

## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, July 26

4:30pm Dorothy & John Maloney  
*Requested by son Jack*

#### Sunday, July 27

8:00am Mass for the People  
10:00am Rev. Edward M. Raftery  
*4th Pastor—94th Anniversary*  
12:00NN Joanne Menard Cline Shea  
*Requested by family*

#### Monday, July 28

7:00am Michael Cooney  
*Requested by Concetta Wilson*

#### Tuesday, July 29

7:00am Michael Cooney  
*Requested by St. Francis Women's Club*

#### Wednesday, July 30

7:00am Michael Cooney  
*Requested by Anne Cooney*

#### Thursday, July 31

7:00am Special Intention for students of the  
School of Spirituality, Clearwater, FL

#### Friday, August 1

7:00am Michael Cooney  
*Requested by Maria Posillo*

#### Saturday, August 2

4:30pm James Sweet  
*Requested by family*

#### Sunday, August 3

8:00am Rosemary Walsh  
*Requested by Kathleen and Jeff*  
10:00am Kerri Bessette  
*Requested by Mom, Dad and Scott*  
12:00NN Mass for the People



### St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, July 26

5:30pm Margaret & James Ferry  
*Requested by Dr. Edward Ferry*

#### Sunday, July 27

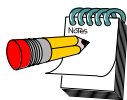
8:00am Young/Geisel families  
*Requested by Mary C. Young*  
10:00am Kay & Michael Fahey  
*Requested by a friend*

#### Saturday, August 2

5:30pm Mary Carpenter  
*Requested by Friends from Matunuck*

#### Sunday, August 3

8:00am Craig Michael Bento, James &  
Mary O'Rourke—*Requested by family*  
10:00am Jeanne Dorie Marvin  
*Requested by Kathleen Dwyer*



### For Your Information

#### SANCTUARY LAMPS

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Eugene Costanza. The sanctuary lamp at St. Romuald Chapel burns in memory of Jack Monahan, Monica Gunter, Anthony Ferreira, Mavis Phelan, Karen Davis, Louise Beaulieu, Edward Schmidt, Harold Titcomb, Mary McGuire and Irving Mason.

#### FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

During the summer months we are looking for donations of tuna and other canned meats, lunch snacks, pancake/Bisquick mix, and laundry detergent. Thank you for your continued generosity.

#### SPECIAL HOLY HOUR

Join us for an hour of Eucharistic Adoration as we praise, honor and glorify the Lord on the Feast of the Transfiguration on Wednesday, August 6th at 7pm in St. Francis Church. The holy hour will be led by Father Joseph Upton with music by our teen ensemble, Praise!

#### DIVINE MERCY CENACLE

Divine Mercy Cenacle meets tomorrow (Monday) from 1-3pm at Saint Romuald Chapel and every 2nd and 4th Thursday from 7-8:30pm at St. Rom's. All are welcome. Come and find out what it's all about.

#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Our next Taize prayer service will be held in St. Francis Church on Monday, August 18 at 7PM. The Taize musical ensemble is growing and we are looking forward to featuring a violinist for the first time! We hope you can join us!

### PARISH SUPPORT— July 20th

<u>Weekly Support</u>		<u>July 20th</u>
Budget envelopes used (321)	-	\$5,939.00
Loose Donations	-	\$2,589.00
Online Giving (# of donors 44)	-	\$ 942.00
<b>Total Budget</b>	-	<b>\$9,470.00</b>
 <u>Ongoing Maintenance</u>		
Envelopes used (212)	-	\$ 1,950.50
Other Donations	-	\$ 972.00
<b>Total Ongoing Maintenance</b>	-	<b>\$2,922.50</b>

Next weekend's second offering will be the annual Peter's Pence offering for works of the Holy Father. Thank you for your continued generosity.

**JULY 27, 2014**

## **The Lord God opens my ear that I may hear ...**

In 1936, a young Jewish boy named Aaron found a hiding place in his home where his parents kept a key. It was the key to a locked bookcase near the piano in his living room. And being an avid reader, and because he slept in the living room each night, he began to secretly read the books. His parents were Jewish by birth and proud of their heritage. But they had no particular religious beliefs. For some reason, though, they had a copy of a Christian Bible in their bookcase — and Aaron began to read it.

Many years later, Aaron wrote that:

“What particularly impressed me was that there was a continuity between what is called the ‘Old Testament’ and the New one. From that time on, the reading of the New Testament took a place in my Jewish consciousness. For me, it dealt with the same spiritual subject, the same benediction, the same stakes — the salvation of men, the love of God, the knowledge of God . . .

