

8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 26

5:30pm Special Intention for the
Healing of Eliza Giallongo
Requested by family

Sunday, February 27

8:00am Donald Ford
Requested by friends

10:00am Walter Vachon
Requested by family

12:00pm Mary and Manuel
Caetano

Requested by family

Monday, February 28

7:00am Dominic Coppolino
Requested by family

Tuesday, March 1

7:00am John & Emily Feeny
Req. by Fred & Arlene Robinson

Wednesday, March 2

7:00am Henry Cauchon
Requested by Caroline Salvatore

Thursday, March 3

7:00am Lucy Mello
Requested by Sherry Vieira

Friday, March 4

7:00am Fiorinda Trambukis
Requested by family

Saturday, March 5

5:30pm Special Intention for
Fern and Larry Ferreira

Sunday, March 6

8:00am Sondra Giles
Requested by parish family
10:00am Eugene A. Remington
Req. by Linda & Tara Jane Bessette
12:00pm Vera Conlin
Requested by James Conlin



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 27

10:00am Lynne Kasper
Requested by Ron Ayre

Sunday, March 6

10:00am Linda Guernon
Requested by family



For Your Information

PARISH SUPPORT

Parish Support for February 20th was Budget—\$7,203.50; Ongoing Maintenance—\$2,696. Next weekend's second offering will be the Monthly. Thank you for your continued generosity!

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at St. Francis Church burns for a Special Intention—MM.

FOOD OF THE MONTH

Soup, Cereal, Baked Beans, Macaroni & Cheese and Spaghetti Sauce.

THE NUN-FUND PROJECT

A former student of Fr. Joe's from Mount Saint Mary's University in Emmitsburg, MD, is raising money to reduce her debt so that she can enter religious life. Unlike Diocesan seminarians, candidates for many religious communities must pay off all debts before entering formation. Kayla Garry, who graduated from the Mount last year, has been working since her graduation so that she can enter **The Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matara**, a relatively new community that is rapidly expanding on the East Coast. Take some time to visit her blog and read her story. Please remember Kayla in your prayers as she works toward fulfilling her dream of becoming a religious sister. Visit <http://deepwaterscannotquenchlove.wordpress.com> for more information or call Fr. Joe at the rectory.

POPE JOHN PAUL II TO BE BEATIFIED

Although it came as no surprise to many, the world received with delight the recent news that Pope Benedict XVI will beatify his predecessor, Pope John Paul II, on May 1st in Rome. Pope Benedict XVI indicated that a French nun's recovery from Parkinson's disease was miraculous, the final confirmation needed for beatification. A second miracle is needed for Pope John Paul II to be canonized a saint. As one of the most beloved popes of all time, Pope John Paul II will receive the title "blessed" at the ceremony of beatification. After the beatification, Pope John Paul II can be publicly venerated for his heroic virtue and holiness. As a model witness to his faith, may Pope John Paul II inspire all people to lives of true holiness!

COULD YOU NOT WATCH WITH ME ONE HOUR?

"The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse to meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration NEVER cease."

- Pope John Paul II, *Dominicae Cenae*, No. 3

Eucharistic Adoration is offered EVERY Monday (excluding holidays) immediately following our 7:00am Daily Mass and concluding with Benediction at 12:00NN. Come join us for this beautiful expression of love for Jesus' presence in the Eucharist.

FEBRUARY 27, 2011

A New Pastor - The Process Begins

Early last week every eligible priest in the Diocese of Providence was officially notified of the vacancy that will occur in the pastorate at St. Francis of Assisi Parish come July 1st.

A bishop is seldom alone in the appointment of pastors. Most dioceses in the United States – ours included – have Personnel Boards, a consultative body comprising a representative group of priests who assist him in such matters.

At the Bishop's direction it is the Board that advertises a pastorate when the vacancy becomes known. Any interested priest is entitled to read a parish profile, the most recent report on the state of the parish, the most recent insurance report and a financial summary.

