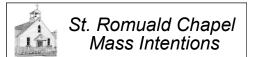
NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 8 4:30pm James E. Sweet *Requested by family* Sunday, August 9 8:00am Thu and Chi Thi Anna Tran and John Thanh Ha—Req. by family 10:00am Rose Gink Requested by Dick and Julia Buckley 12:00nn Celebrant's Intention Monday, August 10 7:00am Special Intention Requested by Jim & Susan Meehan **Tuesday, August 11** 7:00am Marion Maggio Requested by family Wednesday, August 12 7:00am Mass for the People Thursday, August 13 7:00am Margaret Flynn *Requested by Kathleen and Jeff Carney* Friday, August 14 7:00am Rita and Tom O'Rourke & Warren Behie—*Req. by family* Saturday, August 15 ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 8:00am Assumption of BVM 4:30pm Leona Kelley Requested by family Sunday, August 16 Leo E. Richard 8:00am Requested by Tran family 10:00am Celebrant's Intention 12:00NN Robert Joseph Lyons, Sr. Requested by Patricia Schmidt



Saturday, August 8 5:30pm Craig Bento, James and Mary O'Rourke *Requested by family* Sunday, August 9 8:00am John and Grace Carpinelli *Requested by family* 10:00am Betty, Cy and David Cooney *Requested by family* 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



For Your Information

PARISH SUPPORT

Parish support for August 2 was Budget—\$9,175.50; Peter's Pence-\$3,291. This weekend's second offering is the Monthly offering. Thank you for your continued generosity.

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Margaret Flynn.

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 <u>do not need</u> 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.

ONLINE GIVING

It's so much easier! No more stumbling for your wallet as the collectors are going by; no more searching for a pen to write out a check only to miss the opportunity to throw it in the basket anyway; no more getting upset with yourself for leaving your budget envelope at home. There are just so many ways your life will be easier when you sign up for online giving. Give it a try. Visit our website at: **www.stfranciswakefield.com** to sign up!

"COME AND SEE" DAY ~ Sunday, August 16 from 1-3pm.

Think God may be calling you to be a religious Brother or Sister? Ever wanted to see a religious community up-close? To celebrate the Year of Consecrated Life, the Diocese of Providence announces a "Come and See Day" on Sunday, August 16 from 1 to 3pm. Come, visit, and pray with local religious communities. Listen to reflections on religious life and prayer, and learn how to better hear God's calling for your life. Hear the vocation story of a religious Sister, Brother, or priest, and their journey into consecrated life. For single men and women, aged 18-40. *No reservation necessary; just drop by anytime between 1:00-3:00pm:* 1. Little Sisters of the Poor, St. Jeanne Jugan Residence, 964 Main Street, Pawtucket; 2. Brothers of the Christian Schools, Christian Brothers Center, 635 Ocean Road, Narragansett or call the Diocese of Providence at 401/278 4663.

AUGUST 9, 2015

From the Pastor

The annual breakfast is gearing up to be a most enjoyable event. The planning meeting was held on Monday and all the tasks divvied up. I'm happy to report that a number of our high-schoolage confirmation candidates have volunteered to help with the setup and I hope that their families will join us for breakfast as well.

The parish finance council will meet this Tuesday morning to go over the year-end report and assess our prospects for the present fiscal year. Decisions have to be made as to where we need to allocate funds so as best to serve the parishioners. The loss of a second priest means that our expenses will be less than in the past; but people still need to be served. My own tendency is to think that we don't need to be more timid and judicious but more imaginative about where monies should be funneled and how much we need. "You gotta spend money to make money."

I'm not the only one whose work load has been increased by the loss of an assistant pastor. I've written about the restructured confirmation/youth program and I can't thank Diane Castro enough for organizing the schedule for the coming year. I don't think this should continue to fall on her shoulders, however. We need to do much more for our young people. And what about all the elderly and shut-in parishioners who bore the heat of the day in years past, not to mention the many people I meet in the hospital who claim St. Francis as their parish but haven't practiced the faith in years? "Behold, the harvest is great but the laborers are few. Pray the harvest master to send workers into his harvest."

Fr. Bodah

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.



This Week

Monday, August 10 VICTORY DAY—No Adoration ALL PARISH OFFICES CLOSED 7:00pm Baptism Preparation Class (MCCR—Mary Cummings Conference Room-located in office building) Tuesday, August 11

7:45am Finance Council Mtg. (MCCR) immediately followed by Corporation Mtg.

Thursday, August 13 7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (↓FGC) Saturday, August 15

8:00am Setup for the Parish Breakfast at Matunuck Community Field House

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.



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Office of Marriage Preparation &

Enrichment is sponsoring the ninth annual Wedding Anniversary Celebration honoring couples of the Diocese of Providence who will be observing their 25th, 40th, 50th and OVER 50 years wedding anniversaries in 2015.

The celebration will be held on Sunday, September 20th, 1:00pm at the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul, Providence and will include Mass, renewal of the marriage vows, a personalized certificate for each couple and a reception for the couples and their families. Bishop Thomas J. Tobin will be the main celebrant. All registrations must be into the diocese by August 21st.

Please contact the parish office (783-4411) to register for this special celebration. If it is not possible for both husband and wife to be present, a certificate can be forwarded directly to the couple.



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.

EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY

is in need of peanut butter, jelly, cereal, juice boxes and snacks.



SHRINE OF THE LITTLE FLOWER (1st Shrine to St. Therese in the world) 21ST ANNUAL FEAST DAY CELEBRATION AUGUST 16, 2015 Rain or shine, 10am—4pm Located at the intersection of Rtes 102 & 7, Nasonville

& 7, Nasonville Information: 401-568-0575 or 401-568-8280 email: Shiirl@Finelli.us



BLOOD DRIVE at St. Romuald Chapel Sunday, August 16th

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

The Blood Center is hoping for at least 15 donors. Please plan on stopping by ... you just may be saving a life!



PARISH BREAKFAST at Matunuck Community House

Setup: Saturday, August 15th, 8AM at Community Field House

CALLING ALL TEENS! Community Service Hours available! Call Mr. Fitzpatrick 783-4343.

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 will be sold after all Masses at the church and chapel this weekend and are also available at the rectory office during the week. Tickets may be purchased at the breakfast.

