

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 15

4:30pm Leona Kelley

Requested by family

Sunday, August 16

8:00am Leo E. Richard

Requested by Tran family

10:00am Celebrant's Intention

12:00NN Robert Joseph Lyons, Sr.

Requested by Patricia Schmidt

Monday, August 17

7:00am Mass for the People

Tuesday, August 18

7:00am Pat Pezzelli

Requested by family

Wednesday, August 19

7:00am Sheila Sullivan

21st Anniversary Mass

Requested by family

Thursday, August 20

7:00am Karen Vendetti

Requested by Mom and Dad

Friday, August 21

7:00am Al and Alice Antone

Requested by family

Saturday, August 22

4:30pm Pat Pezzelli

25th Anniversary Mass—Req. by family

Sunday, August 23

8:00am Luongo & DaSilva families

Requested by family

10:00am Michael J. Scarpellino

Birthday Remembrance

12:00nn Raymond Rogers

Requested by family



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 15

5:30pm Matilda and Michael Dunphy

Requested by family

Sunday, August 16

8:00am Lucille and James Ferry

Requested by family

10:00am Alice and Hilding Munson

Requested by family

Saturday, August 22

5:30pm Brian Fay

Requested by family

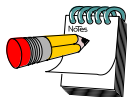
Sunday, August 23

8:00am Robert and Mary Cochrane

Requested by Gerri and Al Marsocci

10:00am Galligan and Wynne family

Requested by family



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMPS

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Thu and Chi Thi Anna Tran and Thanh John Ha. The sanctuary lamp at St. Romuald Chapel burns in memory of James Powers.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

will begin on **Sunday, September 20th** for Grades K-6 and **Wednesday, September 23rd** for Grades 7&8 and those students already enrolled in Wednesday classes for Grades 3-6. Those families new to the parish and families with children entering First Grade must register. Catholic school students in grade 2 must register for First Holy Communion class. Students currently enrolled in the program are automatically promoted to the next grade and do not need to register again. Registration forms may be found at the entrances to the church. Please note: 9th and 10th grade Confirmation classes were held in July.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS NEEDED

We are in need of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, at all Masses but especially at the 4:30 Mass on Saturday and the noon on Sunday. EMs must be Roman Catholics in good standing, confirmed, and attending Mass regularly in the parish. If married, they must be married according to the laws of the Catholic Church. They must be in good health and trying to live lives in consonance with the law of God. Training will be provided. Please consider this important ministry. If interested, please contact the rectory at (401) 783-4411 or at saintfrancis00@aol.com. Thanks.

MSGR MATTHEW F CLARKE REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

is expanding and has openings in all grades for 2015-16 school year! MCS is the flagship elementary school owned and operated by the Diocese of Providence enrolling students of **all faiths** from Washington, Kent, and Newport Counties. Generous scholarships are available for qualified families. MCS is the "**Cure for the Common Core**". Visit their website (www.monsignorclarkeschool.org) or call 401-789-0860 to arrange a school tour at YOUR convenience.

PARISH SUPPORT— August 9, 2015

Weekly Support

		August 9
Budget envelopes used (300)	-	\$6,029.50
Loose Donations	-	\$2,825.00
Online Giving (# of donors 43)	-	\$ 1,182.50
Total Budget	-	\$10,037.00

Monthly

Envelopes (201)	-	\$2,853.50
Loose Donations	-	\$ 683.00
Online Givine (# of donors 7)	-	\$ 115.00
Total Monthly	-	\$3,651.50

Next weekend's second offering is the Ongoing Maintenance fund offering for August. **Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.**

AUGUST 16, 2015

From the Pastor

For the past some years the diocese has held a Mass in the cathedral to honor couples married for 25, 40, 50 or more years. As you may have noticed in this publication, this year's celebration will be held at 1pm on Sunday, September 20, with Bishop Tobin himself the main celebrant and preacher. The Mass will include a renewal of marriage vows and a personalized certificate. A reception for the couples and their guests will follow in the cathedral hall downstairs. If you're interested in participating, contact the rectory and we can provide you with a registration form, which has to be signed by me. Forms are supposed to be in to the diocese by this Friday. So please contact us as soon as possible to register for this diocesan-wide event.

