

## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, July 11

4:30pm Ruth Sweet

*Requested by Ann and Ollie*

#### Sunday, July 12

8:00am Thu and Chi Thi Anna Tran and  
Thanh John Ha

*Requested by May Tran*

10:00am Olga M. Chmura

*Requested by family*

12:00NN Celebrant's Intention

#### Monday, July 13

7:00am Olga Knznietsova

*Requested by Dan Shea and family*

#### Tuesday, July 14

7:00am Rose Gink

*Requested by family*

#### Wednesday, July 15

7:00am Mass for the People

#### Thursday, July 16

7:00am Edward Holland

*Requested by Anne Cooney*

#### Friday, July 17

7:00am Ronald Nocito, Jr.

*Requested by Posillo family*

#### Saturday, July 18

4:30pm Fred Robinson

*Birthday Remembrance*

#### Sunday, July 19

8:00am William & Mary Apicerno

*Requested by family*

10:00am Susan Hogan

*Requested by family*

12:00NN Mass for the People



### St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, July 11

5:30pm Robert J. McNally

*Requested by family*

#### Sunday, July 12

8:00am Arthur Hornberger

*Requested by Carolyn & Michael Gerity*

10:00am John Finan III

*Requested by Chace family*

#### Saturday, July 18

5:30pm Terrence, Elizabeth & John Simpson

*Requested by family*

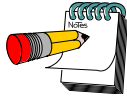
#### Sunday, July 19

8:00am Margaret and James Ferry

*Requested by Dr. Edward Ferry*

10:00am Madeline and Walter Johansen

*Requested by Jude and Bob*



### For Your Information

#### PARISH SUPPORT

Parish support for July 5 was Budget—\$10,958; Monthly—\$3,545. Next weekend's second offering is the Ongoing Maintenance fund offering. Thank you for your continued generosity.

#### SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Fred Robinson.

#### FREE TO A LOVING HOME...

Princess is seeking a caring and loving person or family to adopt. She is a 10 year old healthy energetic canine. She is a beautiful, medium-sized mix breed—one owner—must relocate—won't allow pets. For more information call 401-263-5270.

#### LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

Come see and learn how the Holy Spirit works in our everyday life and can use your gifts and talents. **ST. JAMES CHAPEL**, 2079 Matunuck Schoolhouse Road, Charlestown, RI **THURSDAYS, JULY 16TH – AUGUST 13, 7 - 8:30pm**. Call 401-364-7214 to register.

### VBS 2015: A Radical Ride on the Wings of Prayer



*"Here we go on a Radical Ride.*

*To a world on the other side.*

*Let's ride on the wings of prayer.*

*Letting go what drags us down.*

*Like an eagle that's heaven bound.*

*Let's ride on the wings of prayer.*

*I will open up my heart to the One who sets me free.*

*I will open up my heart come Lord Jesus come."*

We had 16 children attend Vacation Bible School and over 14 teens helped in various capacities. Each day the activities in the program focused on a central theme: *What is prayer? Learning how to pray! Praying through the ups and downs, Putting prayer into action and How to refuel our faith!*) and virtue (*responsibility, trust, respect, zeal and humility*). From snacks and crafts to the music and games, each activity was designed to reinforce the day's teachings and enhance the child's faith learning experience. Thank you to all the teens and adults who helped make VBS such a great success and a special thank you to Susan Williams and Jen Bernard for doing such a great job directing our program!

JULY 12, 2015

## From the Pastor

Pope Francis has been in the news a lot lately. Recently he released his much-anticipated encyclical on care for creation. As his first encyclical, *The Light of Faith*, was basically the work of his predecessor, this new document, *Laudato si'*, is considered the first to come entirely from his own pen. There is not space here to outline the whole work, but perhaps several comments would be permitted. First of all, I'm happy to see that the first words, which form the title of the encyclical, are neither Latin nor modern Italian but the original 13<sup>th</sup> century Umbrian dialect as spoken by St. Francis in his "Canticle of the Creatures." Second, the subtitle of the work is significant: "On Care for our Common Home." Third, the tone, typical of Pope Francis, is undogmatic, calling for discussion and dialogue. Fourth, there are challenges hidden in the work that may not be evident at first glance.

