

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 24

5:30pm Freda Sweet
Requested by family

Sunday, September 25

8:00am Ned Carney
Requested by Jeff and Kathleen
10:00am Joseph and Evelina Samson
and Domenic Romano
Requested by family
12:00NN Rocco and Mary Gemma
Requested by family

Monday, September 26

7:00am Agnes Macari
Requested by Christine Palmieri

Tuesday, September 27

7:00am William Ballou
Requested by Maria Posillo

Wednesday, September 28

7:00am Connie Mack Wisman
Requested by his niece

Thursday, September 29

7:00am Rosemary Walsh
Requested by MacDonald family

Friday, September 30

7:00am Judge Healy
Requested by a friend

Saturday, October 1

5:30pm Leo Faucher
Requested by family

Sunday, October 2

8:00am Fr. John Randall
Requested by Castro family
10:00am Charles L. Farrell, Jr.
Requested by family
12:00NN Harold Titcomb
Requested by Kelli R. McNulty



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 24

5:30pm William and Anna Cullinane
Requested by family

Sunday, September 25

10:00am Jane P. Grimley
Requested by father

Saturday, October 1

5:30pm Mass for the people

Sunday, October 2

10:00am Lionel Noel
Requested by Mary C. Young



For Your Information

PARISH SUPPORT for September 18 was Budget—\$8,203; Priests' Retirement—\$8,136. Next weekend's second offering—Seminarians' Education. Thank you for your continued generosity.

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Ned and James Carney. The sanctuary lamp at St. Romuald Chapel burns in memory of Harold Titcomb.

NEW TRANSLATION COUNTDOWN

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

DID YOU KNOW?

The Mass Readings for every day of the month can be found online at: <http://www.usccb.org/nab/>

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS READINGS

1st Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7;

2nd Reading: Philippians 4:6-9;

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:33-43

ST. THÉRÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS

Saturday, October 1st is the Feast Day of St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus also known as St. Thérèse the Little Flower. The world came to know Thérèse through her autobiography, "Story of a Soul". She described her life as a "little way of spiritual childhood." She lived each day with an unshakable confidence in God's love. "What matters in life," she wrote, "is not great deeds, but great love." Thérèse lived and taught a spirituality of attending to everyone and everything well and with love. Thérèse's spirituality is of doing the ordinary, with extraordinary love. We could all learn a lesson or two from this great doctor of the Church. If you've never read "Story of a Soul," put it on your must read list. *St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, pray for us.*

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Friday, October 7th is the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. A brief history on this feast: In 1571 Pope Pius V instituted "Our Lady of Victory" as an annual feast to commemorate the victory of Lepanto. The victory was attributed to the Blessed Virgin Mary, as a rosary procession had been offered on that day in St. Peter's Square in Rome for the success of the mission of the Holy League to hold back Muslim forces from overrunning Western Europe. In 1573, Pope Gregory XIII changed the title of this feast-day to "Feast of the Holy Rosary". Pope St. Pius X changed the date to 7 October in 1913, as part of his effort to restore celebration of the liturgy of the Sundays.

ROSARY PRAYED WEEKDAYS AT 7PM AT ST. ROM'S

Did you know that our parish has a great devotion to the Most Holy Rosary and we pray it every weekday at St. Romuald Chapel during the months of May, August and October—Our Lady's months. Won't you consider joining us throughout the month of October at 7:00PM to pray this great prayer in union with Our Blessed Mother for all the intentions of your heart. On the Thursdays of October, we'll also offer a special holy hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. All are most welcome. Why not bring your friends and family!

SEPTEMBER 25, 2011

FROM THE PASTOR...

