THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 11 4:30 †Rose & Ralph Calitri *Requested by Family* Sunday, August 12 8:00am †Marion Maggio

Requested by Family 10:00am†Leona Kelley

Requested by Family 12:00nn †Lee Mainelli

Requested by Family Monday, August 13

7:00am †Margaret Flynn Requested by Kathleen & Jeff Carney **Tuesday, August 14** 7:00am †Marilyn Connon

Wednesday, August 15

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 7:00am †For the Members of the Perpetual Mass Association 12:00nn †Al & Julie Vaicunas 6:30pm MASS AT THE CHAPEL

Thursday, August 16 7:00am†James & Lucille Ferry *Requested by Family* Friday, August 17 7:00am Mass for the People Saturday, August 18 4:30 †Raymond Rogers (Anniversary Remembrance) *Requested by Family* Sunday, August 19 8:00am †Laura Webb *Requested by Family* 10:00am↑Florence Cerami *Requested by Family* 12:00nn †Joanne Rita Donovan *Requested by Family*

St. Romuald Chapel Mass

Saturday, August 11 5:30pm†Matilda & Michael Dunphy Requested by Family

Sunday, August 12 8:00am†Michael Maggiacomo (Birthday Remembrance) *Requested by Family* 10:00am †Jeannette DeLuca *Requested by Family*

<u>Wednesday, August 15</u> 6:30pm †James Powers, *Requested by Family*

Saturday, August 18 5:30pm†Patti Diggins Chamberlain (Birthday Remembrance) Requested by Family

Sunday, August 19 8:00am†Elizabeth Kelley Requested by Anne Cooney 10:00am †Alice & Hilding Munson Requested by Family



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of James Powers.



Reasons to Become a Catechist by Joe Paprocki

1. You will grow in your own faith, learn the teachings of the Church, and deepen your relationship with Jesus.

2. Your Baptism calls you to share in Jesus' ministry.

3. Children, teens, and adults in today's world, more than ever, need to hear the Good News of Jesus.

4. Children, teens, and adults in today's world, more than ever, need to encounter good role models of faith.

5. You have much to share with those you'll teach, and you'll have opportunities to share faith with other catechists.

6. Today's catechetical textbooks/resources offer outstanding support.

7. You'll be challenged, you'll have fun, and you'll make new friends.

8. You'll be helping people deepen their relationship with Jesus. (You'll be evangelizing!)

9. You'll be handing on a 2000-year-old Tradition that changes lives. It's our job: Jesus sent us to "go and teach all nations."

We are in need of Catechists at various grade levels. Why not you? The qualifications needed are: weekly participation at Sunday Eucharist, a basic knowledge of our Catholic faith, a generous heart, enjoyment of young people, a willingness to learn and share your faith. Newly confirmed teens, this is your *chance to give back to the community the gifts of your faith.*

Please call Barbette Cullen or Diane Castro at 792-8684 for more information regarding teaching, as well as, other opportunities to serve your parish. Training and assistance are provided. *We will be waiting for your call!*

PARISH SUPPORT		
Weekly Support Budget envelopes used (238) Loose Donations Online Giving (# of donors–58) Total Budget	- - -	August 5 \$6,565.50 \$2,090.00 <u>\$2,148.00</u> \$10,803.50
Second Collection (Holy Father— Budget envelopes used (151) Loose Donations Total	-Peter's F - -	<u>Pence)</u> \$1,743.00 <u>\$ 929.00</u> \$2,672.00
This week's second collection is the Monthly Collection. There is no second collection next week. As always, thank you for your continued generosity.		

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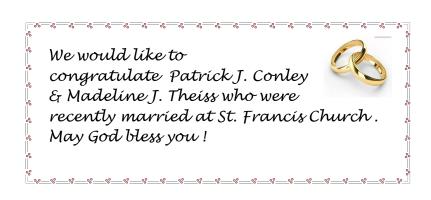
United with the Living Bread

In his goodness and love for humankind, Jesus, the most divine Word, one, simple, and hidden, assumed our nature, appearing though unchanged in his own nature as a being both composite and visible. Graciously he received us into unifying communion with himself, joining our lowliness to his sublime divinity, upon the sole condition that we in our turn should adhere to him as members of his body by living a pure and godly life like his, and not giving reign to ruinous, deathdealing passions, which would make us incapable of union with those completely healthy and divine members.

If we aspire to communion with Jesus, we must fix our eyes upon the most holy life he lived in the flesh and follow the example of his divine innocence so as to become pure and godlike. Then, in a manner befitting us, he will give us a resemblance to himself....

