SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 1

4:30pm Sunday, June 2

8:00am†Rosemary Walsh

Requested by Kathleen & Jeff Carney

10:00am †Richard De Joseph (4th Anniversary Remembrance)

Requested by Family

12:00nn †Dolores Ramirez

Requested by Family

Monday, June 3

7:00am †Msgr. Cornelius J. Holland (5th Pastor)

63rd Anniversary Remembrance

Tuesday, June 4

7:00am †Concetta Wilson

Requested by Michele Nielsen

Thursday, June 6

7:00am Mass for the People

Friday, June 7

7:00am †Rita & Tom O'Rourke & Warren Behie

Requested by Family

Saturday, June 8

4:30pm †William & Teresa Bodah *Requested by Family*

Sunday, June 9 8:00am†Jean Krul

(Anniversary Remembrance) Requested by Family

10:00am 12:00nn



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intention's

Saturday, June 1

5:30pm †William & Genevieve Wajda Requested by Family

Sunday, June 2

8:00am †Marilyn Cote

Requested by Family

10:00am †The Corcoran Family

Requested by James Corcoran

Saturday, June 8

5:30pm †Dr. Edward "Ted" Ferry

Requested by Joe & Ellen Schwab

Sunday, June 9

8:00am †Mary Lou Daly (18th Anniversary Remembrance) & her daughter, Marv Lou Daly

Requested by Family

10:00am †Margaret & Francis Dwyer Requested by Family



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Rosemary Flynn Walsh.



All are welcome to attend a Mass at noon on Wednesday, June 19th at our St. Romuald Chapel on Atlantic Ave. in Matunuck to celebrate the Memorial of St. Romuald, abbot and hermit, the founder of the Camaldolese Benedictines, who died on June 19, 1027. Light refreshments will follow.

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN SECOND COLLECTION: WEEKEND OF JUNE 8/9

Next week, our second collection is for the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ in the United States and in developing countries around the world through the Internet, television, radio, and print media. Fully 50% of funds collected remain here in the Diocese of Providence to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the Gospel message!

To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/ccc. Thank you for your support!

2019 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL "Faith and Good Works"

OUR GOAL FOR 2019 IS: \$118,000.00 As of 5/27/19 the amount pledged is: \$77,963.00 **Donor Count: 263**

Thank you for supporting the Catholic Charity Appeal. Because of you and your generosity, hundreds of families are assisted annually through child care grants from the Cabrini Fund.

PARISH SUPPORT

The information for the May 26th collection was not available at the time of the transmittal of this bulletin. It will appear in next week's bulletin.

This week's second collection is the Monthly collection. Next week's second collection is for Catholic Communications.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

JUNE 2, 2019

From the Pastor,

June is the "Month of the Sacred Heart." According to the 20th century Trappist Thomas Merton, Saint Lutgarde (d.1246), a Flemish Cistercian mystic of Aywieres, Belgium, was one of the great precursors of the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. A contemporary of St. Francis, she "... entered upon the mystical life with a vision of the pierced Heart of the Savior, and had concluded her mystical espousals with the Incarnate Word by an exchange of hearts with Him." Sources say that Christ came in a visitation to Lutgarde, offering her whatever gift of grace she should desire; she asked for a better grasp of Latin, that she might better understand the word of God and sing God's praise. Christ granted her request and Lutgarde's mind was flooded with the riches of psalms, antiphons, readings, and responsories. However, a painful emptiness persisted. She returned to Christ, asking to return his gift, and wondering if she might, just possibly, exchange it for another. "And for what would you exchange it?" Christ asked. "Lord, said Lutgarde, "I would exchange it for your Heart." Christ then reached into Lutgarde and, removing her heart, replaced it with his own, at the same time hiding her heart within his breast.

In probably June or July 1674, Sister (later Saint) Margaret Mary Alacoque claimed that Jesus requested to be honored under the figure of his heart, also saying that, when he appeared radiant with love, he asked for a devotion of expiatory love: frequent reception of Communion, especially on the first Friday of the month, and the observance of the Holy hour.

During the <u>octave</u> of <u>Corpus Christi</u> in 1675, probably on June 16, the vision known as the "great apparition" reportedly took place, where Jesus said: "Behold the Heart that has so loved men. ...Instead of gratitude I receive from the greater part (of humankind) only ingratitude," and asked Margaret Mary for a feast of <u>reparation</u> of the Friday after the octave of Corpus Christi.

We can say more about this devotion during the coming month. In the meantime, the Sacred Heart remains a powerful image of God's love for us.

