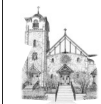


FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 27

4:30pm *Mass for the People*

Sunday, April 28

8:00am Norbert J. Jarbeau

Requested by Dan & Corinne McKinnon

10:00am Lorraine Sedlock

Requested by parish family

12:00NN Karen (DeGrasse) Davis

Requested by MS of Divine Mercy

Monday, April 29

7:00am Daniel F. McKinnon

Requested by Dan & Corinne McKinnon

Tuesday, April 30

7:00am George Dumas

Requested by St. Francis Women's Club

Wednesday, May 1

7:00am Anthony Ramieri

Requested by Edward H. Emmott III

Thursday, May 2

7:00am *Mass for the People*

Friday, May 3

7:00am Dr. Leonard Staudinger

Requested by family

Saturday, May 4

4:30pm Paul Matthew Rayta

Requested by family

Sunday, May 5

8:00am George Dumas

Requested by Lisa & Anita Fiore

10:00am Mary and Manuel Caetano

Requested by son and daughter

12:00NN Josephine Sullivan

Requested by Kathleen Kells and family



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, April 28

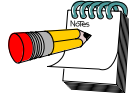
10:00am Gloria Jobin

Requested by Hood family

Sunday, May 5

10:00am Al Marchand

Requested by Gerri & Al Marsocci



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Sally Gallo.

2013 WOMEN'S CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

The St. Francis Women's Club is pleased to announce two \$1000 scholarships for the year 2013 available to graduating high school seniors, who are parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi in Wakefield, R.I. Scholarship information and application may be picked up after Mass at the church or chapel on Sunday, May 5 through Sunday, May 12 or may request one from the parish office from Monday, May 6 through Friday, May 24. Return the application to the St. Francis of Assisi parish office at 114 High Street, Wakefield, RI 02879 no later than Friday, May 24, 2013.

MAY DEVOTIONS

There is nothing on the Church's calendar ... that makes May any more likely than any other month to honor *our Blessed Mother*. ... May's devotion is simply found in life ... May is the month of Mary because it is the month of fragrance and freshness. It is the month of life and light. It is not a Church calendar that points us to Mary; it is our heart's desire for what Mary represents and what she always offers: growth in everything.—*Fr. James M. Sullivan, O.P.*

St. Romuald Chapel will host May devotions weekdays throughout May with the Holy Rosary at 7pm. Please join us!



CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL

2013 PARISH GOAL

\$103,000

Donations received as of Week 9:

\$75,106.00

73% of goal from 353 donors

PARISH SUPPORT— April 21

Weekly Support

		<u>April 21</u>
Budget envelopes used (333)	-	\$5,318.00
Loose Donations	-	\$1,228.00
Online Giving (27 donors)	-	\$ 570.00
Total Budget	-	\$7,116.00

Monthly Offering

Budget envelopes used (210)	-	\$2,722.00
Other donations	-	\$ 580.00
Total Monthly	-	\$3,302.00

This weekend's second offering is the Ongoing Maintenance Fund Offering. Next weekend's second will be the Monthly Offering.
Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

APRIL 28, 2013

From the Pastor...

This week we begin the “Merry Month of May”. It is great to see summer just around the corner...by the end of the month, as of Memorial Day Weekend we will be on our full summer schedule at St. Romuald Chapel. However, we do have a few other notable events before that.

Next Saturday, in two very special ceremonies, **46 of our parish children will receive their First Holy Communion. They have been preparing for this day all year and they are very enthused about receiving Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time.** Please pray that they and their families will continue to grow closer to the Lord in the years ahead. This weekend we have prayer slips available at the doors with the names of our First Communicants so that parishioners may take one and remember a particular child in their prayers. This is a great way to show that they are very much a part of our parish community and we support them as they receive the Eucharist and celebrate a very important event in their life of faith.

Also, **next Sunday morning at the 10 AM Mass, the First Communion Class will participate in the May Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** This is a beautiful way to celebrate the beginning of this month dedicated to our Blessed Mother. I'm sure many of us have fond childhood memories of participating in May Crowning ceremonies or bringing flowers to place before her altar. It is a wonderful opportunity to introduce children to the importance of our Blessed Mother in the life of the Church. Also, **May is a great time to be sure that your children know the Hail Mary by heart...it would truly honor the Blessed Virgin Mary if you would take the time to recite the Hail Mary with your children every day during this month.**

Throughout the month of May, the Rosary will be prayed every evening, Monday through Friday, at 7 PM at St. Romuald Chapel. This is still another way to observe this very special Month of Mary. Even if you can't make it every day, perhaps some evening this month you could stop in and join in this prayer.

