

## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### Mass Intentions

**Saturday, September 3**

5:30pm Ralph Calitri  
*Requested by family*

**Sunday, September 4**

8:00am Walter DiPrete  
*Requested by family*

10:00am Mary Ann Farrell  
*Requested by family*

12:00NN Marie Ambrosia  
*Requested by sister-in-law Janice Filipi*

**Monday, September 5**

7:00am Robert Cote  
*Requested by family*

**Tuesday, September 6**

7am Fr. Jerome E. Daly—10th Pastor  
*26th Anniversary of Death*

**Wednesday, September 7**

7:00am Mary Costanza  
*Requested by family*

**Thursday, September 8**

7:00am John "Jack" Monahan  
*Requested by Kelli*

**Friday, September 9**

7:00am Robin Lombardi Harris  
*Requested by her mom*

**Saturday, September 10**

5:30pm Howard, Wayne & Dana Fanning  
*Requested by family*

**Sunday, September 11**

8:00am Margaret & James Stickley  
*Requested by Margot Ferry*

10:00am Fr. Francis Grogan, CSC  
*Requested by family*

12:00NN Rosemary Walsh  
*Requested by Betty Ann Hogan*



### St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

**Saturday, September 3**

5:30pm Mass for the People

**Sunday, September 4**

8:00am Timothy Davies  
*Requested by family*

10:00am Billie Holland  
*Requested by Mary C. Young*

**Saturday, September 10**

5:30pm Timothy Davies  
*Requested by family*

**Sunday, September 11**

10:00am John & Grace Carpinelli  
*Requested by family*



## For Your Information

**PARISH SUPPORT** for August 28 was Budget—\$2,434; Ongoing Maintenance—\$ 838. This weekend's second offering—Monthly. Next weekend's second offering will be the Ongoing Maintenance Fund Offering. Thank you for your continued generosity.

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Ralph Calitri. The sanctuary lamp at St. Romuald Chapel burns in memory of John "Jack" Monahan.

**SEPTEMBER 11**

Next Sunday, September 11, marks the tenth anniversary of the devastating terrorist attacks upon our nation. It will be, for our nation and our community, a time of somber remembrance, reflection and prayer. Bishop Tobin will offer a special Mass at the Cathedral of Ss. Peter and Paul at 1:00 PM on that day including participation by representatives of Police, Fire and Military personnel. All are invited to attend. Also, here in our own parish, we will celebrate the *Mass for Peace and Justice* at all of our weekend liturgies and we will remember those who suffered and died from the violence of that day as well as those who served so nobly in the midst of strife.

**SENIOR PRIEST RETIREMENT FUND**

On September 17-18, our parish will join others throughout the diocese in a special collection for the Senior Priest Retirement Fund. Our generosity will make a difference in the lives of men who have served faithfully for decades of ministry. The collection is also our way of saying "thank you" for that service. To learn more about how this fund benefits our senior priests, please visit [www.srpriestri.org](http://www.srpriestri.org).

**WE NEED YOU!**

St. Romuald's Chapel Cleaning Team would like to add some new members. Please consider volunteering! You will be assigned to a four or five member team and will only be scheduled about once every six weeks. The cleaning normally takes place on Saturdays mornings and it takes about 90 minutes. Please call Mary Grace Hood at 401-782-6501 or email me at [mary\\_grace@cox.net](mailto:mary_grace@cox.net) if you need more information or if would like to help. You can also leave your name and number in the sacristy at the chapel. Thank you!

**FATHER GREENAN CENTER**

Fr. Greenan Center is truly a gem! Few parishes can boast such a spacious, historic and architecturally intriguing space for parish use. As you know, the third floor of Fr. Greenan Center is in the process of being converted into the "Upper Room," a space for our parish teens. With the exception of a flat-screen television and a game table, everything else is in place! Additionally, the space immediately below the Upper Room, and at the center back of the upper hall, is in the process of being converted into a parish library. The parish received a significant donation of theological and philosophical books that we hope to make available to our parishioners. More on that in the upcoming weeks! In addition to providing new services to our parish family (a youth room and a library), these newly utilized spaces will also serve as additional rooms for parish meetings and functions. Many thanks for your generosity in making Fr. Greenan Center what it is! We hope that the newly utilized areas will prove useful to our parish family!

SEPTEMBER 4, 2011

## INQUIRY NIGHT AND ADULT CONFIRMATION

**Do you know someone who might be interested in becoming a Catholic?** Perhaps you have a relative or friend who has inquired about the Catholic faith and possibly has questions about what the requirements are to become a Catholic. Or maybe you know someone who was baptized a Catholic as a child, but never followed through with other sacraments and now, as an adult, is more interested in having faith as a part of their life.

If you know anyone who fits this description, please tell them about the **Inquiry Night** being held here at St. Francis Church on **Monday evening, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM** in the parish office building. This informal gathering will provide the opportunity to ask questions and get information about becoming a Catholic. We will give a short presentation on *The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* (RCIA), a program of classes and activities to prepare participants to be received into the Catholic Church at Easter. Our parish RCIA program is led by Deacon Paul Iacono who, over the years, has proven to be an excellent teacher and guide for those preparing for reception into the Church.

There are no doubt men and women in our community waiting for an invitation to join the Church. You can assist in the Evangelizing mission of the Church by extending that invitation. If the person you invite is hesitant or shy about coming to the meeting alone, feel free to join them and support them in the inquiry. Assure them that there are no obligations, just useful information.

In a similar vein, if you are adult who was raised Catholic but never received the sacrament of Confirmation and would now like to be Confirmed, please express your interest to Deacon Iacono or to one of the parish priests. In the next few weeks as we organize the RCIA program we will also be making provision for a program of preparation for adult Confirmation. It's never too late to seek Confirmation and it can be a great opportunity to renew and strengthen your faith and participation in the Church.