Here in the parish the finance council met this past week. Perhaps more on that subject another time. I was encouraged to hear that they very much support the formation of a parish council. So I will press on with those plans.

In the meantime, please continue the support of your prayers.

Lord Jesus Christ, you raised up St. Francis of Assisi to renew your Church in the 13th century. Send the Holy Spirit from the Father to renew the Church in our day. As we need your grace at all times, so help us to be instruments of your grace to others. Feed us with your holy word and with your sacred body and blood. Convert us into your true disciples, willing to follow you in love for the Father and for our fellow human beings. Give us joy in the worship of God, joy in the service of others, joy in our relationships, joy in the ups and downs of life, so that, like St. Francis, we may come to know you intimately in this life and enjoy your presence forever in the life to come. Amen.

Our Lady of Providence, pray for us.

St. Francis of Assisi, pray for us.

St. Romuald, pray for us.

Fr. Bodah



ADORERS NEEDED

Adorers of the Blessed Sacrament are needed on Monday mornings from **10:30AM-11:30AM with an emphasis on the 10:30-11:00AM slot.** Please consider coming one, two, three or all four Mondays during a month. We had a tremendous response for our request for the first hour (7:30-8:30) and that shift is well covered. Please call Joe and Sharon Clossick at 782-2504 to learn more. Even if you can only come once a month, it is still a HUGE help. Thank you.



This Week

Sunday, August 16

8:30-12:00nn Breakfast at Matunuck
Community Field House

8:45-12:45 Blood Drive at St. Rom's

Monday, August 17

7:30am-12nn Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament

Thursday, August 20

6:30pm Catechists' Orientation Mtg.
for Grades K-6 (FGC)

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

REMINDER!

The parish office closes at
12Noon on Friday from
Memorial Day through Labor
Day.



We are glad that you are here with us this morning. Whether you moved here a while ago or are just here for a brief summer stay, we welcome you. We hope you enjoy your stay in beautiful South County.

If you'd like to become a part of this wonderful community, registering in the parish is a quick process that'll take about five minutes over the phone (783 -4411) or you can see Father Bodah after Mass this weekend to register.

*Glorify the LORD with me, let
us together extol his name.*

~Psalm 34:4

NEED FOR CATECHISTS & AIDES

Our teachers and aides are a key component of our religious education program. Their unselfish generosity of time and talent is a gift to the young parishioners of St. Francis Parish. We are in need of teachers at various grade levels. Why not you? Team teaching is an option so invite a friend to join you! Newly confirmed teens, this is your chance to give back to the community the gifts of your faith that were passed on to you. The qualifications needed are: weekly participation at Sunday Eucharist, a generous heart, enjoyment of young people, and a willingness to share your faith. Training and assistance are provided. Please call Barbette Cullen or Diane Castro at 792-8684 for more information.



The harvest is great indeed and I acknowledge the laborers are few. Send laborers out into your harvest while the fruits are ready and ripe for picking. You call us to go out into the whole world to proclaim your Word. Give us generous hearts to respond to your call. Help us listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit's gentle prompting to say "yes" to our youths.

Let your Word fall on the fertile soil of *my* heart *if you are calling me*. I know that I am weak and imperfect but you told St. Paul that Your power is made perfect in weakness (2 Corinthians 12:9). *Help me discern if you are calling me, LORD*. And if so, let me trust in your Word and in your promise that "your grace is sufficient" so that I may give you my "yes".

I ask this in your most holy name. Amen.

BLOOD DRIVE

First responders never take the summer off. When it comes to lifesaving blood, YOU are the first responders.

WE NEED YOU ON DUTY!

Sunday, August 16th

at St. Romuald Chapel

All donors will get a voucher for a free breakfast at the parish breakfast at the Community Field House, Matunuck that same morning.

Please plan on stopping by ... you just may be saving a life! Sponsored by RI Blood Center.



PARISH BREAKFAST
at Matunuck Community House

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16TH,
8:30AM—12:00NN

Cost:

Adults—\$8, Children 6-12-\$4, children age 5 & under eat FREE ...

Anyone who donates blood at our blood drive at St. Romuald Chapel on Aug. 16th will also get a voucher for a FREE Breakfast.

Tickets may be purchased at the breakfast.

