

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 1

4:30pm Barbara Ludwig

Requested by Mary & Rino Bergonzi

Sunday, September 2

8:00am Walter DiPrete

Requested by family

10:00am John and Ann McLaughlin

Requested by Eric and Lisa Zatko

12:00nn Mass for the People

Monday, September 3

7:00am Special Intention

Requested by Maria Posillo

Tuesday, September 4

7:00am Dr. Leonard Staudinger

Requested by wife

Wednesday, September 5

7:00am Mary Costanza

Requested by family

Thursday, September 6

7:00am John "Jack" Monahan

3rd Anniversary

Friday, September 7

7:00am Concetta Guglielmo

Requested by Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Cutting

Saturday, September 8

4:30pm Frances E. Galiani

Requested by family

Sunday, September 9

8:00am Margaret & James Stickley

Requested by Margot Ferry

10:00am Mary Ann Farrell

Requested by family

12:00nn Fr. Francis P. Grogan, CSC

Requested by Mahoney family



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 1

5:30pm For the Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, September 2

8:00am Dorothy A. Tiernan &

Robert Tiernan, Jr.

Requested by family

10:00am Billie Holland

Requested by Mary C. Young

Saturday, September 8

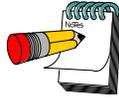
5:30pm William and Anna Cullinane

Requested by family

Sunday, September 9

10:00am Grace and John Carpinelli

Requested by family



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMPS

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Ralph Calitri and at St. Romuald for Jack Monahan.

TWENTY WEEK CLUB WINNERS—WEEK 16

Congratulations to the latest 20 Week Club drawing winners: Babs Menihan and Al Caldarone. Stay tuned for next week's drawing!

ST. FRANCIS CEMETERY

WINTER HOURS will commence Columbus Day Weekend, Monday, October 8th. The gate will open at 8:00am and close at 4:00pm.

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.

LOT PURCHASE / INFORMATION

For questions on purchasing a lot or for general information on our parish cemetery, please contact Laurie Friel at 782-2711.



RETROUVAILLE...a Lifeline

Rediscover a loving marriage with a Retrouvaille (pronounced re-tro-vy) weekend. If your marriage is tearing the two of you apart, if there is little or no meaningful communication, if you are considering separation or divorce, we believe Retrouvaille can help you. The last 2012 New England Retrouvaille marriage renewal weekend will be held in Massachusetts on September 14-16, 2012. To register for the weekend or for more information, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 1-800-470-2230.

WEEKLY PARISH SUPPORT— August 26

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Budget envelopes (347 used)	-	\$6,403.00
Loose Donations	-	\$2,223.00
Online Giving (15 donors)	-	\$ 251.00
Total Budget	-	\$8,877.00

Ongoing Maintenance

Budget Envelopes (226 used)	-	\$ 2,214.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 687.00
Total Ongoing Maintenance-		\$ 2,901.00

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

SEPTEMBER 2, 2012

From the Pastor...

On the weekend of September 16, our second collection will be the annual diocesan collection for the **Senior Priest Retirement Fund**. This is a very important collection because it funds the pensions of our senior priests who are retired from administration. These dedicated priests served us faithfully for many years and even now most of them continue to provide valuable assistance to parishes and other ministries throughout the diocese. When we consider our charitable giving, it is often helpful to personalize the appeal by recalling that **these funds assist priests who we know and who have been so important to our own spiritual needs**. In order to assist us in that regard, I am very happy to tell you that next weekend, September 8-9 two very familiar priests will be speaking at our weekend Masses. **Father Nick Smith**, our beloved former pastor, will preach at all the Masses at St. Francis Church and **Father Eugene McKenna**, the Pastor-emeritus of St. Lucy Parish in Middletown and now a resident of Matunuck who assists us from time to time, will preach at the Masses at St. Romuald Chapel. Both of these priests have provided outstanding pastoral care to countless people over the years and both continue to serve faithfully. I'm sure you will join me in giving them a very warm welcome and responding generously to their appeal.

