

## TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### Mass Intentions

**Saturday, August 27**

5:30pm James Sweet  
*Requested by family*

**Sunday, August 28**

8:00am Thomas & Phoebe McNulty and  
Gar Whaley  
*Requested by family*

10:00am Rosemary Walsh

*Requested by Jean McGair*

12:00NN Elizabeth Nolan

*Requested by Nolan family*

**Monday, August 29**

7:00am Henry H. Thayer, Jr.  
*Requested by Hood family*

**Tuesday, August 30**

7:00am Matilda Coppolino  
*Requested by family*

**Wednesday, August 31**

7:00am Sonny Goodwin  
*Requested by daughter Kathy Cawley*

**Thursday, September 1**

7:00am Gus Friel  
*Requested by family*

**Friday, September 2**

7:00am Dr. Leonard Staudinger  
*Requested by wife*

**Saturday, September 3**

5:30pm Ralph Calitri  
*Requested by family*

**Sunday, September 4**

8:00am Walter DiPrete  
*Requested by family*

10:00am Mary Ann Farrell  
*Requested by family*

12:00NN Marie Ambrosia  
*Requested by sister-in-law Janice Filipi*



### St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

**Saturday, August 27**

5:30pm John and Ann McLaughlin  
*Requested by Eric & Lisa Zatko*

**Sunday, August 28**

8:00am Timothy Davies  
*Requested by family*

10:00am Charles and Nancy Galligan  
*Requested by family*

**Saturday, September 3**

5:30pm Mass for the People

**Sunday, September 4**

8:00am Timothy Davies  
*Requested by family*

10:00am Billie Holland  
*Requested by Mary C. Young*



### For Your Information

**PARISH SUPPORT** for August 21 was Budget—\$8,387.50. This weekend's second offering—Ongoing Maintenance. Next weekend's second offering will be the Monthly offering for September. Thank you for your continued generosity.

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Julia Buckley Schaaf.

**AN INVITATION TO THE WOMEN OF ST. FRANCIS**

Please consider this to be *THE* year to join us as we participate in our annual retreat at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat House (Farmington, CT) from Fri. evening at 7p.m., Nov. 4 until Sun. at 12:30, Nov. 6, 2011. The weekend is yours to do whatever you need for yourselves: rest, stroll through historic Farmington, pray, have quiet reflection time, enjoy the company of other women, watch a movie, or whatever you need at the time. This year's theme, *Rest- Rediscover- Be Renewed*, invites us to reflect on ways we can slow down, quiet ourselves, ponder, and listen. In doing so, we will rediscover God's power, life and energy. For it is only through opening ourselves to God's transforming love that we become who we are meant to be. For more information, please call: Dana Hawkins 789-8479.

**BAPTIZED INTO GOD'S FAMILY**

Congratulations to the proud parents and godparents of Kate Margaret Clasby, Angelica Grace Flores and Haley Brooke DeNoncour who were baptized into God's family over the past couple of weekends. Your parish family rejoices with you.

**RI BLOOD CENTER DONATION RESULTS**

On Sunday, August 14th our parish held a blood drive at both the church and the chapel. We collected 32 units in all, 16 at the church and 16 at the chapel. One pint of blood can save up to three lives. Our 32 donations will certainly make a difference. A significant amount of blood collected at our blood drives goes toward treating children with leukemia, automobile accident victims and patients needing organ transplants. Thank you for your generosity.

**ATTENTION EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

It is that time again!!! Where did the summer go???

This is the last weekend for the current schedule for Ministers of Holy Communion so I will be working on the new schedule for St. Francis of Assisi (main church only) over the next few days. This schedule will run from the Labor Day weekend (September 3/4) through the weekend before Christmas (December 17/18). Please get in touch by Monday (August 29) if you will have any conflicts for this next schedule. Thank you to those who have already contacted me. It would be helpful if you could let me know if you are going to be in town for the Labor Day weekend.

If you are unable to serve at your scheduled Mass after the schedule is made, please call one of the people on the phone list. An updated list will be forwarded to you with the new schedule.

You can reach me at (401) 783-9556 or e-mail me at:

[mbrousseauaphs@yahoo.com](mailto:mbrousseauaphs@yahoo.com)

As always, thank you for your service to our parish.

*Michelle Brousseau*

AUGUST 28, 2011

## FROM THE PASTOR...

My first few weeks here at St. Francis Parish have really flown by. I'm beginning to know a few names and I am getting to know the shortcuts around the neighborhood. I again want to thank you all for the very warm welcome that I have received. I truly appreciate your kindness.

This past week Father Joe and I, along with the Religious Education coordinators, began doing preliminary interviews with the young people who will be beginning the Confirmation Program this year. We hope to be able to get to know them a little bit so that we can work closely with them and their parents and teachers in preparing for this important sacrament.

This weekend's second collection is the parish "ongoing maintenance" collection and you may wonder how these funds are used. Over the past few years, through the generosity of many parishioners, a great investment has been made in improving and renovating the parish buildings. In order to protect that investment, we have to be very attentive to keeping them in good condition. For example, weather and dampness had taken their toll on the outside of the rectory causing mildew and peeling paint. Over the past couple of weeks we have had painters here to power clean the rectory, re-paint the trim and seal and stain the shingles. This work should protect the material and appearance of the rectory for a number of years. The finance council agrees that it is very important for us to monitor these maintenance needs and we are in the process of developing a long term plan for the ongoing maintenance of the entire property. As time goes by I will keep you informed about maintenance projects as they are planned and accomplished.

## THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW TRANSLATION OF THE ROMAN MISSAL

While we are still thirteen weeks away from the full implementation of the new translation of the Roman Missal, you will notice some changes to the *sung* musical settings at Mass. At their most recent general meeting, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops voted to permit the early implementation of the sung revised translations beginning in September (this includes the "Holy, Holy, Holy" and the "Mystery of Faith," which is sung immediately after the consecration). We have been practicing the new settings before Mass and will begin to use them *during* Mass beginning in September. The remainder of the newly translated Missal will be implemented, according to the original plan, on November 27, 2011. As we make more significant strides in implementing the new translation, we appreciate your patience. Change is never easy! Nonetheless, the Celebration of Mass is absolutely central to our faith and our mission as a parish, and hopefully this time of transition will allow us to grow in our knowledge and our love of the Church's greatest prayer.



## Religious Ed. Notes

- On September 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm in Fr. Greenan Parish Center there will be **Safe Environment Training** for all new catechists and those catechists needing to renew their training. All catechists will be informed if they are in need of renewing their Safe Environment training and/or their Criminal Background check.
- **Confirmation I and II Catechist Orientation Meeting** will be held on Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in Fr. Greenan Center.
- **Religious Education Classes begin on** Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> for Grades K-6, Wednesday September 14<sup>th</sup> for Grades 3-6, September 14<sup>th</sup> parent-student meeting at 7pm for Grade 7 and 8, Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup> Confirmation I and Monday, September 12 Confirmation II begins with a parent –student meeting at 7pm. All registered families should have received a mailing with the respective calendars and information for the coming year. If you have yet to receive this please call the religious education office at 792-8684. Thank you.
- **Catechists are still needed** at various grade levels. If you are interested please contact Barbetta or Diane at the Rel. Ed. Office 792-8684.



## This Week

### Sunday, August 28

8:30-12NN Matunuck Breakfast  
7:00pm AA (HBH)

### Monday, August 29

7:00pm Confirmation Catechist Mtg.  
at Fr. Greenan Parish Center

### Wednesday, August 31

10:00am Book Club (HBH)

### Thursday, September 1

7:45am Finance Council Mtg. (MCCR)  
7:00pm Safe Environment Training at  
Fr. Greenan Parish Center  
7:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (MCCR)  
7pm Men of St. Joseph (Office Bldg.)

### First Friday, September 2

6:30pm Holy Hour led by Deacon Iacono

### First Saturday, September 3

8:00am First Saturday Mass (St. Francis)

## IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

In his letter to the Romans, Saint Paul urges his readers "to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship." Saint Paul makes it clear that there must be a material element to worship. Human beings are not simply spiritual creatures. We are also embodied, rooted firmly in the material world. God has willed that earthly realities help us express interior dispositions, and in the sacramental economy, material signs are used to effect the grace they signify. The pouring of water, the anointing with oil, the laying-on of hands, etc., actually make something happen! They are not empty rituals. And in the greatest of sacraments, the Holy Eucharist, the material elements themselves (the bread and wine) are actually transformed into the body and blood of Christ. What a mystery indeed! Saint Paul's insight remains an important one. We are embodied creatures, planted firmly in this material reality of ours, and God chooses to meet us "on our own terms" by using earthly elements that speak to us in a comprehensible way. Water signifies cleansing, oil signifies strengthening, bread and wine signify fortification and nourishment. Such is God's love for us, that he desires we encounter him in ways that we can understand and appreciate. By allowing grace to transform our souls, our bodies are drawn up into God's saving plan as well. So "do not conform yourselves to this age," Saint Paul warns, an age that devalues the transcendent significance of material reality, "but be transformed" by your participation in the sacramental life of the Church!

### FATHER GREENAN CENTER

Fr. Greenan Center is truly a gem! Few parishes can boast such a spacious, historic and architecturally intriguing space for parish use. As you know, the third floor of Fr. Greenan Center is in the process of being converted into the "Upper Room," a space for our parish teens. With the exception of a flat-screen television and a game table, everything else is in place! Additionally, the space immediately below the Upper Room, and at the center back of the upper hall, is in the process of being converted into a parish library. The parish received a significant donation of theological and philosophical books that we hope to make available to our parishioners. More on that in the upcoming weeks! In addition to providing new services to our parish family (a youth room and a library), these newly utilized spaces will also serve as additional rooms for parish meetings and functions. Many thanks for your generosity in making Fr. Greenan Center what it is! We hope that the newly utilized areas will prove useful to our parish family!



Year of Liturgical and Spiritual Renewal

## THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION AT SAINT ROMUALD CHAPEL

The Sacrament of Penance will now be offered at St. Romuald Chapel on the Saturday's during the year when we have an evening Mass. Confessions will be heard from 4:45-5:15pm at the back of the transept (to the right of the altar).

### FOOD DONATIONS 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

Winning tickets will be drawn on Sunday, October 2nd at the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi Breakfast at

Father Greenan Parish Center. **ONLY 300 Tickets will be sold.**

### ATTENTION ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS!

We are trying to compile a database of contact information for our parishioners who are away at college. Please email the rectory at [saintfrancis00@aol.com](mailto:saintfrancis00@aol.com) to leave us your name, college, class year, and email address.

### NEW TRANSLATION COUNTDOWN

**13** 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: Ezekiel 33:7-9;

2nd Reading: Romans 13:8-10;

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:15-20

Don't forget to check out St. Francis on the Web:

<http://stfranciswakefield.com>

or

<http://facebook.com/stfranciswakefield>