

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions

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

Monday, August 1

7:00am Mass for the people

Tuesday, August 2

7:00am Rosemary Walsh
Requested by Kathleen and Jeff Carney

Wednesday, August 3

7:00am Special Intention

Thursday, August 4

7:00am Special Intention
Requested by Kathleen Carney

Friday, August 5

7:00am Rita and Tom O'Rourke and
Warren Behie
Requested by family

Saturday, August 6

4:30pm James Sweet
Requested by family

Sunday, August 7

9:00am Kerri Bessette
Requested by Mom, Dad and Scott
11:00am James Dware & John "Jack" Cain
Requested by Barbara Potter



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 30

5:30pm Michael Cooney
Birthday Remembrance

Sunday, July 31

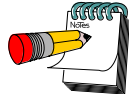
8:00am John Estes
Requested by family
10:00am Madeline and Walter Johansen &
Bob Alarie
Requested by Jude

Saturday, August 6

5:30pm Craig Bento, James and
Mary O'Rourke
Requested by family

Sunday, August 7

8:00am Robert & Mary Cochrane
Requested by Gerri and Al Marsocci
10:00am Michael Maggiacomo
Requested by Mary Ellen Maggiacomo



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

The sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns for a special intention.

THE BETTER PART PROGRAM

In Luke 10:41- 42, Martha rushes to provide entertainment for Christ, while Mary listens. Sitting at Christ's feet signifies readiness to receive Christ's word and willingness to submit to the guidance of it. That is "the better part". Come spend an evening listening to empowering lectures with fellow parishioners and guest speakers as St. Francis Parish hosts The Better Part Program. Series' speakers and dates to follow.

SAINT CLARE'S COOPERATIVE

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Let's create an inexpensive and simple alternative to home babysitting. Together we provide supervised play in the kid-friendly Father Greenan Center and enjoy a parent-provided snack. Both the supervision and the snacks are provided by the families involved. This service would be for potty-trained children ages 3-12 years twice a month. We'll provide a simple meal and appropriate activities for children, while parents have some time off to go out on a date, catch a movie, hang out with friends, run errands, etc. Four hours of fun for your kids! This includes a movie, diverse activities, dance party and pizza for dinner! We can accomplish this together! Please call Christina Moynihan at 783-4411, ext. 14 or email christinam.stfrancis@gmail.com.

PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (270)	-	July 17th \$ 6,776.50
Loose Donations	-	\$ 2,201.00
Online Giving (# of donors -58)	-	<u>\$ 1,448.50</u>
Total Budget	-	\$10,426.00

Ongoing Maintenance

Envelopes used (170)	-	July 17th \$ 2,037.50
Other Donations	-	\$ 883.00
Total Ongoing Maintenance-		\$2,920.50

Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (251)	-	July 24th \$ 6,605.50
Loose Donations	-	\$ 2,590.00
Online Giving (# of donors -56)	-	<u>\$ 1,533.50</u>
Total Budget	-	\$10,729.00

Next weekend's second offering will be the Peter's Pence offering for the Holy Father's intentions.
As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

JULY 31, 2016

From the Pastor

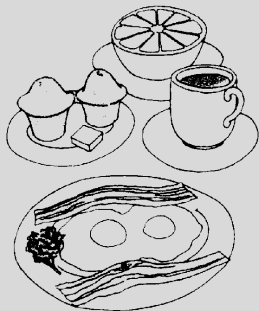
Many citizens vote on single issues. When I was at Brown, I met any number of people who would vote for any politician who supported gay marriage. Similarly, many pious Catholics who recognize that abortion is one of the most troubling issues of our time, will vote for any candidate who declares himself opposed to abortion.

It is not my place to tell anyone how to vote. It is my place, however, and my duty to state the position of the Catholic Church. I made up my mind when I was in the seminary that I would neither be unfaithful to the teachings of the Church *nor go beyond what the Church teaches* so as not to place burdens on people that the Church does not expect them to bear. Many people will not find this very satisfying since the Church's teachings are always quite nuanced and many people want to know only whose side you're on.

