

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 30

4:30pm Howard Fanning

Requested by Yvonne Fanning

Sunday, August 31

8:00am Matilda Coppolino

Requested by family

10am Special Intention for Jennifer DeSilva

Requested by Cynthia & Jack Smyth

12:00NN Rocco and Mary Gemma

Requested by family

Monday, September 1

7:00am Edward Pastore

Requested by Chris and Claudia Smith

Tuesday, September 2

7:00am Special Intention

Wednesday, September 3

7:00am Norbert & Marguerite Jarbeau

Requested by Daniel & Corinne McKinnon

Thursday, September 4

7:00am Mass for the People

Friday, September 5

7:00am Mary Costanza

Requested by family

Saturday, September 6

4:30pm Rev. Jerome E. Daly—10th Pastor

29th Anniversary

Sunday, September 7

8:00am Mary Costanza

Requested by family

10:00am Alice and Hilding Munson

Requested by family

12:00NN Joseph Connors

Requested by family



St. Romuald Chapel

Saturday, August 30

5:30pm Nancy and Charles Galligan

Requested by family

Sunday, August 31

8:00am Billie Holland and Helen Mitchell

Requested by Mary C. Young

10:00am Barney Fenaughty

Requested by Mom, Dad and family

Saturday, September 6

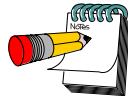
5:30pm Carl and Cora Romano

Requested by family

Sunday, September 7

10:00am Alvin and Gloria Jobin

Requested by daughters



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Nancy Caswell and Mary-Frances Esty.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION AND BENEDICTION



In an attempt to welcome and provide more people with the opportunity to adore the Lord on the first Friday of every month, we are changing the time for First Friday Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction. The new time is 4:30 - 5:00PM. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will not be available during Adoration. Please stop in on your way home from work and spend a few minutes with Our Lord and receive His blessing.

ANNUAL HUMAN LIFE GUILD DAY

"Each of us is a Masterpiece of God's Creation" will take place on Saturday, September 27 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at St. Philip's in Greenville. Human Life Guild Day is a time to bring people of life together for prayer and to raise awareness of the issues and challenges of today's society. This year's theme is taken from a quote developed from Pope Francis' Day for Life greeting: "Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image..."

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT WEEKEND

Friday, October 17 to Sunday, October 19. This special weekend retreat is part of the post-abortion ministry offered through the Diocesan Office of Life and Family and falls under the umbrella of Project Rachel – a Catholic outreach ministry of healing and reconciliation comprised of one-on-one sessions with a priest who will welcome and counsel in a prayerful atmosphere of respect and sensitivity. The weekend retreat helps those who have been touched by abortion to process the emotional and spiritual trauma that often follows the experience through scripturally based exercises.

PARISH SUPPORT— August 24

Weekly Support

		August 24th
Budget envelopes used (312)	-	\$ 6,283.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 3,020.00
Online Giving (# of donors 40)	-	\$ 1,002.00
Total Budget	-	\$ 10,305.00

Mission Coop Plan

Piarist Fathers' Collection	-	\$ 7,130.50
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This weekend's second offering is the Ongoing Maintenance Fund Offering. Next weekend's second offering will be the Monthly Offering for September. As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

AUGUST 31, 2014



A Reflection From Mother Teresa

This Friday, September 5th is the feast day of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta. Below is part of her speech given to the Beijing Conference on being the unique creations God called us forth to be.

"I do not understand why some people are saying that women and men are exactly the same, and are denying the beautiful differences between men and women. All God's gifts are good, but they are not all the same. As I often say to people who tell me that they would like to serve the poor as I do, "What I can do, you cannot. What you can do, I cannot. But together we can do something beautiful for God." It is just this way with the differences between women and men.

God has created each one of us, every human being, for greater things--to love and to be loved. But why did God make some of us men and others women? Because a woman's love is one image of the love of God, and a man's love is another image of God's love. Both are created to love, but each in a different way. Woman and man complete each other, and together show forth God's love more fully than either can do it alone.

That special power of loving that belongs to a woman is seen most clearly when she becomes a mother. Motherhood is the gift of God to women. How grateful we must be to God for this wonderful gift that brings such joy to the whole world, women and men alike!...

...when families are strong and united, children can see God's special love in the love of their father and mother and can grow to make their country a loving and prayerful place. The child is God's best gift to the family and needs both mother and father because each one shows God's love in a special way. The family that prays together stays together, and if they stay together they will love one another as God has loved each one of them. And works of love are always works of peace.