Here is a quotation from an online article about the new encyclical: *Francis reportedly has said that the encyclical was not really an environmental document at all. The warming of the planet is a symptom of a greater problem: that the developed world's indifference to the destruction of the planet as they pursue short-term economic gains. This has resulted in a "throw away" culture in which unwanted items and unwanted people, such as the unborn, the elderly, and the poor, are discarded as waste. This subtext makes the document "more profoundly subversive" than it appears on the surface. The real problem, according to Francis, lies in the fact that humans no longer see God as the Creator. Thus, we see "other living beings as mere objects subjected to arbitrary human domination" and do not realize that the ultimate purpose of other creatures is not found in us.*

The pope is also in the midst of a trip—his eighth outside Italy--to three of the smaller, less news-grabbing countries of South America: Ecuador, Bolivia and Paraguay. His theme in the first of those sites has been the family. "Christ can take even what might seem to us impure, scandalous or threatening, and turn it ... into a miracle. Families today need miracles!" Hmm. I wonder what this portends.

He also used the image of the water turned into wine at the wedding feast of Cana in John's gospel: "Wine is a sign of happiness, love and plenty. How many of our adolescents and young people sense that these are no longer found in their homes? How many women, sad and lonely, wonder when love left, when it slipped away from their lives? How many elderly people feel left out of family celebrations, cast aside and longing each day for a little love?"

Fr. Bodah



## Religious Education

The Religious Education Office is closed for the month of July.



## This Week

### Sunday, July 12

5-8:30pm Confirmation Class (FGC)

### Monday, July 13

7:30am-12nn Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (SF)

5-8:30pm Confirmation Class (FGC)

### Tuesday, July 14

5-8:30pm Confirmation Class (FGC)

### Wednesday, July 15

5-8:30pm Confirmation Class (FGC)

### Thursday, July 16

5-8:30pm Confirmation Class (FGC)

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (JFGC)

7:00pm St. Francis Women's Club Mtg. (FGC)



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 be officially welcomed in the parish bulletin, please let us know you're here. Call the parish office (783-4411) this week.

For those of you who've been attending St. Francis/St. Romuald for a while but just haven't gotten around to registering, why not give the parish office a call this week.

Registration is a quick process that'll take about five minutes over the phone or you can see Father Bodah after Mass to register this weekend.

## Blessing of the Fleet & Vocations Race Team

The Office of Vocations is organizing a race team for the Blessing of the Fleet 10 Mile Road Race on **Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup>**. The team is comprised of priests, seminarians, and lay faithful who will wear team t-shirts that witness to our faith and invite spectators and race participants to *pray for vocations*. If you are interested in joining our team and our cause of promoting vocation awareness in our diocese, please contact Fr. Christopher Murphy at [FatherCJM@gmail.com](mailto:FatherCJM@gmail.com) by **Monday, July 14<sup>th</sup>**. The more runners, the more powerful our witness.

*I press on toward the goal  
for the prize of the heavenly call  
of God in Christ Jesus.  
~ Philippians 3:14*

## Blessing of the Feet Mass

Fr. Christopher Murphy will be celebrating a "**Blessing of the Feet**" Mass before the Blessing of the Fleet Road Race this year. The Mass is open to all race participants, spectators, family and friends and will take place on **Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup> at 3pm** at St. Thomas More Church, 53 Rockland St. Narragansett, R.I.

*Do you not know that in a race  
all the runners run, but only one receives the  
prize? Run in such a way as to win the prize.  
~ 1 Corinthians 9:24*



## Online Giving

Visit our website at:  
**[www.stfranciswakefield.com](http://www.stfranciswakefield.com)**  
to sign up!



## 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.

## CONGRATULATIONS! ...

*Dear Father Bodah,*

*I would like to congratulate you and your parish community for surpassing your goal for the 2015 Catholic Charity Appeal. Please accept my gratitude for your outstanding leadership, hard work and dedicated efforts to ensure a successful Appeal effort in your parish.*

*This year we celebrate our 90th Anniversary of sharing God's love with others. Each year, the Catholic Charity Appeal helps tens of thousands of Rhode Islanders who have nowhere else to turn. On behalf of all those whose lives have been changed for the better, please extend my sincere thanks to your lay leadership and parishioners for making the Appeal such a great success.*

*... Be assured that you will remain in my prayers asking the Lord to continue to bless you and your parish community.*

*In gratitude for your faithful service to the people of God in the Diocese of Providence, I am*

*Sincerely yours,  
(signed) +Thomas J. Tobin  
Bishop of Providence*