

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 16

4:30pm Ralph and Rose Calitri
Requested by family

Sunday, August 17

8:00am Mary and Nelson Burke
Requested by family

10:00am Jeanne Craig
Requested by Castro family

12:00NN Special Intention for Deacon
Iacono and family-*in appreciation*

Monday, August 18

7:00am Mass for the People

Tuesday, August 19

7:00am Julia Buckley Schaaf
Requested by Mom and Dad

Wednesday, August 20

7:00am Karen Vendetti
Requested by Mom and Dad

Thursday, August 21

7:00am Alice and Al Antone
Requested by family

Friday, August 22

7:00am Dr. Leonard Staudinger
Requested by family

Saturday, August 23

4:30pm Feeny / Robinson families
Requested by family

Sunday, August 24

8:00am Martha Mulligan
10:00am William & Mary Apicerno
Requested by family
12:00NN Robert P. Reidy
8th Anniversary



St. Romuald Chapel

Saturday, August 16

5:30pm Lucille and James Ferry
Requested by family

Sunday, August 17

8:00am John and Grace Carpinelli
Requested by family

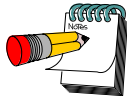
10:00am Mary and Helen Coffee
Requested by the Dwyer cousins

Saturday, August 23

5:30pm George "Buster" Rivera

Sunday, August 24

8:00am Alice and Hilding Munson
Requested by family
10:00am Michael J. Scarpellino
Requested by family



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of James Powers. The sanctuary lamp at St. Romuald Chapel burns in memory of Julia Buckley Schaaf.

A GREAT THANK-YOU TO FR. JOE for organizing and facilitating this summer's book club on the New Evangelization. Thanks, too, to the parishioners who participated in the discussion. Let's pray that the New Evangelization, launched by St. John Paul II, will bear much fruit. ~ **Fr. Bodah**

PIARIST FATHERS: Order of the Pious Schools

Next weekend we'll have a missionary priest from The Piarist Fathers visiting with us and speaking at all Masses at the main church. Here's a word from the Piarist Fathers.

The Piarist Fathers were founded by St. Joseph Calasanctius in Rome in 1617. In addition to the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, the Piarists take a fourth vow to educate youth. They operate between 195 and 200 schools in 32 countries around the world. One of those schools is located in the Appalachian region of eastern Kentucky.

We are asking for your support in helping us not only in our educational work in Appalachia but also in our many outreach programs designed to help those living in poverty in the mountains.

The three Piarists stationed in eastern Kentucky minister to the Catholics in four counties who number less than 1/2 of 1% of the population.

JUNE FOOD DRIVE RESULTS

Many thanks to our generous St. Francis of Assisi parishioners. "You are the best!" 400 lbs. of food was collected for our June Food Drive and donated to the Jonnycake Center for the summer children's breakfast/lunch program. ~ *Social Outreach Committee*

PARISH SUPPORT— August 10

<u>Weekly Support</u>	<u>August 10th</u>
Budget envelopes used (296)	- \$ 5,961.00
Loose Donations	- \$ 2,329.00
Online Giving (# of donors 39)	- \$ 1,252.00
Total Budget	- \$ 9,542.00
<u>Monthly</u>	
Envelopes used (200)	- \$2,316.00
Other Donations	- \$ 919.50
Total Monthly	- \$3,235.50

Next weekend's second offering will be the Mission Coop Offering. We'll welcome Father David Powers, Sch.P. of the Piarist Fathers. **Please note the budget envelopes incorrectly list the date of the ongoing maintenance fund offering as August 24th.** The Ongoing Maintenance Offering will actually be taken up on the weekend of August 30/31. As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

AUGUST 17, 2014

PARISH SUMMER BOOK CLUB UPDATE

The parish summer book club was a huge success! Nearly thirty people from our parish came together to read Scott Hahn's small but powerful book, *Evangelizing Catholics*. Specifically, Dr. Hahn urged his readers to put front and center the call of the Church to all Catholics to participate in the "New Evangelization."

Put simply, the New Evangelization is a call from the Church to proclaim the gospel message with simplicity and joy to both the "churched" and the "un-churched," inviting them to a deeper relationship with Jesus in the community of the Catholic Church.

Discussion about the state of participation in the life of the Church today, including our own parish community, was both frank and constructive. Members voiced a number of concerns that most of us share: sadness over family and friends who no longer practice the Catholic faith, difficulty in determining how the faith is best shared, smaller numbers at Masses on the weekends, a complacency among believers that can so often dampen zeal for our faith, a need to become a more welcoming and engaging parish, a desire to see and include more young people in the life of our parish community, and many other things. One thing became abundantly clear: if our parish community is going to forge ahead with the project of the New Evangelization, it simply cannot be a matter of "business as usual."

Fr. Bodah and I decided that because the dialogue was so fruitful, we would like to institute a new group of volunteers who will look together specifically at how some of Dr. Hahn's recommendations can be put into practice in our parish. Many of the participants in the book club agreed to form the core of this new group, which will be opened to other members in the Fall.