Christ came forth from his divine concealment to assume for love of humanity our human form, becoming completely human without loss of his own identity;...while remaining unchanged he descended from his natural unity to the level of our divisibility; and...through the beneficent deeds inspired by his love for us, he calls the human race to communion with himself and to a share in his blessings. He asks only that we unite ourselves to his most divine life by imitating it to the best of our ability, so as to enter into a real communion with God and his divine mysteries.—Pseudo-Dionysius the Areopagite

Pseudo-Dionysius the Areopagite ($\dagger c.5^{th}$ century) was a mysitical theologian who wrote approximately between the years 480 and 510, probably in Syria.





RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Religious Education Startup for Grades K-8

Our classes begin on Catechetical Sunday, **September 16th** for Grades K-6 and Wednesday, **September 19th** for Grades 7&8 and those students already enrolled in Wednesday classes for Grades 3-6. Time change: All Sunday Classes in Grades K-6 will meet at 8:55-9:50.

Families <u>new</u> to the parish and families with children entering First Grade **must** register for classes.

Catholic school students in Grade 2 must register for First Holy Communion.

Registration forms may be found at the entrances to the church as well as online at http://stfranciswakefield.com/religious-education/

Students currently enrolled in the program are automatically promoted to the next grade and do not need to register again.

An information packet will be mailed the third week of August to all registered families. Please note that our Confirmation I & II classes have met this past week and the end of June.

Please call Barbette or Diane at the Religious Ed Office at 792-8684 if you have any questions.



EVENTS On Thursday, August 16th at 7pm the Revive Ministry led by our very own youth minister, Emily Cuellar, will be leading a Praise & Worship evening at the Narragansett Gazebo. Come with your family or invite your

UPCOMING YOUTH MINISTRY

friends to join you. Bring a chair or blanket! All are welcome to attend!



The Office of Youth Ministry is hosting a diocesan youth event on September 8 from 10am to 9pm on the beautiful grounds of Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Cumberland for a day of music including nationally known Catholic musician Michael Mette along with Revive Ministries. Keynote speakers including our diocesan seminarian Dan Mahoney, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Eucharistic Adoration, interactive activities, a bonfire, meals, and more.

The day will culminate in Mass celebrated by Bishop Tobin with Father Joseph Brice serving as homilist. The cost is \$20 per youth (High school to age 20). If you are interested in attending this event with our parish, email Diane Castro at castro_stfrancis@verizon.net or Emily Cuellar at youthministrystmsfa@gmail.com



This Week Monday, August 13 HOLIDAY—NO ADORATION; PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED Thursday, August 16 6:00pm Opening the Word (FGC) 7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (↓FGC) Saturday, August 18 11:00am Altar Server Training (Church)



Blood drive! St. Romuald Chapel <u>Sunday, September 2, 2018</u> Bloodmobile 61 Atlantic Avenue, Matunuck

Don't forget to bring your driver's license or another form of identification when you donate.

Blood components do not last long. This is why new, healthy blood is needed everyday.

Giving blood is a wonderful way to give of oneself and help save lives in our community!



The Jews murmured about Jesus because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven," and they said, "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph? Do we not know his father and mother? Then how can he say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered and said

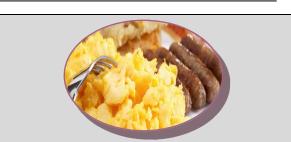
to the, "Stop murmuring among yourselves. No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him, and I will raise him on the last day. It is written in the prophets:

They shall all be taught by God.

Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven; so that one may eat it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."—John 6:41-51

ST. GABRIEL'S CALL:

The diocesan outreach ministry for women and families during and beyond pregnancy. You can be part of this essential life-affirming work by becoming a Gabriel Angel volunteer. Put your faith and compassion in action and walk with an expectant mother through difficult decisions and challenges. In a spirit of Christian love and friendship, Gabriel Angel volunteers accept the mother's fears and worries in deepest confidence and find ways to alleviate them. Our help can include material items for babies and children up to 4 years of age, referrals to services and access to social services available within the Diocese of Providence. We have 3 locations is in need of volunteer(s) on various days for 2 to 3 hours one day a week. If you are interested in learning more about the ministry and how you can share your God-given time and talent, call Carol Owens at 421-7833 x 218.



SAVE THE DATE! End-of-Summer Breakfast at the Community Field House, Matunuck

<u>Next Sunday, August 19, 2018</u> 8:30AM TO 11:30AM

Adults: \$8.00—Children 6-12: \$4 Children 5 and under: FREE

Tickets to be sold after all masses <u>THIS</u> weekend, August 11/12.

Tickets can also be purchased at the rectory or at the door the day of the breakfast.

<u>Bakers & servers are needed. If you can help</u> <u>please call Ellen Schwab at 789-7707.</u>

Come join us !

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous support in last week's Peter's Pence Collection! Our contributions will be combined with those from our brothers and sisters around the world to help Pope Francis provide essential relief to people in need.

If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give, visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections, and click on "How to Give" link.