

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions

**Rock
of Faith**



Blessed are you, Peter.

Saturday, August 26

4:30 pm †Raymond Rogers (anniversary remembrance)

Requested by Family

Sunday, August 27

8:00am †Laura Webb

10:00am †Vincent Corio

12:00nn

Monday, August 28

7:00am †Guilherme Silva

Requested by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Soltysiak

Tuesday, August 29

7:00am Mass for the People

Wednesday, August 30

7:00am Special Intention

Thursday, August 31

7:00am †Matilda Coppolino

Requested by Family

Friday, September 1

7:00am †Kathleen Brannon

Requested by Joe & Ellen Schwab

Saturday, September 2

4:30 pm †Rita Vachon

Requested by Jean McGair

Sunday, September 3

8:00am †Mary Costanza

Requested by Family

10:00am †Marcia Signorelli

By Eric & Sharon Rose

12:00nn



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 26

5:30 †Raymond Quirk, Sr.

Requested by Family

Sunday, August 27

8:00am †David Tyrrell

Requested by Joe & Ellen Schwab

10:00am †Dorothy Maddren

Requested by Kathleen Dwyer

Saturday, September 2

5:30 †Norbert & Marguerite Jarbeau

Requested by Dan & Corinne McKinnon

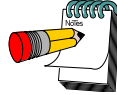
Sunday, September 3

8:00am †Ann & Bill Cullinane

Requested by Family

10:00am †William H. McDevitt

Requested by Roger & Mary Grace Hood



For Your Information



Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, other Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood

has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father.

And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

MASS INTENTIONS

It is very much part a part of our Catholic tradition to have Masses offered for deceased relatives and friends. Parishioners are encouraged to practice and to continue this tradition. When was the last time you had a Mass offered for a deceased parent, grandparent, uncle aunt, brother or sister? To make arrangements, please call the parish office at (401)783-4411.



PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly Support		August 20
Budget envelopes used (227)	-	\$6,584.50
Loose Donations	-	\$2,543.50
Online Giving (# of donors-65)	-	\$1,911.00
Total Budget	-	\$11,039.00
Assumption Collection		\$1,553.00

This week's second collection is for Ongoing Maintenance. Next week's second collection is the Monthly Collection.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

AUGUST 27, 2017

From the Pastor

What's in the works? I have been concerned about the appearance of the interior of the church for some time. It's been almost 20 years since it's been attended to and I think you'll agree that it's high time we looked into getting a new paint job, cleaning the woodwork and the stained glass, replacing the carpets, and maybe refinishing the pews.

Our loyal parishioner Ed Rudegair, who's been a great help in overseeing many of the projects for the physical plants, met with a painting company to get a preliminary bid. The painting alone was estimated at over \$100,000. Scaffolding will have to be erected and we would lose the use of the church for at least one weekend. Still, sooner or later it's got to be done, no?

As you may have seen in the RI Catholic, the diocese is planning a major campaign for the near future, spread over four years. Our parish is scheduled to be in the group for the spring of 2018 and our goal will be something like \$500,000. The good news is that 40% of the money raised will return to the parishes. That would mean, presuming we reach our goal, that \$200,000 would be available to spruce up the interior of the church and perhaps put something aside for the future. So, after consulting the parish finance council, I've decided to postpone the work on the church till we get the campaign off the ground. Fear not! We will not let this beautiful church go uncared for. More about this in the future.

One of the great efforts in any parish is its program of religious education. Barbette Cullen and Diane Castro really give their all in providing catechesis and faith formation to the children and youth of the parish. Of course, this could not be done without the generous help of many volunteer teachers and aides. We have always been able to count on parents and other parishioners to come forward and pitch in for this worthy cause. If you're interested in helping, please call the Religious Ed Office at 401-792-8684. God bless the work!

Fr. Bodah

BIBLE STUDY AT ST. FRANCIS

Bible Study will resume here at St Francis on Tuesday, September 12, 2017. This year we will begin with the books of James and Peter. After Christmas we will study Hebrews. Come and discover the wonderful story of our Lord through Peter and James. All are welcome! We hope to see you Tuesday evenings!

For further information contact Vicky at montanivicky@gmail.com or 580-2736. You may also call the parish office at 401-783-4411.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES



Religious Education Classes ...

Our classes begin on Sunday, **September 17th** for Grades K-6 and Wednesday, **September 20th** 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 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 <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 call Barbette or Diane at the Religious Ed Office at 792-8684 if you have any questions.