Stay tuned for more information and consider reading Dr. Hahn's book on your own. It is short, powerful and practical! ~ Fr. Joe



NEW
EVANGELIZATION



Religious Education

WHEN DO CLASSES START?

Our Religious Ed classes will begin on Sunday, September 7th. Students currently enrolled in the program are automatically promoted and do not need to register. Those families with children entering 1st grade and Catholic school students in grades 2, 9 and 10 must register to participate. Registration forms may be found at the main entrance to the church and online at www.stfranciswakefield.com. For more information, please call Barbette or Diane at 792-8684.

NEED FOR CATECHISTS

Our religious education program would not be possible without committed people like the 70 catechists who taught last year. They put time aside each week to share their knowledge and love for their faith with the youth of our parish. Won't you please prayerfully consider being a catechist this year? Team teaching is always an option. The qualifications needed are: a generous heart, enjoyment of young people, and a willingness to share our Catholic faith. Training and assistance are provided. Please call Barbette Cullen or Diane Castro at 792-8684 for more information.

NEED FOR GRADE 7 CATECHISTS

on Wednesday evenings (7-8:15pm) and Grade 9 on Monday evenings (This need is specifically for two small group leaders for the Catholic High School students.). If you are a parent of a Catholic High School freshman, please consider helping. Call the Religious Ed office at 792-8684 if you are able to help.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMAN

Confirmation registration is required for Catholic High School students who are currently in **grade 9** and attended Msgr. Clarke School (or any other Catholic middle school) last year. You can call the Religious Education office at 792-8684.

TAIZÉ

TOMORROW NIGHT

Join us for an evening of prayer and song tomorrow night,

Monday, August 18, from 7pm-8pm in St. Francis Church. A Taizé prayer service is a unique experience of sacred images, candlelight, meditative music and the reading of scripture. Come late, leave early, or stay as long as you'd like. Listen to the Word. Sing or just enjoy the singing. Approach the sacred images to pray or stay in your seat. Take a pew in the back or a pillow on the sanctuary floor. *All are welcome.*



THANK YOU, J.P. McGRATH!

This weekend marks J.P. McGrath's last with us as our parish sacristan. A few years ago, J.P. began training for this important service with Peter Craig, who now serves in the US Marine Corps. The parish sacristan is a high school student who unlocks the church for weekend liturgies, helps prepare the items needed for Mass, and assists with other practical tasks throughout the weekend. After taking over for Peter, J.P. proved himself by his reliability, his attentiveness to his duties, his pleasant demeanor and friendly disposition. Thank you, J.P., for all of your help over the last few years! You will be missed! J.P., who graduated from South Kingstown High School in June, will begin his studies at St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia in the Fall. Please keep him in your prayers as he begins a new and exciting chapter in his life. We're pleased to announce that his sister, Brianna McGrath, will be taking J.P.'s place as our next sacristan. Welcome, Brianna!



YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE

On the weekend of July 18 – 20th, 17 youth from our parish spent the weekend at the Steubenville East Conference at URI. Over 3,500 youth from throughout New England attended and I was very happy to see our parish represented so well.

Over the years we have seen many of our young adults attend this retreat and many have come back to the parish more involved and engaged. For instance we have seen many of the past participants teach CCD, become readers, join our PRAISE! ensemble and become leaders in our youth group.

A special thank you goes out to our chaperones, **Jacqui Bertrand** and our parish seminarian, **Dan Mahoney**. **Paula Duhamel** and **Kendra and Jason Pitkin** also rounded out our chaperone team.

Of special note, **Eily Clossick** was able to participate in a 5-day LEAD retreat prior to the Steubenville weekend. LEAD is a dynamic Catholic leadership opportunity for teens that are ready to step up to the next level of leadership and evangelization. This is the 3rd year in a row our parish has had a member selected to attend this conference which is only open to 60 young people each year! Thanks, Eily, for representing St. Francis of Assisi Parish so well!

Lastly, thanks to all of you for making this all possible for our young adults. Over the course of the last year, the youth group raised \$2,600 to put toward the cost of this retreat.

In September, youth participants will share brief reflections on the significance of their Steubenville experience at all of the weekend Masses. Stay tuned!

~ Joe Clossick



This Week

Sunday, August 17

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

9am-1pm RI Blood Drive (SF)

9am-11:00am RI Blood Drive (SRC)

7:00pm AA (HBH)

Monday, August 18

7:30-12Noon Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (SF)

7:00pm Taizé Prayer Service (SFC)

Thursday, August 21

6:30-7:30 Grades K-6 Catechist Orientation Mtg. (FGC)
Safe Environment Training

Friday, August 22

6:30pm Stations of the Cross (SR)

7:00pm Rosary (SR)

Saturday and Sunday, August 23/24

Missionary Coop priest, Father David Powers of the Piarist Fathers will be preaching at all Masses at the main church.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

During the summer months we are looking for donations of tuna and other canned meats, lunch snacks, pancake/Bisquick mix, and laundry detergent. Thank you.