## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 2 4:30pm Norman E. Raymond *Requested by wife and family* Sunday, July 3 9:00am Cecelia and William Driscoll *Requested by family* 11:00am Antoinette Scopa *Requested by parish family* Monday, July 4 7:00am Walter DiPrete *Requested by wife* Tuesday, July 5 7:00am Mass for the people Wednesday, July 6 7:00am Timothy Murphy *Requested by Gallant family* Thursday, July 7 7:00am Celebrant's Intention Friday, July 8 7:00am Rita and Tom O'Rourke and Warren Behie *Requested by family* Saturday, July 9 4:30pm Dagmar Pucella Pignataro *Requested by family* Sunday, July 10 9:00am Olga M. Chmura Requested by family 11:00am Joan Fortin Requested by Paul and Sandy DeFranco



### St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 2 5:30pm John, Mike, Bob, Pat and Ed Cooney Requested by Anne Cooney Sunday, July 3 8:00am Elaine Martino *Requested by Jane Estes & family* 10:00am Steven Schmidt Requested by Regina and John Blair Saturday, July 9 5:30pm Alice Pyne 10th Anniversary Sunday, July 10 8:00am John Estes Requested by family 10:00am Mary Bielski Requested by Kathleen Dwyer



# For Your Information

### SANCTUARY LAMP

The sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Joan Fortin.

### WELCOME BACK!

It's a pleasure for us to welcome visiting Catholics back to beautiful South County for the summer of 2016. If you're new here, please accept our invitation to become part of our family and worship with us weekly. The summer schedule, running from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend, is:

Saturday, 4:30pm; Sunday, 9:00am & 11:00am at St. Francis Saturday, 5:30pm; Sunday, 8:00am & 10:00am at St. Romuald We're glad you're with us. We hope your time here will be relaxing, safe, refreshing and renewing for you and your whole family. Enjoy!

### GATEKEEPER NEEDED

St. Francis Cemetery gatekeeper needed for closing the cemetery on Sunday evenings. If interested, please call Carol McDole (782-2711). Thank you.

#### FOODS OF THE MONTH

The foods of the month throughout 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!

#### **REMINDER ... FAMILY MASS DATES:**

- July 23 at 4:30pm; practice at 4:00pm; family gathering at 5:30pm
- <u>August 20 at 4:30pm</u>; practice at 4:00pm; family gathering at 5:30pm

Parents, mark your calendars and plan on joining us for these special family Masses.

**SUMMER HOURS** ... The parish office closes at 12:00nn on Friday from Memorial Day through Labor Day. The Religious Education Office is closed for the month of July.

### PARISH SUPPORT

<u>Weekly Support</u>		<u>]une 26th</u>
Budget envelopes used (245)	-	\$ 7,265.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 2,011.00
Online Giving $(# of donors -58)$	-	<u>\$ 1,508.50</u>
Total Budget	-	\$10,784.50

This weekend's second offering will be the Monthly offering for July.

#### DID YOU KNOW?...

That this fiscal year's oil and gas bills for the rectory, church and chapel came to \$13,070? ... that's above the \$14,000 reported last week for our parish center, Fr. Greenan Hall. That's \$27,000 to heat our buildings. Last year it cost more than \$35,000 combined for heat.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

## JULY 3, 2016

## An Independence Day Prayer

We pray you, O God of might, wisdom, and justice, through whom authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted, and judgment decreed, assist with your Holy Spirit of counsel and fortitude the President of these United States, that his administration may be conducted in righteousness, and be eminently useful to your people, over whom he presides; by encouraging due respect for virtue and religion; by a faithful execution of the laws in justice and mercy; and by restraining vice and immorality. Let the light of your divine wisdom direct the deliberations of Congress, and shine forth in all the proceedings and laws framed for our rule and government, so that they may tend to the preservation of peace, the promotion of national happiness, the increase of industry, sobriety, and useful knowledge; and may perpetuate to us the blessing of equal liberty.

We pray for the governor of this state, for the members of the assembly, for all judges, magistrates, and other officers who are appointed to guard our political welfare, that they may be enabled, by your powerful protection, to discharge the duties of their respective stations with honesty and ability.

We recommend likewise, to your unbounded mercy, all our brethren and fellow citizens throughout the United States, that they may be blessed in the knowledge and sanctified in the observance of your most holy law; that they may be preserved in union, and in that peace which the world cannot give; and after enjoying the blessings of this life, be admitted to those which are eternal.