Our Catechists 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. **Why not you?** Maybe you will be more inclined to teach if you team teach with a fellow parishioner or friend, invite someone to join you or ask us to pair you up with someone! **Newly confirmed teens**, this is your chance to give back to the community the gifts of your faith. **The qualifications needed are:** weekly participation at Sunday Eucharist, a generous heart, enjoyment of young people, and a willingness to share your faith. We are in need of Catechists at various grade levels. Class times: Gr.K-6 meet on Sunday mornings 8:55-9:50 (K-2) 10:55-11:50(gr.3-6) Wed afternoon (gr.3-6) 4:15-5:15 Wed. evening (gr.7&8) 7:00-8:15. 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!***



Children's Liturgy of the Word

will take place during the 10:00AM Mass at St. Francis of Assisi Church beginning *September 24th*! **Would you consider, a Children's Liturgy of the Word presenter?**



We are eager to welcome any adult interested in becoming a children's liturgy of the word presenter. We

provide you with all of the materials and assistance in preparing for the Sunday's readings. You would be responsible to present once every six or seven weeks, depending on the number of presenters. For more information contact Barbette at 792-8684 and/or come to our organizational meeting on **Sept. 18th at 6:30 in HBH**

This Week

Monday, August 28

7:30am Adoration (SF)

7:00pm Pastoral Council Meeting (MCCR)

Tuesday, August 29

6:30pm Event Committee Meeting (FGC)

Wednesday, August 30

7:00pm Praise Practice (FGC)

Thursday, August 31

6:00pm Opening the Word (FGC)

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (↓FGC-Foyer)

Sunday, September 3

7:30-11:30am Blood Drive at the Matunuck Chapel

Monday, September 4

**HOLIDAY—NO ADORATION/PARISH OFFICES
CLOSED**

Every day in RI, 200 people are needed to donate blood
in order to meet the needs of patients at local hospitals.



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MARY: God's Yes to Man
John Paul II's Encyclical *Redemptoris Mater*
Introduction by
Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger
Commentary by Hans Urs von Balthasar
IGNATIUS

Saint Pope John Paul II's only encyclical on our Blessed Mother, with introduction by the Cardinal Prefect of the congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, and commentary by one of the world's leading Catholic theologians, Hans Urs von Balthasar. The Church's supreme magisterium and representative of the Church's most penetrating theological reflection combine to provide for all the faithful a rich and concise compendium of the Mother of the Redeemer.

The development of traditional Marian dogma in the light of the present day bears the Pope's unmistakable personal stamp. The three parts of the encyclical ("Mary in the Mystery of Christ", "The Mother of God in the Midst of the Pilgrim Church" and "Motherly Mediation") draw predominantly from two sources: Sacred Scripture and the central documents of the Second Vatican Council. There is a particular emphasis on ecumenism. What binds all Christians to Mary becomes ever clearer: she is the model of their faith.

"Preparing for the advent of the year 2000, the great memorial of Christ's birth, is a fundamental concern of the encyclical. In the liturgy, Advent is a Marian time: the time when Mary made room in her womb for the Savior of the world and bore within her humanity's hope and expectation. Celebrating Advent means becoming Marian, imitating Mary's unconditional 'Yes' which is ever anew the place of God's birth, the 'fullness of time'" — **Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger**

Can be found on Formed.org.

The Social Outreach Committee will begin 2017-2018 season with the first monthly meeting on **Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at Father Greenan Center at 6:00pm**. This committee works on

various events throughout the year helping several community needs. We are always looking for new members to help with this parish ministry. All are welcome to attend this meeting!



blood drive!

St. Romuald Chapel

Sunday, September 3, 2017

7:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Bloodmobile

61 Atlantic Avenue, Matunuck

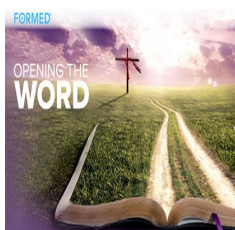
Don't forget to bring your driver's license or another form of identification when you donate.

Visit www.ribc.org to make an appointment,
Sponsor Code **2487**.



Blood components do not last long. This is why new, healthy blood is needed every day. If you are not sure if you can donate, please call 453-8307 to find out.

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



Opening the Word will continue but at a new time beginning Thursday, August 31. Would you like to develop a deeper understanding of the readings for the Sunday Liturgy? Join us on **Thursdays from 5:45-6:45pm in Fr. Greenan Center** for a journey through prayer and insights for the Sunday readings as shared with us through the Catholic gateway called

Formed.org. After reading the scriptures, you will be presented with short videos which will encourage group discussion as we grow in faith together. All are welcome!