“[I saw immediately that] Christianity is the fruit of Judaism . . . I believed in Christ, the Messiah of Israel . . . And I knew that Jesus is the Messiah, the Christ of God.”

In 1940, against the will of his parents and without any coercion — or even an invitation — from his Christian friends, Aaron presented himself for baptism. And, like Isaiah, he never rebelled and never turned back. He persevered in his love for Jesus Christ despite the Holocaust; despite the anti-Semitism of people who called themselves “Christian” but didn’t know the Gospel; and even despite the murder of his own mother at Auschwitz.

The hunger for God he found locked in that bookcase led him from the written word to the Word made flesh; from baptism to seminary to priesthood, and to the miracle of holding the body and blood of the Living God in his hands in the Eucharist — the body of Jesus Christ, which redeems the world and feeds God’s people.

That young Jewish boy who after opening that Bible and hearing the Word of God, and after encountering God’s Word incarnate in the Eucharist, was the late Jean-Marie Aaron Lustiger . . . the former cardinal archbishop of Paris, and one of the great witnesses of our Catholic faith in our lifetime.

### **JOB OPENING**

**Position: Sexton**

A full-time Facility Maintenance position is available for St. Thomas More and St. Veronica Chapel. For job description and more details please contact Fr. Taillon at 789-7682.



## **This Week**

**Sunday, July 27**

7:00pm AA (HBH)

**Monday, July 28**

6:30 Summer Book Club (FGH)

**Wednesday, July 30**

6:30-8pm Praise! Rehearsal (HBH)

### **REMINDER!**

All parish offices close at 12Noon on Friday from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

### **CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL**

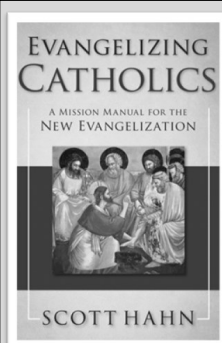
To date, we’ve raised \$101,358 toward our parish goal of \$103,070. Thank you for your prayerful support.



### **MANY, MANY THANKS!**

A word of special thanks to all those who helped prepare for, or participate in, the recent "Twilight Taize by the Sea" at St. Romuald Chapel. Thanks are due especially to Karen Graham and the members of the chapel choir, to the readers, and to Bill Harding. If you enjoyed that evening of prayer and song, be sure to mark your calendars for our next Taize event. It will be held on Monday, August 18, at 7PM in St. Francis Church. All are welcome!





## SUMMER BOOK CLUB: EVANGELIZING CATHOLICS

Our summer book club continues tomorrow night, July 28, at 6:30PM at Father Greenan Hall. Participants should have read "Part Two: Models and Methods for the New Evangelization." Please have read pages 61-118. And for next week's final meeting, "Part Three: The Content of the New Evangelization," please have read pages 119-168. See you tomorrow!

### *A Special Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration for the Feast of the Transfiguration*

*"And he was transfigured before them;  
his face shone like the sun ..." ~ Mt 17:2*



***Wednesday, August 6th, 2014  
at 7pm ~ St. Francis of Assisi***

*Led by Father Joseph Upton  
with music by our teen ensemble, Praise!*

***"Lord, it is good that we are here."***

*Let us join together for an evening of  
praise, honor and glory to the Lord!*

Be sure to visit us at:  
**<http://stfranciswakefield.com> or  
[http://facebook.com/  
stfranciswakefield](http://facebook.com/stfranciswakefield)**

## Mark your calendars! Restore Life ... Donate Blood!



The parish will be hosting  
dual BLOOD DRIVES on  
**Sunday, August 17th**

9-1:00pm at St. Francis

9-11:00am at St. Romuald

Please plan on turning out for one of these  
blood drives. You could be helping to save a  
life!



### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Diocese of Providence cordially invites you and your spouse to celebrate your 25th, 40th, 50th or OVER Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, September 21st 2014 at 1:00pm at the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul, Providence, RI. The 2014 Wedding Anniversary Celebration includes: Mass, renewal of wedding vows, a personalized certificate and a reception for the couples and their families. Bishop Thomas J. Tobin will be the main celebrant. All registration forms must be turned into the parish office by August 20th in order to have the names of those participating printed in the Mass Booklet. For more information or to sign up for the celebration, please contact Kelli in the main office (783-4411).