Those of you who receive our diocesan newspaper, the *Rhode Island Catholic*, may have noticed the front page story about the record enrollment this year at the Seminary of Our Lady of Providence. If you looked carefully at the photo of a group of seminarians in the chapel, you may even have recognized one of them. I am proud to say that Stephen Battey, one of our own parishioners, is among those young men pursuing a vocation to the priesthood. While continuing his college education at Providence College, Stephen will be living at the seminary and participating in the formation program. As a part of his pastoral formation, he will be assisting us here in the parish in different capacities on weekends. Father Joe and I are very happy to have a parish seminarian and we ask you to join us in encouraging and supporting him particularly with your prayers. I also ask that you pray for all the young people of our parish that, as they grow in faith, others may be inspired to pursue a vocation to the priesthood or religious life.

Last weekend we celebrated Catechetical Sunday in our parish. The many men and women who volunteer their services as teachers in our religious education program gathered at the 10:00 AM Mass for a special blessing as they begin the year. On behalf of our parish community, I thank them for their willingness to take on this challenging responsibility. Passing our faith on to the next generation is critically important and the teaching and example of faith offered by these catechists can make a tremendous difference in the lives of our young people.

Next weekend is our Parish Festival Weekend. Spiritually, we will celebrate the feast of our patron saint, Francis of Assisi. Bishop Tobin will be with us on Saturday evening to celebrate the 5:30 PM Mass in honor of Saint Francis and to formally install me as your new pastor. I hope that many will join us for this festive celebration and to greet our diocesan bishop as he visits our parish. In addition, our Parish Festival committee has been working for months to organize a number of family activities for the weekend. The details are elsewhere in this bulletin...the festival promises to offer fun for all ages and the opportunity to win some great prizes. Please join us in making these events successful in celebrating our parish community spirit.

Msgr. Theroux

ATTENTION HIGH-SCHOOLERS

If you are looking for an opportunity to meet new people, learn more about your faith, and if you are willing to be challenged in living out the call to discipleship, then you need to be at our next youth group meeting **TONIGHT**, Sunday, September 25 at 6:30PM in the Upper Room. If you're hesitant to come because you might not know anyone, bring a friend or two! **All are welcome!**



Religious Ed. Notes

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Sunday, September 25th

8:50-9:50am GRADES 1 & 2
9:15 First Eucharist Parent Mtg. (HBH)
9:50-10:50am KINDERGARTEN
10:50-11:50am GRADES 3-6

Monday, September 26th

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

Wednesday, September 28th

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

**NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES
NEXT SUNDAY, Oct. 2nd ... Join us for the
Parish Breakfast!**



This Week

Sunday, September 25

5:30-7pm Praise! Rehearsal (FGC)
6:30-9pm High School Youth (Upper Room)
7:00pm AA (HBH)

Monday, September 26

4:30-8pm Basket Assembly (HBH)
7:00pm Festival Meeting (HBH)
7-8:30pm Confirmation I & II (FGC)

Tuesday, September 27

9am-3pm Basket Assembly (HBH)
4-5pm Book Club (HBH)
7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (loft)

Wednesday, September 28

4-5:00pm Religious Ed Classes (FGC)
4:30-8pm Basket Assembly (HBH)
7:00pm Grade 7/8 (FGC)

Thursday, September 29

7pm Men of St. Joseph (Office Bldg.)
6:30pm Transfer of Festival Baskets
from HBH to FGC

Friday, September 30

5-7:30pm Pasta & Meatball Dinner

Saturday, October 1

12NN Blessing of Pets (parking lot)
5:30 Msgr. Theroux's Installation Mass w/
Bishop Thomas J. Tobin presiding

Sunday, October 2

8-11:30am Parish Breakfast (FGC)
11:30am Drawing of all raffles



Hey kids ... don't forget we'll have a **BUBBLE PARTY** with entertainer Roland Coutu & **FACE PAINTING** this Friday during the Pasta & Meatball Dinner. You'll have a blast!!!

WELCOMING THE NEW TRANSLATION OF THE MASS

A Six-Part Series

Part Two: An Opportunity for Spiritual Growth

As you know this fall the English-speaking Catholic world will welcome a new translation of the Roman Missal. Pope Benedict XVI and the bishops of the United States have approved these new texts for Mass, which will be used at St. Francis and St. Romuald as well as every English speaking parish in the world. Over the next several weeks we will discuss some of the specific changes, but first it may help to highlight some general principles.



