMILIES STILL 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.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: ALL SAINTS DAY

This Thursday, November 1st is the *Solemnity of All Saints* and a *Holy Day of Obligation*. Masses will be celebrated in St. Francis Church at 7:00AM, 12:00NN, and 6:30PM. The Solemnity of All Saints (All Hallows) commemorates the great multitude of those chosen by God to be special bearers of grace in this world. The saints are our "big brothers and sisters" in Christ. They pray for us, watch over us, and offer a heroic example for us to follow! We look forward to honoring them with you on Thursday, November 1.

ALL SOUL'S DAY: PARTICIPATION ENCOURAGED

Won't you please consider joining us as we observe All Soul's Day? Friday, November 2, is All Soul's Day, a day set aside for special prayers and Masses for the deceased. We encourage you to consider participating in one or both of two special events at our parish to commemorate this special day. At 6:15PM on Friday, November 2, we will gather in the parish cemetery for a candlelit prayer service for the deceased. All are welcome to join us, even those who do not have relatives interred in our parish cemetery. At 7:00PM on the same evening, our annual Mass of Remembrance will be held at St. Francis Church. **Every parishioner at St. Francis and St. Romuald is encouraged to participate in these events.** There is no better gift we can offer our deceased loved ones than our prayers. Please join us.

WEEKLY PARISH SUPPORT— October 21

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Budget envelopes (372 used) -	\$6,741.00
Loose Donations -	\$ 1,233.00
Online Giving (19 donors) -	\$ 365.00
Total Budget -	\$8,339.00

World Mission Sunday Offering

Envelopes used (240) -	\$2,254.00
Other donations -	\$ 840.50
Total World Mission Sunday-	\$3,094.50

This weekend's second offering is the Ongoing Maintenance Fund Offering. Next weekend's second offering is the Monthly Offering for November. As always, thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

OCTOBER 28, 2012

From the Pastor...

As I am sure everyone knows from the billboards, the TV commercials, the yard signs, etc., **Election Day** is very near! Voting is one of the great privileges of citizenship in a democracy. It is not only a privilege, it is also a serious responsibility. I am always amazed at the number of people who don't bother to vote. While admittedly I sometimes find it perplexing, I really see voting as a civic and moral duty and I would never shirk that responsibility. So let me first **encourage all eligible voters to cast their ballot in this election.**

As **faithful citizens** we should not only vote, but vote responsibly and conscientiously. It is important that we not vote haphazardly or just by name or party affiliation. We are electing men and women to lead and represent us, so it essential that we make every effort to assure that the individuals we elect will do so with integrity and will truly represent our interests and our moral and social concerns. We can only do so if we are aware of the issues, know what the candidates stand for and make conscientious decisions based on sound moral principles.

Catholic social teaching provides a moral framework for decisions in public life. While the Church is very consistent and clear in its fundamental commitment to defend human life from conception until natural death, other principles such as the needs of the weak, the dignity of all persons, and the pursuit of the common good should also be taken into consideration. In order to assist in preparing for the election, we have inserted in this week's bulletin a flyer entitled, *The Challenge of Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*. This document, distributed by the Bishops of the United States, gives a summary of the principles that all Catholics should consider in voting responsibly. While this is a brief overview, more information can be obtained online at the website of the R. I. Catholic Conference at www.faithfulcitizenRI.org or at the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, www.faithfulcitizenship.org. And so, as we approach the election, I encourage you to do your homework to **know the issues and candidates, say a prayer that God will guide us in our deliberations, and vote carefully!**

Msgr. Theroux

SAVE THE DATE!!!

It's not too early to mark your calendars
for the Advent Twilight Retreat on
December 4th.

Religious Education

CLASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 28th

No Classes today.

