

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 24

4:30pm Ralph and Rose Calitri
Requested by family

Sunday, August 25

8:00am Michael J. Scarpellino
Requested by family

10:00am Olga M. Chmura
Requested by family

12:00NN John "Jack" Cain
Requested by Teresa & Rick Jordan

Monday, August 26

7:00am James McBride
Requested by Fred and Arlene

Tuesday, August 27

7:00am Estelle Meeks
Requested by Viola Paulin

Wednesday, August 28

7:00am Sonny Goodwin
Requested by daughter Kathy Cawley

Thursday, August 29

7:00am Matilda & Domenic Coppolino
Requested by family

Friday, August 30

7:00am Mary Frances Esty
Requested by family

Saturday, August 31

4:30pm Mass for the People

Sunday, September 1

8:00am Mary Costanza
Requested by family

10:00am Robert K. Argentieri
Requested by Matuza family

12:00NN Justin Briggs
Requested by Jean McGair



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 24

5:30pm Feeny & Robinson families
Requested by family

Sunday, August 25

8:00am Alice & Hilding Munson
Requested by family

10:00am Nancy and Charles Galligan
Requested by family

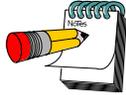
Saturday, August 31

5:30pm Terrence & Elizabeth Simpson
Requested by family

Sunday, September 1

8:00am Grace and John Carpinelli
Requested by family

10:00am Henry H. Thayer, Jr.
Requested by family



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

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

MOTHER'S HELPER WANTED

Monday through Friday, 2-5:00PM, grandmothers welcome. If interested, please call 284-3036.

20 WEEK CLUB WINNERS:

WINNERS OF THE TWO
WEEK 14 DRAWINGS OF \$25.00:

#79— ED PUCHALLA

160 — DIANA MONDRAGON

CONGRATULATIONS!

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT WEEKEND

Friday, September 13 to Sunday, September 15

This weekend retreat provides post-abortive women and men an opportunity to process their pain and sorrow while allowing an opportunity to form a spiritual connection with their lost child (ren). Participants will experience the compassion and forgiveness of Jesus as they begin the journey toward healing. Our retreats are offered in English and Spanish. If you are interested in learning more about this special confidential retreat weekend, call 401-421-7833 x 218.

Be sure to visit us at: <http://stfranciswakefield.com> or
<http://facebook.com/stfranciswakefield>

PARISH SUPPORT— August 18th

| Weekly Support | | August 18th |
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| Budget envelopes used (329) | - | \$5,755.00 |
| Loose Donations | - | \$2,583.00 |
| Online Giving (# of donors 30) | - | \$ 715.00 |
| Total Budget | - | \$9,053.00 |

Holy Day—Assumption

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| Budget envelopes used (179) | - | \$ 997.00 |
| Other Donations | - | \$ 551.00 |
| Total Holy Day | - | \$1,548.00 |

This weekend's second offering is the Ongoing Maintenance Fund offering for August. Next weekend's second offering will be the monthly offering for September.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

AUGUST 25, 2013

From the Pastor...

Thanks to all who joined us for our "End of Summer" Breakfast in Matunuck last Sunday. Fran and Cathy Fitzpatrick and their team of volunteers outdid themselves in providing a great breakfast. The weather was perfect and the food was even better. The annual breakfast certainly qualifies as one of our best parish social events of the year!

I'd also like to say a special word of thanks to Mimi Battey and the members of our *Praise! Youth Ensemble* who beautifully led the music at our Holy Hour last Monday evening. Their selections were both inspiring and uplifting creating a great background for prayer and reflection before the Blessed Sacrament. We are very fortunate to have such a talented group of musicians in our parish.

Speaking of *Praise!*, I'd like to highlight one particular member of the group. Peter Craig has been the drummer in *Praise!* for some time, but he has also served our parish for over a year as a weekend sacristan. He began doing this with Patrick Degan, our first young sacristan who left for college last year and continued with the assistance of J. P. McGrath this year. Quietly and behind the scenes, he has been very helpful in setting up for Sunday Masses and special ceremonies. Peter graduated from South Kingstown High school in June and recently achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. Even more significantly, he will be leaving us in a couple weeks to begin his training and service in the United States Marines. I thank him for his faithful assistance and ask you to join me in praying for his happiness and safety as he begins his service to our country.

Msgr. Theroux



NEED FOR CATECHISTS AND AIDES

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 of and love for, their faith, with the youth of our parish. Won't you please prayerfully consider being a catechist this year? The qualifications needed are: a generous heart, enjoyment of young people, and a willingness to share our Catholic faith. We are in need of catechists in grade 2, 5, and 6 on Sundays and grade 3 & 6 on Wednesday. Grade 7 & 8 on Wednesday evening and Confirmation I on Monday evenings. Training and assistance are provided. Please call Barbette Cullen or Diane Castro at 792-8684 for more information.