Several years ago, the Holy See was asked whether Catholics must always vote for the candidate who is "pro-life." Cardinal Ratzinger, who later became Pope Benedict XVI and whose orthodoxy I think we can trust, answered that a Catholic is free to vote for "pro-choice" candidates if 1) that's not the reason one is voting for them and if 2) on other issues they better reflect the Church's teachings than their opponents.

So, let each of us vote according to our conscience, informed by Catholic faith, and be very reluctant to excommunicate those who honestly may see it differently, especially if we're tempted to be "more Catholic than the pope."

Fr. Bodah



End-of-Summer Breakfast at the Community Field House, Matunuck

Sunday, August 21st
**WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH
SETUP AND CLEANUP!**

We also need:

Pick-up trucks - Servers - Pastry donations

Please join us at our organizational meeting on Thursday, August 4th at 7:00PM at the Matunuck Community Field House. If you would like to help but are unable to attend, please contact Gerri Marsocci at 783-2369 or Ellen Schwab at 789-7707.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

will begin on **Sunday, September 18th** for Grades K-6 and **Wednesday, September 21st** for Grades 7&8 and those students already enrolled in Wednesday classes for Grades 3-6. Those families new to the parish and families with children entering First Grade must register. Catholic school students in grade 2 must register for First Holy Communion class. Students currently enrolled in the program are automatically promoted to the next grade and do not need to register again. Registration forms may be found at the entrances to the church. Please note: 9th and 10th grade Confirmation classes were held in July.



This Week

Monday, August 1

7:30am—12nn Adoration (church)

Thursday, August 4

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (↓FGC)

7:00pm Matunuck Breakfast

planning meeting at the Community Field House, Matunuck Beach Rd

First Friday, August 5

10:00am-12:00nn—Fr. Bodah will make his monthly pastoral visits

6-10:00pm Marriage Prep Class in Father Greenan Center* —

**Pre-registration through the diocesan office of marriage prep required to attend*

Saturday, August 6

8:00am—3:00pm Marriage Prep Class in Father Greenan Center*

**Pre-registration required*



BOSTON RED SOX FANS:

Sandor Kopitz, the “inside sales representative” for Fenway Park, has invited us to the Baltimore Orioles game on September 12th at 7:10p.m. The tickets are as follows:
Bleachers-\$22/Grandstand-\$23/
Pavilion Reserved- \$61

Please contact Sandor Kopitz at skopitz@redsox.com if you are interested.

FAMILY MASS:

On August 20th at 4:30p.m., we will have our next Family Mass. The Family Gathering immediately following will celebrate “Family Olympics.” In commemoration of the closing of the Brazilian Summer Olympics, St. Francis families will have a chance to compete in our events. Prizes and rewards will be given. See you there!



AFFAIRS OF THE ART:

Is your free time spent in creating things, focusing on your hobby? Are you an avid stamp collector? Do you paint watercolors or acrylics in your free time? Is flora your passion? Can you fold paper into swans? Our St. Francis Parish asks all impassioned parishioners to share their



talents, work, crafts, and hobbies with our community. We, also, hope you are willing to teach classes about them.

Look for Diane Costanza to teach us how to paint wine glasses in November.

Please call Christina Moynihan at 783-4411, etc. 14.



ICE CREAM SOCIAL SUCCESS

On July 23rd, parishioners were cooled down by the cold and creamy confectionery of Sweet Spot ice cream and embellishments. You can enjoy their goods in Galilee. Thank you to the Newcomb Family for donating and creating the enjoyable and delicious ambiance!

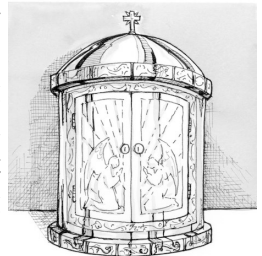


THE VISITATION PROGRAM

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.