

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 13

5:30pm Marion Maggio

Requested by family

Sunday, August 14

8:00am Walter DiPrete

Requested by family

10:00am Reginald and Annette Allen and
Reginald Allen, Jr.

Requested by Marc & Marnie Allen

12:00NN Dr. Vincent and Nat Turco

Requested by family

Monday, August 15

7:00am Rita and Tom O'Rourke and
Warren Behie

Requested by Behie family

Tuesday, August 16

7:00am Carol Stec

Requested by Rose

Wednesday, August 17

7:00am Dorothy Feipel

Requested by Betty Ann Hogan

Thursday, August 18

7:00am Rodolfo Santos

Requested by Betty Ann Hogan

Friday, August 19

7am Julia Buckley Schaaf

Requested by parents

Saturday, August 20

5:30pm Karen Vendetti

Requested by Mom and Dad

Sunday, August 21

8:00am William C. Ballou

Requested by Jean McGair

10:00am Rosemary Walsh

Requested by a friend

12:00NN Fern Ferreira

Requested by Kelli R. McNulty



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 13

5:30pm Jim and Lucille Ferry

Requested by family

Sunday, August 14

8:00am John and Grace Carpinelli

Requested by family

10:00am Edward, Margaret and
Bernard Healey

Requested by family

Saturday, August 20

5:30pm Bernard McSally

Requested by family

Sunday, August 21

8:00am Alice & Hilding Munson

Requested by family

10:00am Cy, Betty & David Cooney

Requested by Cooney family



For Your Information

PARISH SUPPORT for August 7 was Budget—\$8,225; Peter's Pence—\$3,111. This weekend's second offering—Monthly. Thank you for your continued generosity.

SANCTUARY LAMP

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

FRA ANGELICO INSTITUTE FOR THE SACRED ARTS

Check out Deacon Paul and Jackie Iacono's new blog:

<http://fraangelicoinstitute.wordpress.com/>

Just type this address directly into your address bar, not in the search browser bar i.e. Google search bar. There you'll find updates and listings of upcoming events on the Sacred Arts.

OUR PARISH MARIAN GROUP: THE MILITIA IMMACULATA

The *Militia Immaculata* (MI) was founded by St. Maximilian Kolbe in 1917 and has made its way to St. Francis and St. Romuald! Those who made their Marian consecration in December have helped to form a new group of parishioners devoted to our Blessed Mother. Their task is principally spiritual in nature: the group will come together regularly for prayer and formation. But the MI will also be engaged in active works in the parish and in the local community. The MI hosts our monthly First Saturday Masses at 8AM in St. Francis. All are welcome to join! Please call the rectory (783-4411) for more information or Noreen Linskey at 401-742-2118.

RETREAT TEAM FOLLOW-UP MEETING

The retreat team follow-up meeting originally scheduled for August 14 has been postponed. A date to be determined in the near future will be supplied in the parish bulletin. Be on the lookout!

THE NUN-FUND PROJECT

A former student of Fr. Joe's from Mount Saint Mary's University in Emmitsburg, MD, is raising money to reduce her debt so that she can enter religious life. Unlike Diocesan seminarians, candidates for many religious communities must pay off all debts before entering formation. Kayla Garry, who graduated from the Mount last year, has been working since her graduation so that she can enter **The Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matara**, a relatively new community that is rapidly expanding on the East Coast. Take some time to visit her blog and read her story. Please remember Kayla in your prayers as she works toward fulfilling her dream of becoming a religious sister. Visit <http://deepwaterscannotquenchlove.wordpress.com> for more information.

UPPER ROOM UPDATE

To date, we have acquired several items for the Upper Room, a space for our parish youth in Fr. Greenan Center. Painting will be completed by the Fall. We are deeply grateful to all those who have donated items. A full listing of donations will be published in the Fall. We are still in need of the following items: (1) a small refrigerator, (2) an i-Pod dock, (3) a flat-screen television, (4) a DVD/blu-ray player, (5) bar/counter stools. Remember that items can be given in memory of a loved one. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

FACEBOOK US!