Join our All Saints Day Celebration at 10:00AM Mass with games and refreshments in FGC after Mass

Monday, October 29th

7-8:30PM Confirmation II (FGC)

Wednesday, October 31st

No Classes Grades 3-8



This Week

Sunday, October 28

5:30-7:00pm PRAISE! Rehearsal (FGC)

7:00pm AA (HBH)

Monday, October 29

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

6:30-8pm Toward a Vatican II Church (HBH)

7:00pm Confirmation II Class (FGC)

Tuesday, October 30

6:30-7:30pm RCIA (HBH)

6:30pm Pasta Dinner Meeting (FGC)

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (loft)

7:00pm Holy Rosary at St. Romuald

Wednesday, October 31

No Religious Ed Classes Grades 3-8

7:00pm Holy Rosary at St. Romuald

Thursday, November 1, ALL SAINTS DAY

Holy Day Masses at 7am, 12nn & 6:30pm

7pm Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting

7pm Men of St. Joseph Mtg. (FGC)

Friday, November 2, ALL SOULS DAY

6:30pm Prayers at St. Francis Cemetery

7:00pm Mass of Remembrance followed by
reception in Helen Bouchard Hall.

7:00pm Parent Mtg.—Chapter 4-Parent Leaders



Saturday, November 10th

5:30-8:00 PM

Cost: \$10 adults;

\$5 children 6-12;

Children 5 and under, FREE

The Year of Faith: The Charity of Christ Urges Us On



“*Caritas Christi urget nos*” (2 Cor 5:14): it is the love of Christ that fills our hearts and impels us to evangelize. Today as in the past, he sends us through the highways of the world to proclaim his Gospel to all the peoples of the earth (cf. Mt 28:19). Through his love, Jesus Christ attracts to himself the people of every generation: in every age he convokes the Church, entrusting her with the proclamation of the Gospel by a mandate that is ever new. Today too, there is a need for stronger ecclesial commitment to new evangelization in order to rediscover the joy of believing and the enthusiasm for communicating the faith. In rediscovering his love day by day, the missionary commitment of believers attains force and vigour that can never fade away. Faith grows when it is lived as an experience of love received and when it is communicated as an experience of grace and joy. It makes us fruitful, because it expands our hearts in hope and enables us to bear life-giving witness: indeed, it opens the hearts and minds of those who listen to respond to the Lord’s invitation to adhere to his word and become his disciples. Believers, so Saint Augustine tells us, “strengthen themselves by believing”. The saintly Bishop of Hippo had good reason to express himself in this way. As we know, his life was a continual search for the beauty of the faith until such time as his heart would find rest in God. His extensive writings, in which he explains the importance of believing and the truth of the faith, continue even now to form a heritage of incomparable riches, and they still help many people in search of God to find the right path towards the “door of faith”. Only through believing, then, does faith grow and become stronger; there is no other possibility for possessing certitude with regard to one’s life apart from self-abandonment, in a continuous crescendo, into the hands of a love that seems to grow constantly because it has its origin in God.

-Pope Benedict, *Porta Fidei*, no. 7

**REMINDER: First Saturday Mass at 8:00AM
in St. Francis Church**



Mark Those Calendars!

The St. Francis Women’s Club Christmas Bazaar will take place on Saturday, November 24th from 8am—1pm in Father Greenan Parish Center. We are working very hard but are still in need of the following:

- Handmade items & crafts from the knitters, and crafters among us
- homemade jellies, jams, sauce
- Small and medium sized baskets
- Unused items such as school supplies, teacher gifts, children’s items, toys, candy, toiletries etc.
- Gift certificates & Christmas decorations

For questions or to donate call Anne Cooney at 783-7034 or Kathleen Puchalla at 783-1132. Thank you!

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI QUILT

There will be a special raffle at the Bazaar for the St. Francis of Assisi Quilt. Chances are \$1ea./6 for \$5 and will be sold after Masses at church and chapel on alternate weekends. It is very special, don’t miss it!

THE ARMED MAN

A Mass for Peace by Karl Jenkins will be presented by the South County Chamber Singers and Orchestra under the direction of Dr. Enrico Garzilli on Sunday, November 4th at 3:00pm in the First Baptist Church, Main Street, Wickford. Tickets are \$25.00 Under 13/Students \$10.00 to order online call 855-461-SCCS Toll-free Visa, MC, Am Ex accepted. There will also be an open dress rehearsal on Saturday, November 3rd at 4:00 PM with a free-will offering. This concert is made possible in part by a grant from RISCA (RI State Council on the Arts).

FOOD OF THE MONTH for OCTOBER CEREAL & SOUP.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

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>