

## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### Mass Intentions

**Saturday, July 23**

4:30pm Lee Mainelli  
*Requested by family*

**Sunday, July 24**

9:00am John McLoughlin  
*Requested by family*

11:00am Everett Colerick  
*Requested by Winnie*

**Monday, July 25**

7:00am Jean Dwyer  
*Requested by friend of the family*

**Tuesday, July 26**

7:00am Sonny and Betty Goodwin  
*Requested by Kathy Cawley*

**Wednesday, July 27**

7:00am Rev. Edward M. Raftery  
*4th Pastor ~ 96th Anniversary*

**Thursday, July 28**

7:00am Mass for the people

**Friday, July 29**

7:00am David Bates  
*Requested by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Soltysiak*

**Saturday, July 30**

4:30pm Jose, Joao, Maria and Manuel  
Amaral ~ *Requested by family*

**Sunday, July 31**

9:00am For all those discerning a call to  
the priesthood and religious life

11:00am Robert, Jerald and Joan Roque  
*Requested by family*



### St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

**Saturday, July 23**

5:30pm Brian Fay  
*Requested by family*

**Sunday, July 24**

8:00am Margaret and James Ferry  
*Requested by Dr. Edward Ferry*

10:00am Dorothy Maddren  
*Requested by Kathleen Dwyer*

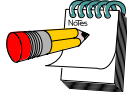
**Saturday, July 30**

5:30pm Michael Cooney  
*Birthday Remembrance*

**Sunday, July 31**

8:00am John Estes  
*Requested by family*

10:00am Madeline and Walter Johansen &  
Bob Alarie  
*Requested by Jude*



### For Your Information

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

The sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Eleanor Gadrow.

**SAVE THE DATE...** of July 30th for learning of the Moynihan family's life in Haiti.

**ST. FRANCIS CEMETERY**

Interested in purchasing a cemetery plot? Please call Carol McDole at 782-2711.

**TENT REVIVAL**

St. Mary's Parish will once again be sponsoring a tent revival July 25, 26, 27 from 6pm to 8pm at St. James Chapel, 2079 Matunuck Schoolhouse Road, Charlestown. Fr. John Campoli will be the speaker for the revival. He will conduct a Healing Mass on Wednesday night. The music for the revival we be done by the Christian group "Brethren." All are invited to attend.

**SUMMER CONFIRMATION CLASSES**

*Summer Session Two*: Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup> – Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup> from 5-8:30pm.

**FOODS FOR THE SUMMER**

The food needs at the local pantry for the summer are: jelly, jams, peanut butter, healthy snacks, juice boxes, cereal and pancake mix, tuna, canned chicken, mac & cheese. Please drop off your donations in one of the collection bins at the entrances of the church and chapel. Thank you for remembering our neighbors in need!

**AN EYE ON THE SAINTS**

This week some pretty big hitters come up on the Church's calendar of feast days: Saint James (July 25th), Saints Joachim and Anne (parents of the Blessed Mother on July 26th) and Saint Martha who we'll focus on today.

July 29th is Saint Martha's feast day. She, as you recall is, the sister in the gospels who busied herself preparing a meal while her sister Mary 'chose the better part' and sat at the feet of Jesus. How many of us have felt like Saint Martha at some time or other? Poor, Martha! She got a bad rap as a complainer but Martha is also the sister who professed her great faith in Jesus before the raising of her brother Lazarus from the dead. Jesus told her, 'I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world' (John 11:25-27).

With Martha, may we refrain from busying ourselves with matters that pull us away from Jesus. Let us choose the better part and take time to sit with Jesus so that He can love us into being and becoming the creations He calls us to be. **St. Martha, pray for us!**

JULY 24, 2016

## From the Pastor

We know by faith that the death of Christ on the cross was the atonement for all sin. The perfect obedience of Jesus “unto death” was accepted by the Father as undoing the disobedience of the rest of us.

That death happened once and cannot and need not be repeated, nevertheless can be made present to us again and again whenever the Eucharist is celebrated. Moreover, according to a custom going back to the early centuries, the Mass can be offered for the eternal salvation of individuals. This is the origin of the funeral Mass and of the custom of having Masses offered for the dead. It is also as way of remembering with affection those who have gone before us and celebrating their memories in the context of common worship.

Several times since returning to parish ministry I have been called to bring the last rites of the Church to a dying parishioner and then have waited in vain for the funeral to be booked. It is a sad fact that nowadays some Catholics who loved their faith and attended Mass faithfully, die and receive no funeral, nor is their memory recalled at the altar of the Lord.