Fr. Bodah

THANK YOU FROM THE DEBORAH K. FALLACARO PREGNANCY CENTER

The Deborah K. Fallacaro Pregnancy of Westerly Center would like to thank all of the pastors, parishioners, volunteers and respect life committees for all of their efforts in selling roses for our annual Mother's Day Rose Sale. Your hard work and generosity are truly appreciated! Many families in need will benefit greatly from these funds! Please continue to join us in prayer for the Pregnancy Center and for the respect and protection of all human life. If you feel called to do so, we are always looking for more volunteers to join in our prolife ministry work. If interested please call us at 1-401-596-2880.

Thank you once again and may God bless you all! Monica DiIorio/Director



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES







THE MASS IS A CALL FOR EACH ONE OF US TO SAY YES TO JESUS. JESUS CALLS US TO GO INTO THE WORLD AND TO BE HIS LIGHT TO OTHERS!

Join us for VBS June 24-28th. We will spend a week discovering more about the Mass and deepening our love for Jesus in the Eucharist through faith teachings, music, games, crafts, snacks and more! Be that light for others!! Join us!! **Time:** 8:30-11:30 ~ Cost: \$45.00 ~ Pre K to Grade 4

Registrations forms may be found at the church entrances.

Calling all adults and teenagers to help lead vacation bible school for the young children of our parish. We have all the materials for a fun, faith filled week of VBS, the only thing missing is **YOU**!

On **Thursday, June 6th** Station Leaders are asked to attend our organizational meeting in HBH at 6pm. If you are interested in helping, please let Mrs. Cullen know.

Call 792-8684 or email cullen stfrancis@verizon.net

SUMMER CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Registration for our summer Confirmation classes was mailed to all the grade 8 & 9 families this week. If your child is entering **Grade 9 or 10** this fall and you haven't received the mailing, please contact the Religious Education Office at 792-8684 as soon as possible. Registration forms can be found on our parish website under the Confirmation tab.

This Week

Tuesday, June 4

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Loft)

7:00pm SVDP Meeting (FGC)

Thursday, June 6

6:30pm Prayer Shawl Committee (Rectory)

7:00pmMen of St. Joseph (FGC)



Please remember we are always in need of nonperishable food items (no glass or outdated items). Your donations may be H placed in the baskets located at St. Francis



or St. Romuald. These items will be donated to the Jonnycake Food Pantry in Peace Dale. Thank you for your generosity.



MAY MONEY MADNESS WINNERS:

May 23	James Deluca	\$50
May 24	Ginny Beauchaine	\$50
May 25	Mary Ellen Moffitt	\$50
May 26	Michael Dufficy	\$100
May 27	Don Gray	\$50
May 28	Dolores DiPrete	\$50
May 29	Jean Behie	\$50

CONGRATULATIONS!

St. Vincent DePaul Society

Just a reminder that our St. Vincent de Paul chapter here at St. Francis needs your help. They ask your help by using their poor boxes located in the church



and chapel so that they can assist those in need in our area. *Keep them in your prayers!*



PENTECOST SUNDAY PICNIC SAVE THE DATE, JUNE 9

Next Sunday, June 9 from 9am to noon there will be a picnic for all local churches at Saugatucket Park (next to Wakefield Elementary School). All are welcome to join the fun!



CAR WASH: SATURDAY, JUNE 15TH 9:00AM TO 12NN

St. Francis of Assisi parking lot!

Free will donations are accepted. All proceeds will benefit the youth of our parish going to the 2019 Steubenville Retreat! What a wonderful way to help support our parish youth!

Letter Received from Rev. Robert P. Perron
Director of The Society for The Propagation of the Faith

Dear Father Bodah:

Nothing energizes this office more than the annual Rice Bowl Appeal, and our partnership with Catholic Relief services. To witness young and old people donate to the poor in this unique way is very gratifying to me personally. I receive requests, weekly, from places all over the world seeking our assistance and it is great that you and your parish have responded so generously.

I am extremely grateful to you and the members of St. Francis of Assisi Parish for your donation of \$3,167.71.

I am confident that any relationship with the poor changes us. This is an inevitable result of giving oneself to another. As we move forward to meet the ever increasing demands of our needy brothers and sisters, we must live in confidence that God blesses our work and brings it to completion. Thank you for your help.

I would be remiss if I did not remind you of the fact that the Rice Bowl collection sends 75% of all that is collected to the missions throughout the world, while 25% of the money collected remains here in our own Diocese. It supports local organizations that reach out to our own population that struggles daily to survive.

Thank you for building bridges between your local community and the world. You can take great comfort in the fact that your support, through CRS, keeps us vigilant in responding to our brothers and sisters daily and especially when a crisis arises.

"I thank God, through Jesus Christ, for you." (Romans 1:8)