*Msgr. Theroux*

## BIBLE STUDY: SECOND CORINTHIANS

We will be continuing our bible study series with the Second Epistle of Saint Paul to the Corinthians. Whether you are a newcomer or an old hand at bible study, you will find Saint Paul's Epistles stimulating and spiritually rewarding. The class will be offered on Tuesdays from 7:00 to 8:30 PM in Fr. Greenan Center, starting on **Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>**, followed by 10 sessions. Principal course materials will include your own Bible, the Ignatius Catholic Study Bible for Second Corinthians by Scott Hahn, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, both provided by St. Francis of Assisi, and special resources as needed. As in earlier studies of Mark's Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles, we will be emphasizing the rich language of the epistle as presented with dramatic readings by Max McClean on DVD. But, as in the past, we will allot much of our time to both small group and full group discussion of the readings. Be sure to register early. Call 783-4411 and leave your name, phone number and parish affiliation.



## Religious Ed. Notes

**Religious Education Classes begin next week:**

- **Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>**  
Grade 7 and 8 Teacher meeting at 7pm in Fr. Greenan Center
- **Confirmation I students** who have not yet met with our priests please call the Religious Ed. office by Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> to schedule a meeting. All interviews need to be completed by September 16<sup>th</sup>. You may not begin classes without this meeting.
- **Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**Grade 1 & 2**- 8:50-9:50 begin in church, pick up at FGC  
**Grade K**- 9:50-10:50 bring child directly to lower church  
**Grades 3-6**-10:50-11:50 begin in church, pick up at FGC
- **Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**Grades 3-6** 4:00-5:00 begin in church, pick up at FGC



## This Week

- Sunday, September 4**  
1:30pm Baptisms by Father Joe  
7:00pm AA (HBH)
- Tuesday, September 6**  
7pm Social Outreach Mtg. (MCCR)
- Wednesday, September 7**  
7pm Grade 7/8 Catechist Mtg. (FGC)  
7:00pm Festival Meeting (MCCR)
- Thursday, September 8**  
2:00pm Mass at Scallop Shell  
Nursing and Rehab  
7pm Men of St. Joseph (Office Bldg.)

**St. Romuald Chapel Mass Schedule  
CHANGES NEXT WEEKEND:  
Saturday, 5:30PM; Sunday, 10:00AM**

**Don't forget to check out  
St. Francis on the Web:**

<http://stfranciswakefield.com>

## IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



Year of Liturgical and Spiritual Renewal

In today's gospel passage from the eighteenth chapter of Matthew, Jesus reminds us that wherever two or three are gathered in his name, he is there in the midst of them. The heart and center of liturgical prayer is none other than Jesus himself. It is Jesus who initiates and sustains our prayer to the Father in the liturgy. For many years, a vision of liturgy that emphasized our own prerogatives and activity in the liturgy held sway, but is now giving way to a different perspective, which is deeply rooted in the liturgical vision of the Second Vatican Council. The liturgy is principally about Christ's work, not ours. The liturgy in its essence, is not what we do, but what *God* does! Pope Paul VI made this point abundantly clear when he announced the proclamation of the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy of the Second Vatican Council. In the liturgy, he taught, "the post of honor is reserved to God" and "as first duty we are called to raise our prayers to God." "The sacred liturgy," he continued, "is the primary source of this divine exchange in which *the life of God is communicated to us.*" The liturgy is ultimately, God's initiative, not our own. It is the point of contact where God reaches out to bestow upon us something we cannot fabricate ourselves, a share in his own divine life. The most important work of liturgy is done by God, not by us! If we are to accept the challenge of the Second Vatican Council, we should be willing to approach liturgy not as performers but as humble recipients of divine grace.

## THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW TRANSLATION OF THE ROMAN MISSAL

While we are still twelve weeks away from the full implementation of the new translation of the Roman Missal, you will notice some changes to the *sung* musical settings at Mass. At their most recent general meeting, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops voted to permit the early implementation of the sung revised translations beginning in September (this includes the "Holy, Holy, Holy" and the "Mystery of Faith," which is sung immediately after the consecration). We have been practicing the new settings before Mass and will begin to use them *during* Mass beginning in September. The remainder of the newly translated Missal will be implemented, according to the original plan, on November 27, 2011. As we make more significant strides in implementing the new translation, we appreciate your patience. Change is never easy! Nonetheless, the Celebration of Mass is absolutely central to our faith and our mission as a parish, and hopefully this time of transition will allow us to grow in our knowledge and our love of the Church's greatest prayer.

## THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION AT SAINT ROMUALD CHAPEL

The Sacrament of Penance will now be offered at St. Romuald Chapel on the Saturday's during the year when we have an evening Mass. Confessions will be heard from 4:45-5:15pm at the back of the transept (to the right of the altar).

### FOOD DONATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER

Peanut butter and jelly, cans/jars of veggies, tuna, canned meats, tomato sauce, pasta, fruit juice and snacks. Toilet tissue and paper towels, bug spray and sunblock are also needed. Collections are low so please try to remember to bring some items once a month. As always, thank you for your generosity.



### ATTENTION ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS!

We are trying to compile a database of contact information for our parishioners who are away at college. Please email the rectory at [saintfrancis00@aol.com](mailto:saintfrancis00@aol.com) to leave us your name, college, class year, and email address.

### NEW TRANSLATION COUNTDOWN

**12** 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: Sirach 27:30-28:9;  
2nd Reading: Romans 14:7-9;  
Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:21-35



## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_