Religious Education

Our Religious Ed classes will begin on Sunday, September 8th for grades K-6. Monday, September 9th for Confirmation II and Wednesday, September 11th for the Wed. group of grades 3-6 and grades 7&8.

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 792-8684.



This Week

Sunday, August 25

7:00pm AA (HBH)

Monday, August 26

6:30pm 20 Week Club Mtg. (HBH)

7:00pm Confirmation II Catechists' Mtg. (FGC-library)

Wednesday, August 27

7:00pm Diocese of Providence

Regional Meeting—IGC (TBD)

Thursday, August 29

2:00pm Mass at Brightview Commons



We now offer a secure and convenient way for you to contribute to St. Francis Parish!

Online donations may be made at any time from the privacy and comfort of your own home or any place with internet access. Online donations are credited to your tax statement for the end of the year (except when made anonymously), and each user can change his or her preferences or desired donation amounts at any time! Visit our website for more information on how to get started: www.stfranciswakefield.com.



Family Liturgies 2013-2014

What is a "Family Liturgy" at St. Francis?

Once a month at St. Francis Church, the 10:00AM Mass is designated as a special "Family Liturgy" with a homily geared principally to

the children, although not without value for the adults present! The Family Liturgies are planned to coincide with the liturgical seasons or other catechetical themes that can be easily reinforced at home or in religious education classes. Please note the dates and themes below as we look forward to another school year.

Sunday, September 15, 10AM – Open the Door of Faith (Catechetical Sunday)

- *A day to reflect on the importance of passing on our faith to our young people and to commission our parish catechists.*

Sunday, October 20, 10AM – Mass of Belonging

- *Although all children and families are welcome at this special liturgy, we will welcome in a special way the First Communion children as they begin the process of preparation that will lead to their reception of Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time in the Spring.*

Sunday, November 3, 10AM – Parade of Little Saints

- *To coincide with the Solemnity of All Saints, all children will be encouraged to dress as their favorite saint and some will even be "interviewed" during the homily!*

Sunday, December 15, 10AM – Advent Family Liturgy

- *A day to reflect on the importance of the Advent Season through the symbol of the Advent Wreath, and to prepare our hearts to receive Christ at Christmas.*

Sunday, January 12, 10AM – Mass of Listening to God's Word

- *Geared specifically to our First Communion children, but open to all families, we will reflect in this Liturgy on the importance of hearing God's Word before we receive his Sacrament.*

Sunday, February 9, 10AM – The Strength of Jesus's Love

- *As we look ahead to Valentine's Day, we will reflect on the power of Christ's love for us.*

Sunday, March 9, 10AM – Lenten Family Liturgy

- *A day to reflect on the meaning of the Lenten Season and to bury the "alleluia" until Easter.*

Sunday, April 6, 10AM – Approaching Holy Week

- *A day to reflect on the meaning and significance of the holiest week of the year.*

Sunday, May 4, 10AM – May Crowning

- *A day to honor our Blessed Mother as Queen of Heaven and Earth, and to learn about her important role in our lives.*

Please refer to all notices from the Religious Education Office, as dates may need to be adjusted.

Letter from the Mahoney family

When we settled down in South Kingstown over 17 years ago, we knew it was a great little town with a wonderful school system, close to the beaches, family oriented and safe. What we didn't know were the amazing people we would encounter as we raised our children and made our lives here. We are part of a wonderful community: the South Kingstown school system, St. Francis of Assisi parish, Rams swimming club, and many more work, neighborhood, and beach friends.

This past March, our family was faced with a major health crisis. My husband Sean had a brain tumor that was bleeding. It was a tumor that had metastasized from his lung. We started along a journey filled with words such as stage four lung cancer, brain metastases, hemi paresis, chemotherapy, and radiation. Our loving community stepped in to walk this path along side of us. Offers of help poured in. Meals were left at our doorstep. Rides were given to my son and mother. The kind deeds and support are too numerous to mention, but know that our entire family has felt your arms helping to carry us through.

On Sunday, August 11, a 5k(ish) walk was held at Curtis Corner Middle School bike path to support Sean and our family. Words cannot describe the overwhelming love and generous spirit we experienced that morning from our little town. This event was spearheaded by some special buddies and helped along by an army of friends, the West Kingston Elementary School family, adult, teen, and kid volunteers, walkers, runners, and bikers from every corner of our community. Thank you are such small words and don't seem adequate to express the feelings of love and gratitude we feel to each and every one of you, but thank you.

We would also like to give our gratitude to the businesses who gave generous donations to help make this event successful. Thank you to Pier Ice, Java Madness, Pier Pizza, Staples, Shaws, Belmont Market, and Panera Bread. Also, thank you to the South Kingstown police department for providing a police detail to ensure the safety of all the walk participants.

We are so blessed to live in this beautiful town with loving friends.

Thank you all again,

Annamarie Mahoney on behalf of Sean, Caitlin, & Matthew Mahoney