Speaking of generosity, our parish has recently received **three bequests totaling over \$85,000**. This remembrance by members of our parish provides an enduring tribute to their faith and to their gratitude to God for the community and ministry of St. Francis Parish that nourished and supported their faith-life over the years. **You can also make a difference in the St. Francis Parish of tomorrow by considering a remembrance of our parish in your will and estate planning**. Bequests may be made to the parish for general use or they can be specified for a particular area of ministry or even to the parish endowment fund that provides a solid foundation for the future. Parishioners of the future will be grateful for our efforts to assure the resources for St. Francis Parish to continue as a secure community of faith.

Msgr. Theroux

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>

Religious Education

Religious Education Classes begin next week:

- Sunday, September 9th**
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 12th**
Grades 3-6 4:00-5:00 begin in church, pick up at FGC
Grades 7 & 8: 7pm Parent/Student Meeting in HBH
- Confirmation I:** Interview packets have been mailed to all students currently enrolled in our Religious Education Program. If you are new to our parish or have previously attended Catholic middle school, please contact Diane Castro at 792-8684 or by email at: castro_stfrancis@verizon.net.



This Week

Sunday, September 2

1:30pm Baptisms by Msgr. Theroux
7-9:00pm Youth Group (UR)
7:00pm AA (HBH)

Monday, September 3

Labor Day—All PARISH OFFICES
CLOSED & NO ADORATION

Tuesday, September 4

7:00pm Social Outreach Committee
Meeting in the Library (FGC)

Thursday, September 6

2:00pm Mass at Scallop Shell
7:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (FGC)
7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (FGC)

First Friday, September 7

6:30pm Holy Hour at St. Francis
Church w/confessions

St. Romuald Chapel

Mass Schedule

CHANGES NEXT WEEKEND:

Saturday, 5:30PM;
Sunday, 10:00AM

Young Adult Ministry Opening Mass

Monday, September 10

Welcoming Young Adults, married or single, age 18-39.

Help us kickoff our 2012-2013 season with Mass, discussion and fellowship!

St. Philip Church

622 Putnam Pike

Greenville, RI

6:15-6:45pm Confessions available in Our Lady's Chapel

7:00-7:45pm Young Adult Mass celebrated by Fr. George Nixon

7:45-8:30pm Refreshments available \ Presentation and discussion led by Fr. Nixon entitled, *Encountering the Word: Reading the Scriptures with Faith*

8:30-9:00pm Social

Visit www.discovercatholicfaith.org or contact Michelle Donovan at:

mdonovan@dioceseofprovidence.org
for more information.

VOCATION STORIES NIGHT

Wednesday, September 19th at 7:00pm, St. Martha's Church, Pawtucket Ave., East Providence. Sponsored by Serra Providence. Join us as we listen to the vocation journeys of various individuals, including consecrated religious, priests and lay people. There will be a question and answer period followed by fellowship.

For more information, email:
vocationfair@gmail.com or
visit serraprovidence.org



Little Sisters of the Poor will be here the weekend of September 22nd/23rd in an effort to raise funds for a new roof that will cost them \$400,000. Thank you, in advance, for your generous support.



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.

FOOD/COMMODITY OF THE MONTH FOR SEPTEMBER

Cereal, tomato/spaghetti sauce, peanut butter and jelly, soup, lunch snacks, sandwich bags, paper towels. Thank you for your continued generosity.

SENIOR PRIEST RETIREMENT FUND

At Masses on September 15 & 16, our parish will join others throughout the diocese in a special second collection in support of the Senior Priest Retirement Fund. After decades of faithful service, many retired priests continue to serve where they are needed, while others require assisted living, or nursing home care. Since priests are paid a very modest wage, they cannot rely upon Social Security to make ends meet. No longer able to rely upon parishes for basic living needs, senior priests depend on support from this challenged fund. Your generosity will make a difference in the lives of many of whom have served faithfully for more than four decades of ministry. In fact, many continue to serve well after their 'retirement.' The collection is also our way of saying "thank you" for that service. Please consider a generous donation in support of our senior priests. To learn how this fund benefits senior priests or to make an online donation, please visit www.srpriestri.org. Thank you for your support of this worthy endeavor.