

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 27

4:30pm †Wilma Samiagio
Requested by Jean

Sunday, July 28

8:00am †James & Sarah Folcarelli
Requested by Family

10:00am †Jake Downey
Requested by Carol & Jim Kiernan

12:00nn †Kevin Morron
Requested by the Clarke Family

Monday, July 29

7:00am Mass of Thanksgiving

Tuesday, July 30

7:00am Mass for the People

Thursday, August 1

7:00am †Albert Joseph Lepore, Jr.
Requested by Samantha & Chris Ramonetti

Friday, August 2

7:00am †Rosemary Flynn Walsh
Requested by Kathleen & Jeff Carney

Saturday, August 3

4:30pm †James E. Sweet & Edward F. Sweet
Requested by Family

Sunday, August 4

8:00am †Kerri Bessette
Requested by Mom, Dad & Scott

10:00am Frank & Joan Donahue
Celebration of 60th Wedding Anniversary

12:00nn



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 27

5:30pm †Michael Cooney & Anne Cooney
Requested by Family

Sunday, July 28

8:00am †Therese & Roger Lebrun
Requested by Family

10:00am †Madeline & Walter Johansen & Bob Alarie
Requested by Jude

Saturday, August 3

5:30pm †Betty & Cy Cooney; David & Declan Cooney
Requested by Family

Sunday, August 4

8:00am †Deceased Members of the Marchand & Marsocci Families
Requested by Gerri & Al Marsocci

10:00am †Deceased Members of the Blackbeard Association
Requested by Darrell & Donna

Peter's Pence Collection *Be a Witness of* **Charity**

Next week, we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Please be generous.

For more information, visit:
www.usccb.org/peters-pence

2019 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL *"Faith and Good Works"*

OUR GOAL FOR 2019 IS: \$118,000.00
As of 7/22/2019 the amount pledged is: \$87,268.00
Donor Count: 305

Thank you for your generosity and support!

PARISH SUPPORT

<u>Weekly Support</u>		<u>July 21</u>
Budget envelopes used	-	\$5,043.00
Loose Donations	-	\$1,946.00
Online Giving (# of donors-62)	-	\$2,126.00
Total Budget	-	\$9,115.00

<u>Second Collection (Ongoing Maintenance)</u>		
Budget envelopes used	-	\$1,812.50
Loose Donations	-	\$ 897.00
Total Collection		\$2,709.50

There is no second collection this week. Next week's second collection is for the Holy Father-Peter's Pence.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

JULY 28, 2019

From the Pastor,

Last spring our parish worked with Fr. Rob Travis and the people of the Ascension Episcopal parish here in Wakefield to hold a series of re-introduction to basic Christianity called "Alpha." A group of around 20 people, most from our parish and some from Ascension, met each Thursday evening for a potluck dinner, a talk by Fr. Rob, and a time for discussion and faith-sharing. We owe a debt of gratitude to our loyal parishioner Linda Curry, who served as coordinator of this process. She and Joe Matthews were also discussion leaders of the two groups into which the attendees were divided, and Peter Pezzelli of our parish and Tasha Connors of Ascension parish served as "helpers" who were there to assist the discussion leaders keep the sharing on track.

The Alpha course is actually geared more toward those who are questioning their faith, but the process was hailed as a great renewal of faith to all who participated in it and the good fellowship it fostered was experienced as a blessing.

At the end of the process, Fr. Rob opined that he'd liked to do the next one only for his own parishioners and I agreed that it would be good for us to do one just for Catholics. As is done in most Alpha sessions, DVDs would take the place of Fr. Rob's talks. So, I'd like to be able to hold another Alpha course this fall. Here's the rub: I need someone who would be willing to coordinate this effort. Linda Curry would be more than willing to meet with whoever would be willing to consider this and explain what needs to be done. Please let me know if you're interested and we'll start putting something together for the fall.

Elsewhere in the news: it's becoming more and more evident what we have been used to in the past here in Rhode Island cannot be sustained much longer, viz., a church every 6 to 7 miles with three and four and five Masses in each. Declining church attendance makes the multiplication of Masses unnecessary, and the advancing age and declining number of priests make it more and more difficult to sustain. Here in our parish, is it really necessary to have 5 Masses for hardly 600 people, especially when it's getting harder and harder to get altar servers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, lectors, ushers, choir members and so forth? The writing is on the wall. Let no one be taken by surprise.

Fr. Bodah



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

(Holy Day of Obligation)

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 15:
MASS TIMES ARE:**

**At St. Francis Church
7:00am and 12NN**

**At St. Romuald Chapel
6:30pm**



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**The Religious Education Office will
be closed for the month of July.**

This Week

Thursday, August 1

6:00pm Opening the Word (FGC)

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (FGC)



FOOD DONATIONS FOR THE JONNYCAKE CENTER: JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER

Please remember we are always in need of nonperishable food items (no glass or outdated items). Your donations may be 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.



FEED THE HUNGRY



SAVE THE DATE!

End-of-Summer Breakfast

at the Community Field House, Matunuck

Sunday, August 18, 2019

8:30AM TO 11:30AM

Adults: \$10.00—Children 6-12: \$5

Children 5 and under: FREE

Tickets to be sold after all masses the weekend of August 10/11.

Tickets can also be purchased at the rectory or at the door the day of the breakfast.

BAKERS & SERVERS ARE NEEDED. IF YOU CAN HELP PLEASE CALL ELLEN SCHWAB AT 789-7707.

Come join us !

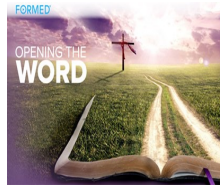


We would like to congratulate Michael Ashton Hey & Lindsay Jeanne Mc Adams who were recently married at St. Romuald Chapel. May God bless you !

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!



Would you like to develop a deeper understanding of the readings for the Sunday Liturgy? Every **Thursday evening from 6:00-7:00pm in Fr. Greenan Center** we will be using a series called

Opening the Word to help guide us in unfolding sacred scripture for the upcoming Sunday readings. Feel free to join us! No registration is required. All are welcome!



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Office of Marriage Preparation & Enrichment is sponsoring the annual Wedding Anniversary Celebration honoring couples of the Diocese of Providence who will be observing their 25th, 40th, 50th and OVER 50 years wedding anniversaries in 2019.

The celebration will be held on Sunday, **September 15, 2019, 1:00pm at the Cathedral of SS. Peter & Paul, Providence.** It will include Mass, renewal of marriage vows, a personalized certificate for each couple and a reception for the couples and their families. Bishop Thomas J. Tobin will be the main celebrant and homilist.

Following are points regarding participation:

- ◆ The celebration is for couples observing their 25th, 40th, 50th and OVER wedding anniversary in 2019.
- ◆ One or both of the spouses need to be Catholic, with the marriage recognized by the Church.
- ◆ The celebration is for couples; if it is not possible for both to be present, a certificate can be forwarded directly to the couple.

Please contact the parish office at 783-4411 to register for this special celebration. **Registration deadline is August 16.**