Check out our parish Facebook page to "like" our parish! You'll find photos from recent events, articles, important reminders and updates, and best of all, you'll be able to network with fellow parishioners: <https://www.facebook.com/stfranciswakefield>

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THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY



This coming Monday, August 15, the Church Universal will celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This year, because the solemnity falls on a Monday it is **NOT** a Holy Day of Obligation. This solemn feast recalls that Mary was "assumed" body and soul into heaven at the end of

her earthly life. Pope Pius XII defined the dogma of the Assumption on November 1, 1950: "We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory." The readings of the Mass will help us reflect on Mary, our queen, who, because she belonged to Christ, was raised on high as a great sign for all who believe in her Son. In times past, it was common for the faithful to have the produce of their fields, gardens and orchards blessed on this day as a sign of Mary's continued fruitfulness in heaven through her powerful intercession. It is still a custom to recite the *Ave Regina Caelorum* on this day: "Hail, O Queen of Heaven. / Hail, O Lady of Angels / Hail! thou root, hail! thou gate / From whom unto the world, a light has arisen: / Rejoice, O glorious Virgin, / Lovely beyond all others, / Farewell, most beautiful maiden, / And pray for us to Christ."

SAINT CLARE OF ASSISI

This past week the Church Universal celebrated the memorial of Saint Clare of Assisi, an early follower of Saint Francis. She was the first female Franciscan, having been received into the Order by Saint Francis at the "Portiuncula" despite the objections of her family. Eventually, other women gathered around her to live out the Franciscan ideal. The nuns went barefoot, slept on the ground, ate no meat and observed almost complete silence. (Later Clare, like Francis, persuaded her sisters to moderate this rigor: "Our bodies are not made of brass.") The greatest emphasis, of course, was on gospel poverty. They possessed no property, even in common, subsisting on daily contributions. When even the pope tried to persuade her to mitigate this practice, she showed her characteristic firmness: "I need to be absolved from my sins, but I do not wish to be absolved from the obligation of following Jesus Christ." A well-known story concerns her prayer and trust. She had the Blessed Sacrament placed on the high wall of the convent when it faced attack by invading Saracens. "I beseech you, dear Lord, protect these whom I am now unable to protect." To her sisters she said, "Don't be afraid. Trust in Jesus." The Saracens fled. Saint Clare died in 1253.



Religious Education

The Religious Education Office is currently taking new registrations for 2011-2012. Students currently enrolled in the program are automatically promoted and do not need to register again.

All Catholic school students must register to participate in classes in grades 2, 9 and 10. Registration forms may be found at the main entrance to the church and chapel. Religious Education Classes begin the week of September 11th. For questions or for more information, please call 792-8684.



This Week

Sunday, August 14

7:00pm AA (HBH)

Monday, August 15

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00am Mass

Tuesday, August 16

7:00pm Festival Meeting (MCCR)

7-8:30pm Praise Rehearsal (FGC)

Wednesday, August 17

10:00am Book Club (HBH)

Thursday, August 18

7pm Matunuck Breakfast Meeting at
Community House

7pm Men of St. Joseph (Office Bldg.)

Friday, August 19

6:30-10pm Marriage Prep. Weekend

Saturday, August 20

8:00am-2:30pm Marriage Prep.

Weekend

NEW TRANSLATION COUNTDOWN

15 weeks remain until the new translation of the Mass is implemented on November 27, 2011, the First Sunday of Advent.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Mass Readings for every day of the month can be found online at:

<http://www.usccb.org/nab/>

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS READINGS

1st Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23;

2nd Reading: Romans 11:33-36;

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:13-20

IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



Year of Liturgical and Spiritual Renewal

Silence can be disturbing ... Wait a minute! Who wouldn't enjoy a few minutes of silence? Well, as appealing as it can seem, for those of us who have become so accustomed to constant noise, silence can be unsettling! It's in the silence that we confront questions and realities that we normally ignore. When silence sets in, things seem to rise to the surface, things we might rather keep down. Mother Teresa once famously remarked, "Silence begets prayer, prayer begets faith, faith begets love, love begets service." The liturgy is punctuated with moments of silence, little glimmers of quiet that are meant to help us raise our hearts and minds to God. Silence can be disturbing, but it can also be transformative! Enter into those moments of silence at Mass and realize that it is God who speaks to us in a still, quiet voice, only when we're silent enough to hear him.