So let us keep the joy of loving in our hearts and share this joy with all we meet. My prayer for all of the delegates, and for every woman whom the Beijing Conference is trying to help, is that each one may be humble and pure like Mary so as to live in love and peace with one another and make our families and our world something beautiful for God. Let us pray. All for the glory of God and good of souls. God bless you.
Mother Teresa, MC

Parent Meetings for middle school and high school students currently enrolled in our Religious Education program

(all meetings will be held in the lower level of Fr. Greenan Parish Center)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH FROM 7-8PM - CONFIRMATION ONE & TWO
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH FROM 7-8PM - GRADES 7 & 8

If you are unable to attend this meeting, please contact Religious Education office at 792-8684 to make arrangements to go over the materials from this meeting.



Religious Education

RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES

begin the week of September 7th . 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 or have not registered your child, 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 Barbette or Diane at the Rel. Ed. Office 792-8684.

RELIGIOUS ED FAMILIES:

Each year in response to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, we have a program for the safe environment education of children and young people supported and mandated by Bishop Thomas Tobin and the Diocese of Providence. This program is called The Circle of Grace Safe Environment Program. The Circle of Grace is described as the love and goodness of God that surrounds us and all others. The program is meant to supplement and be integrated into our program for the formation of children and young people. The program helps our youth to understand their own (and other's) dignity in mind, body and spirit. Each grade will participate in a Circle of Grace lesson throughout the year. For more program information and dates of the lessons, please contact Barbette Cullen or Diane Castro in the Religious Ed Office.

IT'S ALMOST TIME...TIME FOR THE CHOIR TO GATHER!

REHEARSALS BEGIN TUESDAY, SEPT. 9TH at 7PM!!

Never tried choir? Make this your year to join this joy filled music ministry! We need YOU sopranos, altos, tenors, basses high school age and beyond!

Special call to the men! Real men sing in the choir :)

No experience necessary!

When you join you get your very own black, 3-ring binder!

Yes! Your very own!

But wait, there's more!

Join before rehearsals

begin and you also get...(wait for it)...

a brand new sharpened pencil also to call your very own!



Call me, Mimi Battey, now to join! (or stop by the loft)

*Call **792-8301** and mention 'ministry' and you will also receive the joy and grace of singing all praise, honor and glory to the Lord!*

*See you at our first rehearsal in the loft on
Tuesday, Sept. 9th at 7pm!!*



OFFICE OF YOUTH MINISTRY

Dear Father Bodah,

On behalf of those who benefit from the services of Diocesan Youth Ministry, we would like to express our deepest gratitude for the generosity extended by the parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi Church.

Your recent donation of \$1000 will be of great assistance in our ministry to youth.

All those who benefit from the services of Diocesan Youth Ministry wish to thank you for your generous contributions during your recent parish collection. Your support enables the staff and volunteers to continue providing quality programming for youth. Retreats, athletics, leadership training events, social, and service opportunities will continue thanks to your donation. Thank you and God bless you!

Patricia Kane, Director

Philip Ricci, Administrator

ST. GABRIEL'S CALL reaches out to women who are pregnant, desperate, and in need of assistance through a confidential intervention program. We can help make things easier for mothers-to-be in a local and personal way by providing material needs, friendship and guidance through a difficult time. We also offer access to social ministry services provided through the Roman Catholic Diocese of Providence's Catholic Charities/Social Ministry. If you or someone you know needs help—call the Office of Life and Family Ministry at 421-7833 x 218.



This Week

Sunday, August 31

7:00pm AA (HBH)

Monday, September 1

NO Adoration due to Labor Day holiday

All parish offices closed

Thursday, September 4

2:00pm Mass at Scallop Shell Nursing and Rehab Center

6:30pm Prayer Shawl Meeting

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

Friday, September 5

4:30pm First Friday Adoration & Benediction



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.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

This ministry began at St. Francis/ St. Romuald in October 2008. Since then we have been meeting the **1st Thursday of each month** to knit (and chat). We continue to work on the shawls at home. As the Prayer Shawls are knit or crocheted, we pray for the person who will receive it. Once completed, the prayer shawls are blessed and ready to be given away. If you know of someone who would benefit from a shawl (perhaps battling an illness or suffering a loss), please call Kathy Carney at 294-6775. **New knitters are always welcome.** NEXT MEETING – Thursday, September 4th at 6:30pm. Call the Kathy Carney at above number for more information.

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