Msgr. Theroux



PLEASE NOTE ...
First Saturday Mass Cancelled
First Saturday Devotions will resume in July.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Sunday, April 28

FINAL CLASS

8:50-9:50am GRADES 1 & 2 (FGC)
GRADE 7 (FGC)

9:50-10:50am GRADE K (HBH)

10:50-11:50am GRADES 3-5 (FGC)

GRADE 6 (HBH)

GRADE 8 (HBH)

Monday, April 29

6:00pm First Communion Rehearsal for 10AM Ceremony

All students and parents please report to the lower church no later than 5:50pm

Tuesday, April 30

6:00pm First Communion Rehearsal for 1PM Ceremony—All students and parents please report to the lower church no later than 5:50pm

Saturday, May 4

First Holy Communion

Masses at 10:00AM and 1:00PM

Sunday, May 5

10am Mass May Crowning



This Week

Sunday, April 28

7-9pm Youth Group (Upper Room)

7:00pm AA (HBH)

Monday, April 29

6:00pm First Communion Rehearsal for 10am Ceremony

Tuesday, April 30

6:00pm First Communion Rehearsal for 1pm Ceremony

7-9:00pm Bible Study - (FGC)

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (loft)

Wednesday, May 1

7:00pm May Devotions@St. Rom's

Thursday, May 2

2pm Mass at Scallop Shell

7pm Men of St. Joseph Mtg. (FGC)

7pm Prayer Shawl Ministry

7:00pm May Devotions@St. Rom's

First Friday, May 3

6:30pm First Friday Holy Hour (SF)

7:00pm May Devotions@St. Rom's

First Saturday, May 4

10:00am First Holy Communion

1:00pm First Holy Communion

H.S. YOUTH MINISTRY UPCOMING EVENTS!

April 28th Youth Group

7-9pm in the Upper Room

Saturday, May 18th

Day Trip to St. Therese Shrine

Sunday, May 26th

Memorial Day Cookout, Time TBD

We would also like to thank all of the youth who showed up at the Lock-in! We had a fantastic time and look forward to seeing you at upcoming events.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS will be held this Friday, May 3rd at 6:30PM in St. Francis Church. Reminder about the opportunity for confession on First Fridays: one of our parish priests will be available during the First Friday Holy Hour to hear confessions from 6:30-7:15pm. *Simply use the door to the Reconciliation Room right by the elevator, so as to avoid walking through the sanctuary.* We hope that this additional time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be convenient for those who are unable to go on Saturday. If you have never participated in devotions before, consider joining us for this special time of prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Eucharistic Adoration, readings, prayers and hymns constitute the devotions, which conclude with Benediction. We hope you can join us!

RECOLLECTION

"Having dismissed the multitude, he went into a mountain alone to pray." - Matt 14:23

To preserve recollection of spirit or the constant union of the soul with God, three things are necessary: solitude, silence, and the recollection of the presence of God. It was these three things which the angel of God referred to when, addressing St. Arsenius, he said: *"Flee, be silent and rest."* In other words: seek solitude, practice silence, and rest in God by keeping the thought of His presence ever before you.

Souls that love God feel a strong attraction for solitude, for they know that God converses familiarly with those who shun the noise and distractions of the world. ... God speaks to the soul in solitude, and by His words the heart is inflamed with divine love.

~ St. Alphonsus Liguori

20 WEEK CLUB

TICKETS ARE ON SALE AFTER ALL MASSES **THIS WEEKEND, APRIL 27/28** and will be available through the parish office, Monday through Friday, 9am—4pm.

Don't miss out on a great opportunity to win some great prizes culminating with an enjoyable evening catered by Ginger of Belmont's Catering and live entertainment.

Please consider being a "Captain" by selling tickets to family, friends and parishioners. If interested, please call Jean McGair at 783-1633, Ellen Schwab at 789-7707 or Kelli in the parish office at 783-4411.

TUITION ASSISTANCE

Parents & guardians, now is the time to get your Tuition Assistance forms from your child's Catholic Elementary School. Stop into the school's office sometime in the next couple of weeks and pick up that form. Turn the completed form into the parish office no later than April 30th so that we can complete our budget. Parish Assistance is awarded on a need basis for children in Grades K-8. Grades 9-12 may apply for assistance through the school office to the diocesan Francis Ward Fund. Contact the school office for details.

National Day of Prayer

Established by Congress 1952



"I've said before that the most sublime picture in American history is of George Washington on his knees in the snow at Valley Forge ... This image personifies a people who know they must seek help from God, our Father and Preserver."

~President Ronald Reagan, Observance of National Day of Prayer, 6 May 1982

**Join area churches on Thursday,
May 2nd at 12 Noon at:
South Kingstown Town Hall
180 High Street, Wakefield
in observance of NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**