

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 16

4:30 †Robert Wilson

Requested by wife, Concetta

Sunday, June 17

8:00am †Mr. & Mrs. Thu Chi Tran & John Thanh Ha

Requested by Family

10:00am †Mary & Nelson Burke

Requested by Family

12:00nn †Benjamin & Mark Potter

Requested by Barbara Potter

Monday, June 18

7:00am †Domenic Coppolino

Requested by Family

Tuesday, June 19

7:00am †Bob Brown

Requested by his Wife

Wednesday, June 20

7:00am Special Intention

Thursday, June 21

7:00am Mass for the People

Friday, June 22

7:00am †Herman Card

(Birthday Remembrance)

Requested by Viola Card

Saturday, June 23

4:30 †Dagmar Pucella Pignataro

Requested by Family

Sunday, June 24

8:00am †Marjorie Stanney

Requested by the McGill Family

10:00am †Maggie Sciola Futch

(Birthday Remembrance)

Requested by a Friend

12:00nn †Dolores Ramirez Castillejo

Requested by Family



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 16

5:30pm †W. Norbert Daly

(Birthday Remembrance)

Requested by Family

Sunday, June 17

8:00am ††Dr. R. John Feely, Jr.

Requested by Family

10:00am †Jane & Ed Benz

Requested by Family

Tuesday, June 19

12:00nn Feast of St. Romuald

Saturday, June 23

5:30pm †Thomas, Barbara, Edward, & William McLaughlin

Requested by Family

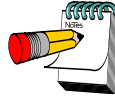
Sunday, June 24

8:00am †Erica Lotito

Requested by Barbara Humphrey

10:00am †Helen Haight

Requested by Family

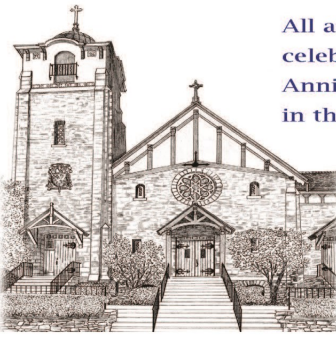


For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Thu Chi Tran & John Thanh Ha.

THE PARISHIONERS OF
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH, WAKEFIELD
PROUDLY CELEBRATE OUR PASTOR
REV. HENRY J. BODAH
ON HIS 40TH ANNIVERSARY
OF PRIESTLY ORDINATION.



All are welcome to celebrate Father Bodah's Anniversary at Mass in the parish church at 12 noon on Sunday, July 8. A reception will follow in the Father Greenan Center behind the church.

114 High Street, Wakefield, RI 02879
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All are welcome to attend a Mass at noon on Tuesday, June 19th at our chapel on Atlantic Ave. in Matunuck to celebrate the Memorial of St. Romuald, abbot and hermit, the founder of the Camaldolese Benedictines, who died on June 19, 1027.

PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly Support		June 10
Budget envelopes used (247)	-	\$6,838.50
Loose Donations	-	\$1,690.00
Online Giving (# of donors-65)	-	\$2,224.00
Total Budget	-	\$10,752.50

Second Collection (Catholic Communications)

Budget envelopes used (133)	-	\$1,488.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 573.00
Total	-	\$2,061.00

This week's second collection is for Ongoing Maintenance. There is no second collection next week.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

JUNE 17, 2018

From the Pastor,

There's a common misunderstanding about cemeteries. When you "buy" lots in a cemetery, they do not legally become your property; you lease them in perpetuity. The cemetery still owns the land. Also, the stone may be yours but all cemeteries reserve the right to set limitations on stones and use of the land around them. My mother died in 1956 and she has a traditional upright stone over her grave in St. Columba's cemetery in Middletown. My father died in 1997 and my step-mother in 2007. They are buried together in St. Columba's, but by that time, upright stones were no longer permitted. They have a flat stone set at ground level so the caretakers can mow over the graves unimpeded by the stones.

In our cemetery we have been trying to follow many of the guidelines of the diocesan and the veterans' cemeteries. There seems to be still a bit of resistance from some who 1) think the grave is their private property, and 2) lack a sense of middle-class propriety. Despite the great efforts of Mrs. McDole, the cemetery manager, in contacting everyone and reminding them of cemetery policies, there are still some who persist in treating the graves as their private property. Some have even gone up there and poured their own foundations to put in extra stones they've had carved without our permission. I wonder what their reactions would be if I put up a monument to myself in their yard without their permission!

At least we've been able to reduce the amount of dog doo. I had no objection to people's walking their dogs there if they had kept them on leashes and picked up after them. Alas, too many were letting their pets run free to do their business on people's graves. So, we decided to follow the procedures of the diocesan and veterans' cemeteries and exclude dogs from the property. This was met with vandalism and threats from the charming people who thought of it as their dog park. Still, our duty is toward those whose loved ones are buried there and who do not think as fondly of your pet's excrement as you might. Also, we are trying to maintain the cemetery's status as a sacred space, consecrated to the remains of Christians awaiting the resurrection.

We are also in the process of putting in a "columbarium," an above-ground edifice with niches for ashes. If it is well-received, we can expand this feature in the future. "May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace."