COULD YOU NOT WATCH ONE HOUR WITH ME?

These words of Jesus from the Gospel of Matthew are haunting. Jesus returns from prayer to find his disciples asleep, unable to remain with him in prayer for even one hour! It seems so callous, so thoughtless of the disciples. How might we have behaved differently if we were there, in the garden with Jesus, on the night before his death? Would we have stayed awake and watched with him for even an hour? Every Monday, at St. Francis (except National Holidays), we have the privileged opportunity to watch and pray with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. The Eucharist is exposed immediately following the 7AM Mass on Monday morning, and adoration continues until 12:00NN. Pope John Paul the Great, in his encyclical letter *Ecclesia de eucharistia*, wrote: "*The worship of the Eucharist outside of the Mass is of inestimable value for the life of the Church...It is pleasant to spend time with Jesus, to lie close to his breast like the Beloved Disciple and to feel the infinite love present in his heart...how can we not feel a renewed need to spend time in spiritual converse, in silent adoration, in heartfelt love before Christ present in the Most Holy Sacrament?*" Please consider spending some time in prayer before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament on Monday mornings.

END OF THE TRAIN...

A local Catholic couple, Doug and Mary Bonneville (who also designed our new parish website), have put together a very nice online blog chronicling their return to the Catholic Church. In addition to their "reversion" story, they also have a number of helpful articles on Catholic family life (they have three boys) and general spirituality. Please check it out, and pass it along to your friends. It's a great glimpse into the "domestic Church," the Church lived out in the day-to-day affairs of an ordinary family. The blog can be accessed at: <http://endofthetrain.com/>.

FOR AUGUST

Peanut butter and jelly, cans/jars of veggies, tuna, canned meats, tomato sauce, pasta, fruit juice and snacks. Toilet tissue and paper towels, bug spray and sunblock are also needed. Collections are low so please try to remember to bring some items once a month. As always, thank you for your generosity.



SUMMER'S SWAN-SONG SWEEPSTAKES

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

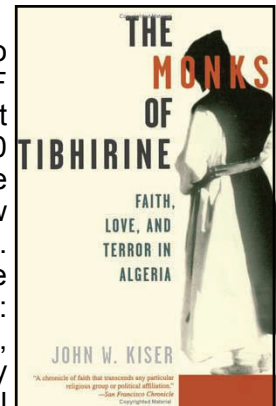
Cost: \$35

1st Prize—\$2,000, 2nd Prize—\$500, 3rd Prize—\$500

Tickets on sale **THIS weekend August 14/15 after all Masses at the Church and Chapel.** Winning tickets will be drawn on Sunday, October 2nd at the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi Breakfast at Father Greenan Parish Center.

OF GODS AND MEN

Thank you to all those who came out to watch OF GODS AND MEN last Sunday evening. Over 70 people attended the viewing and remarked how powerful the film was. Special thanks to all those who setup for the event: Bob Kelly, Diane Castro, Mimi Battey, Kelli McNulty and Father Joe. Special thanks to Monsignor



Theroux who went out and bought us our own popcorn machine for Movie Night. One of the main comments heard as people left the parish center is that we should have had time for discussion after the film. With that in mind, it was suggested that the next Book Club title be *The Monks of Tibirine* which is the book OF GODS AND MEN was based on. We look forward to our next Parish Movie Night!

Don't forget to check out our NEW parish website:

<http://stfranciswakefield.com>