Priests apply for the position in writing. The Board considers the names, evaluates the nominees with reference to the particular assignment, and finally recommends the candidate to the Bishop.

Following his decision, the Bishop communicates the appointment to the priest and an announcement is made in the parish.

In the case of St. Francis of Assisi, with the process beginning now, we believe that the new pastor will not be named until some time in April or even May.

Catholic Charity Fund Appeal

Every spring, an enormous gesture of solidarity called The Catholic Charity Fund Appeal takes place in our diocese. It provides assistance for almost 200,000 people in over 50 agencies serving young and old, homeless and hungry, those ill and deprived. In doing so the Church gives flesh to Jesus' own words: "As long as you did it to one of these ... you did it to me."

2011 is a difficult year, Lord knows! But rising costs *always* affect most those who are struggling in the first place. Because of that, in many ways the needs of the appeal are greater than ever.

This is the 86th year of this mammoth outpouring of love. We ask you to join with thousands of your brothers and sisters in supporting the appeal. It's a social dimension of the church that our ancestors took great pride in, seeing it as one of the concrete ways to be faithful to who they were and to the commandment "Love your neighbor as yourself."

After Communion at Masses next weekend, Brenda Fay from the Office of Advocacy and Community Services will share some thoughts with us about her mission and work with people in our area. Her office is right here at St. Francis of Assisi and we are proud of that.

On the following weekends of March 12th/13th, and 19th/20th, we will conduct in-pew solicitation during the Masses.

The Parish Goal for 2011 is \$104,000

Fr. Nicholas Smith, Pastor

Karen Agostinucci, Co-Chair

Fr. Joseph Upton, Assistant Pastor

Gerri Marsocci, Co-Chair



Religious Education

Grades K-6—Sunday Classes see below.

Wednesday Classes—Grades 3-6 meet from 4-5pm in Father Greenan Center.

Grades 7 & 8—Classes on Wednesday from 7-8:15pm.

Confirmation I & II—Classes on Monday, from 7-8:30pm.

Children's Liturgy of the Word—during the 10am Mass.

This Week

Sunday, February 27

8:50-9:50 Gr. 1 & 2 FGC

10am Children's Liturgy of the Word

10:50-11:50 Gr 3,4 5 FGC

Gr 6 HBH

7:00pm AA (HBH)

Monday, February 28

7-8:30pm Conf. I & II Class (FGC)

Tuesday, March 1

6:30pm RCIA (MCCR)

7:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (loft)

Wednesday, March 2

4-5pm Class Gr 3-6 (FGC)

7-8:15pm Class Gr 7 & 8 (FGC)

Thursday, March 3

7:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (MCCR)

First Friday, March 4

6:30pm Holy Hour w/Adoration led
by Deacon Paul Iacono (church)

ANXIOUS? WORRIED?

TODAY'S GOSPEL: TRUST!

Isn't it interesting that in every single Mass, the celebrant prays: "*Protect us Lord, from all anxiety and grant us peace in our day*"? One of the most repeated prayers in the liturgy is a prayer for deliverance from anxiety! Jesus understood that anxiety is a part of everyone's life, but those with faith deal with anxiety differently from others. In today's gospel, Jesus tells us that being anxious won't add a single moment to our lives! Isn't that easy to say! Jesus didn't have any bills to pay or properties to maintain or families to feed! But Jesus knew something greater than what we grasp. God takes care of his children! We should turn to God for help with everything, even our material needs! God might not answer our prayers in the way we hope or imagine, but he always gives us what we truly need! Often, we worry most about what we can control the *least*! What should we be *most* concerned about? Our eternal salvation! "Seek *first* the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides" (Matt 6:33). What is the best remedy for anxiety? *Hope* in God and *trust* in his promises!

IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH: THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK - SILENCE

Silence can be disturbing ... Wait a minute! Who wouldn't enjoy a few minutes of silence? Well, as appealing as it can seem, for those of us who have become so accustomed to constant noise, silence can be unsettling! It's in the silence that we confront questions and realities that we normally ignore. When silence sets in, things seem to rise to the surface, things we might rather keep down. Mother Teresa once famously remarked, "Silence begets prayer, prayer begets faith, faith begets love, love begets service." The liturgy is punctuated with moments of silence, little glimmers of quiet that are meant to help us raise our hearts and minds to God. Silence can be disturbing, but it can also be transformative! Enter into those moments of silence at Mass and realize that it is God who speaks to us in a still, small voice, only when we're quiet enough to hear him.



Year of Liturgical and Spiritual Renewal

IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH: ETIQUETTE CORNER

Q. *Is it appropriate to use the restroom during Mass?*
A. We all have emergencies! But we should try to use the restroom before or after Mass. This is an especially important habit to form in children and young people. Sometimes "going to the bathroom" is code for "getting up to stretch!" Sitting still can be difficult, but moving around during Mass can be very distracting to the celebrant and to the congregation. If you *must* use the restroom, never get up or exit the church during the Eucharistic Prayer, which is the most sacred part of the Mass.

VOCATION THOUGHT: WHY DO WE NEED PRIESTS?

In today's second reading, Saint Paul asserts boldly, "Thus should one regard us: as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God." The substance of a call to the priesthood is summed up in this rich phrase. The priest is, above all else, a servant of Christ. He does not serve popular opinion, ideologies or trends. He serves Christ above all, and he serves Christ in the people he is called to shepherd. But the priest is also a "steward of the mysteries of God." The supernatural help of God that we call grace keeps our fallen world together. Christ willed, in instituting the ministerial priesthood, that the priest play a special role in communicating grace to the world. The priest does this principally through the celebration of the sacraments, which cleanse us, commission us, heal us, restore us to God's friendship, and feed us unto eternal life. Why do we need priests? Because we need the sacraments! The priest is the steward of these mysteries and his task is great! If you have considered that Christ is calling you to be his servant and a steward of his grace, speak to Fr. Nick or Fr. Joe or visit <http://www.catholicpriest.com>.

DUMB OX BOOK CLUB: FIRST MEETING

The first meeting of our book club will be held next **Sunday, March 6, at 1:00PM** in the rectory (Mary Cummings Conference Room). The text is: *The Dumb Ox* by G.K. Chesterton. This brief, highly readable book will help open your mind to the riches of our Catholic faith, as well as the life and thought of Saint Thomas Aquinas. Copies of the book will be available at the first meeting for only \$10.00. (We would like everyone to have the same version of the book, for the sake of pagination.) All are welcome! No prior knowledge of St. Thomas is required; this is a club for beginners! Sr. Barbara Matazzaro, A.S.C.J., will be leading the book club. Please call Kelli or Caroline at the rectory this week if you plan on attending (783-4411).



A NEW MARIAN GROUP: MILITIA IMMACULATA

The *Militia Immaculata* (MI) was founded by St. Maximillian Kolbe in 1917 and is making its way to St. Francis and St. Romuald! Those who made their Marian consecration in December are helping to form a new group of parishioners devoted to our Blessed Mother. Their task is principally spiritual in nature: the group will come together regularly for prayer and formation. But the MI is also engaged in active works in the parish and in the local community. All are welcome to join! Please come to an informational meeting on **Saturday, March 12 at 2:00PM** in Saint Francis Church. Call Kelli at the rectory if you plan on attending (783-4411)!

OUR FATHER

*You cannot pray the Lord's Prayer
and even once say 'I'.*

*You cannot say the Lord's Prayer
and even once say 'My'.*

*Nor can we pray the Lord's Prayer
and not pray for another;*

*For when you ask for daily bread
you must include your brother.*

*For others are included
in each and every plea;*

*From the beginning to the end,
it does not once say 'Me'.*