The Mass celebrated every Sunday—and indeed everyday—is the single most important thing in the world. It is not simply a chance to gather together but rather makes present the most significant event in the history of the world—the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the Cross of Calvary. At Mass, we offer fitting worship to God. We proclaim God's Word and are fed with the Bread of Life. Mass is about worshipping God and sanctifying—making holy—His people.

Since the Mass is so important, we want to get the details just right. In fact, while at Mass our participation is primarily about the interior prayer we offer, our external actions and our fidelity to doing them properly, demonstrate our love for the reality we celebrate. The Church offers instruction on how to celebrate Mass, describing both words and gestures. Just as the rules of baseball do not restrict play but instead make the game possible, the rubrics or rules of the liturgy make our worship fitting, dignified, and solemn.

Some of the new texts may appear awkward at first as they use more formal language emphasizing the dignity of what is being celebrated. This makes sense though, as the Mass ought not be like any other activity, using the same type of language we would use elsewhere.

The celebration of Mass, offering fitting and beautiful worship to God, is at the same time, the most important means we have to become holy. The liturgy should be the basis of our prayer. That's why it is a good idea to pray with the texts of the Mass, certainly the Scripture readings but also the other prayers of the Mass as well. These are the privileged words of encounter between God and His people. That encounter takes place through the language of the Church.

As we begin to learn these new texts for Mass we might pray to allow them to penetrate our hearts so we can be more and more conformed to the divine mysteries we celebrate. Over the next several weeks, we will discuss the specific changes to the texts. To learn more about them and their, please visit the diocesan website designed for that purpose www.riliturgy.com

Feast of St. Francis of Assisi September 30—October 2

FESTIVAL WEEKEND:



Friday, September 30th
PASTA & MEATBALL DINNER
(5:00-6:30) (Cost: \$10 adults;
\$5 children 6-12; Children 5 and
under, FREE) During the dinner
we will have a BUBBLE PARTY by
entertainer Roland Coutu & FACE PAINTING for
children. The Wakefield Concert Band will
perform at 7:30pm in Upper Greenan Center.
Concert is free and open to all, so spread the
word!

Saturday, October 1st
12:00pm BLESSING OF PETS in
the church parking lot by Deacon
Paul O. Iacono.



5:30pm Installation Mass—Bishop
Thomas Tobin will officially install Monsignor
Theroux as Pastor of St. Francis of Assisi
Church / St. Romuald Chapel followed by a
reception in Father Greenan Parish Center. All
are invited to attend.



Sunday, October 2nd
8-11:30am BREAKFAST at Fr.
Greenan Parish Center by Don Gray
(Cost: \$8 adults; \$5 Children 6-
12; Children 5 and under, FREE)
The Matunuck Breakfast tickets will
be honored at our parish Breakfast.

11:30am DRAWING of all raffles
(you can't win if you don't buy a ticket or take a
chance!)

Baked Goods Table Ladies and
gents ... get your best recipes out.
We're looking for Cakes, loaves,
muffins, cookies, and pastries of all
sorts! If you're willing to bake for
us this year, please call the office at
783-4411.



We are in need of pie bakers!

The dessert at the Pasta Dinner on Friday night
will be homemade pies. Please call the office at
783-4411 if you're willing to help us out.

SUMMER'S SWAN-SONG SWEEPSTAKES

TICKETS ON SALE NOW! - Cost: \$35
1st Prize—\$2,000, 2nd Prize—\$500, 3rd Prize—\$500
Winning tickets will be drawn on Sunday, October 2nd at the
Feast of St. Francis of Assisi Breakfast at Father Greenan Parish
Center.

ONLY 300 Tickets will be sold!!!
Simply fill out the form below and return it to the rectory via the
offertory or mail it along with your check for \$35 made payable to
St. Francis Church and the office will mail you a ticket. Thank
you.

Name: _____

Address: _____