Grant this, we beseech you, O Lord of mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

~ ARCHBISHOP JOHN CARROLL

Archbishop Carroll (#1815) was a priest for the Society of Jesus, and the first bishop of the United States.



### THE VISITATION PROGRAM

Soon, we'll begin training for parish volunteers interested in visiting homebound parishioners for up to one hour per month. The person being visited will let us know what kind of visit they're interested in and we'll schedule the visits according to the need.

If this touches your heart and you'd like to get involved with this very special ministry as a St. Francis friend, call the parish office at the number below and talk with Kelli or Christina. We are also

in need of pray-ers. We'll be offering a monthly Eucharistic holy hour for this special ministry and are looking for adorers to offer up their holy hour for our intentions.

Mark your calendars and plan on joining us for training on Wednesday, July 13th at 6:30pm in the office conference room.

We are currently making home visits to a few parish households; but we're hoping many more will respond to the need for visitors, called St. Francis friends. Join us for training to bring the presence of Christ to others while at the same time being the eyes and ears of Fr. Bodah assessing the pastoral needs of our loved ones who are no longer able to join us at Mass. Remember, we're here for you and your loved ones. You are not alone! 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! Call the rectory: 783-4411.



# **This Week**

### Monday, July 4



Parish office closed. Have a happy and safe 4th

of July with your family and friends! There will be no adoration on Monday due to the holiday.

### Wednesday, July 6

7pm Steubenville East Youth Mtg For attendees & chaperones (FGC)

Thursday, July 7

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph ( $\downarrow$ FGC)



# The Religious Education **Office** will

be closed

for the month of July.

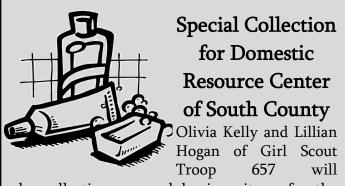
## VACATION

Father Bodah will be taking this week off. He will be back on Saturday, July 9th. Have a relaxing week, Father!



# **ST. FRANCIS** CEMETERY

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



be collecting personal hygiene items for the Domestic Resource Center of South County at St. Francis Masses on July 3rd and July 10th. Items needed are diapers, baby wipes, liquid or bar soap, toilet paper, and bath & hand towels. The box for collection will be by the door if you would like to donate. Thank you for your support.



Beginning THURSDAY, JULY 14 LIFE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

SEMINARS at St. Thomas More Parish, Narragansett from 6:30pm to 8:30pm

All are welcome to attend the seminars even if you have attended them in the past. There is always something new to learn.

We will learn how the fullness of the HOLY SPIRIT works in our everyday life.

Please call 364-7214 to register or call if you have any questions.



# VBS 2016!!



### **CHAMPIONS FOR CHRIST!**

Jesus You're the one, who's gonna help me win this race. Jesus You're the one, who's gonna bring me to that place. Through the Heavenly gates. Through the Heavenly gates. I've got the playbook, all I have to do is look And live what the words are saying. Surrounded by a great cloud, Saints cheering so loud. Give it all you've got. Champion for Christ, Training to be a Champion for Christ!

We had 28 children training to be a "Champion for Christ" at Vacation Bible School and over 17 youth Grade 5 and above helped as Station Leaders and/or assistants and as group leaders.

Each day the activities in the program focused on a central theme: Day 1: *The Game Plan* Day 2: *Know the Rules,* Day 3: *Game On and Day 4: Victory!* 

The virtues for the week were: Excellence, Prudence, Fortitude, Temperance and Justice. 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. Each camper received a backpack, a cd with all the music from VBS, and a daily craft.

Thank you to all the adults and teens; Mr. Wholey, Mrs. McGill, Mrs. Degnan, Mrs. Rudegeair, Jason Duckworth, Eileen Byrne, Evan Schuller, Simone Cooper, Michael Duckworth, Clare Fox, Bridget Clossick, Sam Williams, Patrick Clossick, Christian Currie, Marin McQuarrie, Nate Williams, Jillian McConnell, Elizabeth Hopkins, Megan Williams, Ari Ford, Olivia Diebold, Nina Byrne, Emma Bondy-Divine and Megan Bodziony who gave of their time and talent and helped make VBS a great success and a special thank you to Mrs. Susan Williams and Mrs. Jen Bernard for doing such an awesome job directing our program!

Now Remember: Every day is game day!



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.