Fr. Bodah

2018 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL *"Faith and Good Works"*

OUR GOAL FOR 2018 IS: \$115,000.00

As of 6-1-18 the amount raised is: \$122,609.00

**Total # of gifts: 413; % of Goal—106.62%;
% of Participation—20.26%**

Did you know that a gift of \$180 will provide one week of summer camp for a needy child at Mother of Hope Camp, an old fashioned, electronic-free, faith-based summer camp. Thank you for your support!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES



Catechist Cookout
Wednesday, June 20th
at 6:00pm at Fr
Greenan Center please RSVP with Mrs.
Cullen by Monday June 18th at 401-792-8684.



Save the Dates for VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 28th, 29th and July 2nd, 3rd

TIME: 8:30-11:30 COST: \$45.00

BIRTHDAY BLAST: A CELEBRATION OF LIFE!

Our VBS is packed with awesome music, unforgettable games, cool crafts, and interactive activities for kids **ages 4-11**. VBS registration forms may be found at the entrances to the church. You may find more information about this VBS program at <https://catchat.ca/> or call Mrs. Cullen at 792-8684.

Congratulations to our high school seniors!

One of the greatest challenges we face as a Church is retaining the participation of our youth as they grow older and more independent. We at St. Francis are fortunate to have a good number of youth who participate in the life of our parish. In particular, we would like to acknowledge 8 graduating seniors who have been involved in parish ministries. Listed in alphabetical order and the ministries in which they have served, they are: **Kelby Anderson** – Altar server, reader, teen leadership, **Liam Benjamin** – reader, **Patrick Clossick** – Praise Music Ministry, **Natalie Freeman** – Religious Education assistant, **Emma Bondy Divine** – religious education, **Tyler McPhee** – reader, teen leadership, **Aodhan Meyer** – Altar Server, Children's liturgy of the Word, **Thomas Meyer** – altar server, **Brooke Peasley** – VBS, **Elizabeth Phelps** – religious education, **Kayla Rossi** – VBS, **Jenna Shoren** – religious education, **Baylor Wallace** – religious education teacher and **Ciara Welch** – religious education. We are very grateful to these young men and women not only for their service but also for the example they provide for the younger children of our parish. They demonstrate that discipleship is for people of all ages. Please continue to pray for our recent high school graduates as they begin a new chapter in their lives.

Mrs. Barbette Cullen & Mrs. Diane Castro

This Week

Monday, June 18

7:30am Adoration (SF)

7:00pm Pastoral Council Meeting (MCCR)

Tuesday, June 19

6:30pm Opening the Word (FGC)

Thursday, June 21

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (↓FGC-Foyer)



OUR LADY OF CZENSTOCHOWA POLISH FESTIVAL

Our Lady of Czenstochowa Polish Festival will be held on Friday, June 22nd from 5pm to 10pm, Saturday, June 23rd from 5pm to 10pm and Sunday June 24th from Noon to 4pm, on school grounds at: 222 Mac Arthur Blvd., Coventry, RI. Join us for Polish/American food, games, raffles, cow chip bingo and much more. There will be Polish bands and dancing? Free admission & parking. All are welcome!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are always interested in those parishioners who are unable to attend our services—whether it be for short term or a long time.

If you know of someone who is in a *convalescent home or who is homebound*, please call the office and give us the information.



We want to reach out to and stay connected with all of our community members. **Thank You in Advance...** Contact Jacki at 783-4411 ext. 10 from 9am to 4pm Monday through Thursday, Friday 9am to noon.

Just a reminder that there are inspirational **Catholic media CDs** available at the side entrance (parking lot side) in the main church and at the chapel. Please be sure to take a moment to look them over.

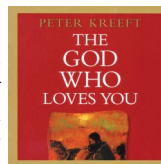


Get **FORMED** Now! It's EASY and **FREE** to Register!

- Visit formed.org with a web browser
- Click on Register (lower right of page)
- Enter Parish Access Code: 876N29

Enter your email and create a password (you need this to login later)

God's love is the subject of Peter Kreeft's imaginative and thoughtful book (a revised and updated version of his book *Knowing the Truth of God's Love*). With unusual clarity, Kreeft points out that the man or woman who begins to glimpse the God who is Creator, Redeemer, and Lover of our souls, will never be the same. He describes Scripture as God's love story and then tells why divine love is the answer to our deepest problems and the fulfillment of our deepest desires.



Posing the hard questions about love that rankle the heart, Peter Kreeft never settles for easy answers. He exposes today's superficial attitudes about love to lead people to a deeper understanding of what it means to be loved by God, addressing these issues and many more. (**Found on FORMED**)



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS YARD SALE (PUBLIC INVITED)

On Saturday, June 23rd, from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM the Knights of Columbus will hold a Yard Sale at the Council Hall, 1265 Tower Hill Road, North

Kingstown.

The Hall will be open to receive items between the hours of 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Thursday, June 21st and Friday June 22nd.

We cannot accept TV's, appliances or clothing.



Would you like to develop a deeper understanding of the readings for the Sunday Liturgy? Every **Tuesday evening from 6:30-7:30pm in Fr Greenan Center** we will be using a series called *Opening the Word* to help guide us in unfolding sacred scripture for the upcoming Sunday readings. No registration is required. All are welcome!