

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions

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

Monday, September 10

7:00am Mass for the People

Tuesday, September 11

7:00am Rita & Tom O'Rourke and

Warren Behie

Requested by family

Wednesday, September 12

7:00am Judith Gardner

Requested by Mark & Laurie Friel

Thursday, September 13

7:00am Donald K. Reilly

Req. by friends of the Reilly family

Friday, September 14

7:00am Michelle Runde

Requested by Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Cutting

Saturday, September 15

4:30pm Rose Silva

Requested by granddaughter

Sunday, September 16

8:00am James Carney

Requested by Jeff & Kathie Carney

10:00am Domenic Romano, Joseph and

Evanlina Samson

Requested by family

12:00nn Mass for the People



St. Romuald Chapel

Saturday, September 8

5:30pm William and Anna Cullinane

Requested by family

Sunday, September 9

10:00am Grace and John Carpinelli

Requested by family

Saturday, September 15

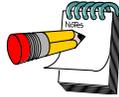
5:30pm John, Margaret & John Reale, Jr.

Requested by family

Sunday, September 16

10:00am William and Anna Cullinane

Requested by family



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Clementina Birch.

TWENTY WEEK CLUB WINNERS—WEEK 17

Congratulations to the latest 20 Week Club drawing winners: Gail Bertochi and Bill Greenan. Stay tuned for next week's drawing!

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.

NOTICE TO OUR RELIGIOUS ED FAMILIES

Each year in response to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' charter for the protection of children and young people, we have a program for the safe environment education of children and young people. This program is called Circle of Grace. It is meant to supplement and be integrated into our program for the formation of children and young people. This program helps our youth to understand their own (and other's) dignity in mind and spirit. The Circle of Grace lesson, which is specific for each grade, will be implemented in grades K-10 of our religious education program within the first few months of classes. If a child is absent on the day that the lesson is given, the Circle of Grace material will be mailed home for the parents to teach. Please call Barbette Cullen or Diane Castro at the Rel Ed Office, 792-8684, if you have any questions or want more information regarding the Circle of Grace program.

WEEKLY PARISH SUPPORT— September 2

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Budget envelopes (356 used) -	\$7,015.00
Loose Donations -	\$1,870.00
Online Giving (17 donors) -	\$ 320.00
Total Budget -	\$9,205.00

Monthly

Budget Envelopes (228 used) -	\$ 2,325.00
Loose Donations -	\$ 751.00
Total Ongoing Maintenance-	\$3,076.00

This weekend's second offering is the Ongoing Maintenance fund offering. Next weekend's second offering will be the Priests' Retirement Fund Offering. As always, thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

SEPTEMBER 9, 2012

From the Pastor...

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 **Wednesday evening, September 26th** 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.

Also, **this weekend religious education classes resume for grades Kindergarten through high school Confirmation.** We have over 500 students in our program, so this is a major undertaking. I am grateful to **Mrs. Barbette Cullen and Mrs. Diane Castro** for their direction of the program and also to **the many teachers and other volunteers who give so generously of their time to pass the faith on to our young people.** **We couldn't do it without you!!** I ask all our parishioners to keep our students and religious education teachers and staff in their prayers.

Msgr. Theroux

Religious Education

CLASSES BEGIN TODAY

Families are to report to the church for class assignments. Pick up at Father Greenan Parish Center.

8:50-9:50am GRADES 1 & 2

9:50-10:50am KINDERGARTEN

(report to lower church)

10:50-11:50am GRADES 3-6

Monday, September 10th

7-8:30pm Conf. II (FGC)

Wednesday, September 12th

4:00-5:00PM GRADES 3-6

Families are to report to the church by 3:55pm for class assignments. Pick up at Fr. Greenan Parish Center.

7:00PM Orientation meeting for Grades 7 & 8 students and parents in Helen Bouchard Hall.

All families must be represented at this meeting.



This Week

Sunday, September 9

8:50-9:50am GRADES 1 & 2

9:50-10:50am KINDERGARTEN

(report to lower church)

10:50-11:50am GRADES 3-6

5:30-7pm Praise Rehearsal (FGC)

7:00pm AA (HBH)

Monday, September 10

7:30am-12:00nn Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

7:00pm Baptism Prep. Class (HBH)

Tuesday, September 11

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (loft)

Wednesday, September 12

4-5:00pm Class—Grades 3-6 (FGC)

7:00pm Grades 7&8 Parent Mtg. (FGC)

Priests' Retirement Fund

Catholics throughout the Diocese have a unique opportunity to make a real difference in the lives of our senior priests. Next weekend's second collection will benefit the Senior Priests Retirement Fund, a significant source of support for priests who, often retiring between ages 70-75, depend upon for basic needs such as food, housing, transportation and medical care. Please consider your generous support of this necessary cause that benefits those who have selflessly served the faithful for decades. Thank you.



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.



Sing, O Sing!

*"Sing, O sing, like the wind and sea;
let music fill the skies!"*

Yes, it's time for our choir season to begin!!

Calling all sopranos, altos, tenors, basses!

Rehearsals begin this

Tues, Sept. 11th @ 7pm

in the loft!

Ever thought about joining the choir?

*Well, think about it now! We'd love to
have YOU give choir a try!*

We are a lively, Spirit-filled bunch!

Give us a test drive- come to the first rehearsal

or give me, Mimi, a call at 792-8301!

I'd love to chat with YOU, about choir!

Yes, YOU!



FOOD/COMMODITY NEEDS FOR SEPTEMBER

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

Divine Mercy Cenacle & Dinner

Thursday, September 27th
5-7:30PM at Saint Romuald
Chapel, Matunuck. Please
call Bill to let him know
you're attending.

The regular Cenacle
schedule resumes in
October.



Baptisms

Congratulations to the proud parents and godparents of Christopher James Rose, Parker Michael Gray and Sean David McAuliffe who were baptized into God's family during the past month. Your parish family rejoices with you!

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

During the 10am Mass next Sunday, September 16th, we will celebrate Catechetical Sunday. This year's theme is "Catechists and Teachers as Agents of the New Evangelization." *Those whom the community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.*