So we have begun a Perpetual Mass Association here at St. Francis parish. People can leave a legacy in their wills to participate in this association and the Mass will be offered every month for the repose of their souls.

The diocese has set a minimum of \$10,000 before a foundation such as this can be established. We have already received half of that sum. If you are interested in being part of this association, please call the rectory for more information.

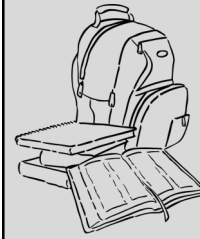
“May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.”

*Fr. Bodah*



**"And I tell you, ask and you will receive;  
seek and you will find;  
knock and the door will be opened to you.  
For everyone who asks, receives;  
and the one who seeks, finds;  
and to the one who knocks, the door will be  
opened.**

What father among you would hand his son a snake  
when he asks for a fish?  
Or hand him a scorpion when he asks for an egg?  
If you then, who are wicked,  
know how to give good gifts to your children,  
**how much more will the Father in heaven  
give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"**



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



## This Week

**Monday, July 25**

7:30am—12nn Adoration (church)

**Thursday, July 28**

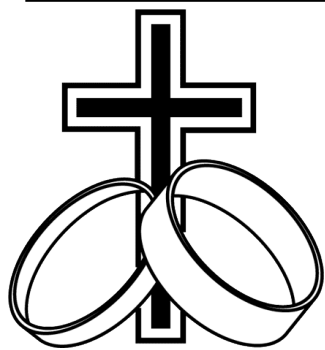
7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (↓FGC)

## SUMMER PROGRAM AT NORTHEAST CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Room is still available for the Summer Program at Northeast Catholic College in Warner, NH! The Collegiate Summer Program offers participants the opportunity to study theology, philosophy, literature and political science. During the summer program, students also attend daily Mass and enjoy sports, socials and day trips including hiking and canoeing. The program is for students who will be entering their sophomore, junior or senior year of high school in the fall of 2016. It is also open to students who have just graduated high school. The Collegiate Summer Program is a two-week session that runs from Sunday, July 24 – Saturday, August 6, 2016. Register today at [www.NortheastCatholic.edu](http://www.NortheastCatholic.edu)! For more information, contact the admissions office at:  
[admissions@northeastcatholic.edu](mailto:admissions@northeastcatholic.edu)  
or 603.456.2656.

# Welcome to our Church

We are glad to have you here worshipping with us. If you're new to the area and have been thinking about registering, please see Fr. Bodah after Mass or call the parish office during the week at 783-4411.



## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Office of Marriage Preparation & Enrichment is sponsoring their 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 2016.

The celebration will be held on Sunday, September 25th, 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 26th.

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.

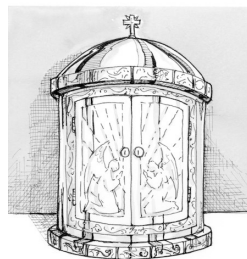
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**[www.stfranciswakefield.com](http://www.stfranciswakefield.com)**  
to sign up!



## THE VISITATION PROGRAM

We are currently making home visits to a few parish households; but we're hoping many more will respond to the need for parish visitors. If you're interested in bearing Christ to others while at the same time being the eyes and ears of Fr. Bodah assessing the pastoral needs of those we visit, call the rectory 783-4411.

Please remember our parish community's outreach and call us to visit those who are unable to attend Mass because of advanced age, handicaps or illness. We'll be happy to visit!



A Eucharistic holy hour for the intentions of *The Visitation Program* and all those being visited will be held on the First Friday of the month at 4pm at St. Francis Church beginning in September.

This holy hour will be an hour of silence specifically for the intentions of the ministry. If you'd like to join us and unite your prayers with ours, you are most welcome. The parish office will also be accepting prayer intentions by phone. Your intentions will be written in an intention book and prayed for daily by all those involved in this very special ministry. On the First Friday of the month (beginning September 2), we will have the intention book present during our holy hour and ask you to lift all those intentions up in prayer.

As we encourage our friends to step out of their own lives and enter into the life of the Church, offering up their prayers and sufferings in union with Christ's sufferings - for the Church and for our parish - we also invite you to step out of your lives and do the same. Please pray daily for the Church, our priests and religious, and specifically for our parish ... for those who are worshipping with us and those who no longer are.

Thank you for your prayerful support of this special ministry.