

PENTECOST SUNDAY



Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 11

5:30pm Feeny-Robinson Families

Requested by families

Sunday, June 12

8:00am John Earley

Requested by Maria Earley

10:00am James Denbow

Requested by family

12:00NN Madelyn Rhodes

Requested by The Riccio family

Monday, June 13

7:00am Dolores Josephson

Requested by friend

Tuesday, June 14

7:00am Lillian Daigle

Requested by family

Wednesday, June 15

7:00am Special Intention

Requested by Kathleen Carney

Thursday, June 16

7:00am Steven Daigle

Requested by family

Friday, June 17

7:00am Michael Posillo

Requested by family

Saturday, June 18

5:30pm Robert C. Wilson

Requested by Concetta

Sunday, June 19

8:00am David Halsey

Requested by Kimberly Dias

10:00am Joseph Racca

Requested by family

12:00NN Walter Vachon

Requested by family



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 11

5:30pm Thomas & Edward McLaughlin

Requested by family

Sunday, June 12

8:00am Agnes M. Young

Requested by Mary C. Young

10:00am Nina and Lewis Argondizzo

Requested by Kathleen Dwyer

Saturday, June 18

5:30pm John Simpson & Anna George

Requested by Renny and family

Sunday, June 19

8:00am John Carpinelli

Requested by family

10:00am Michael and Kay Fahey

Requested by a friend



For Your Information

PARISH SUPPORT for June 5th was Budget—\$9,009; Monthly—\$3,476. This weekend's second offering is the Catholic Communications Campaign Offering. Next weekend's second offering—Ongoing Maintenance. Thank you for your continued generosity!

SANCTUARY LAMPS

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Rosie Walsh. The sanctuary lamp at St. Romuald Chapel burns in memory of Fern Ferreira.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish office will close at 12:30 PM on Fridays during the months of June, July and August.

CATHOLIC CHARITY FUND APPEAL

Where we stand: Received: \$89,694 Goal: \$104,000. Thank you for your continued generosity.

DID YOU KNOW ... that the Recitation of the Most Holy Rosary takes place here every weekday morning at 6:20am? Won't you consider joining us?

BORN INTO GOD'S FAMILY

Congratulations to the proud parents and godparents of Ava Rose Catanach, Aiden Michael Garofola, Liam John Neary and Cole Anthony Rosen who were baptized recently at St. Francis of Assisi Church. Your parish family rejoices with you!

YOU ARE INVITED: THE FEAST OF SAINT ROMUALD

The feast of Saint Romuald, the patron of our parish chapel, is June 19. Because June 19 falls on a Sunday this year, we will observe the feast of Saint Romuald on Saturday, June 18. Please join us at Saint Romuald Chapel on Saturday, June 18, for the Celebration of Mass at 10:00AM. This Mass will celebrate the life and legacy of this fascinating saint from the 11th century! Coffee an' will follow. If you've never visited our beach-side chapel, consider making this event your first time! Please join us and bring a friend!

PRAISE! TONIGHT!

Our parish youth ensemble PRAISE will provide the music for a Eucharistic Holy Hour **TONIGHT** in St. Francis Church at 7:00PM. Be there! This will be the last Holy Hour before the summer. Our parish youth work so hard and give so freely of their time to help us raise our voices to God in song. Please join us on this special Pentecost Day for an hour of uplifting and reverent prayer and song. We are truly blessed to have a group such as this in our parish, under the capable direction of Mimi Battey and with indispensable help from Bill Craig, Mark Castro, and Rick Bicknell. Come and see what they've been up to!

JUNE 12, 2011

I believe in the Holy Spirit ...

When Colonel Charles Lindberg flew the Atlantic alone in 1927, he called his machine "The Spirit of St. Louis." We know why too! He was not referring to the wood or metal that comprised his precarious craft. What made the flight possible was not the machine but the man. And what stirred the man to risk his life over gray and hostile waters was some deep impulse, strong and compelling; something passionate. We call this power 'spirit.'

The awesomeness of the Feast of Pentecost is that the Spirit of God seeks release through us. Jesus had a passion to redeem the world and promised that, after he ascended, he would send his Spirit, so that God's presence would continue to be real and vibrant in the world. Because of this same Spirit, redemption is current for each succeeding generation. The Father's Creation and the Son's Messiahship may be history, but the work of the Spirit is present. Always present.

What some folks miss is that the life of the Spirit is not just the work of priest or religious. The Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity from Vatican Council II said: "The Church's mission is not only to bring to men and women the message of Christ and His Grace, but also to penetrate and perfect the temporal sphere with the spirit of the gospel." It's interesting that those words are addressed to the lay person.

So whatever power or influence you have in the world, the Lord wants you to let it be shaped and driven by your power in the Spirit. You do that by allowing God to come alive in you, and work through you.

A little plane, powered by the spirit of a man, may have conquered the Atlantic. But it is ordinary human beings empowered by God's Spirit that will conquer the world.

Fr. Nick

*Come, O Divine Spirit, fill my heart with Thy
heavenly fruits, Thy charity, joy, peace, patience,
gentleness, goodness, faith, mildness, and
temperance, that I may never weary in the service
of God, but by continued faithful submission to Thy
inspiration may merit to be united eternally with
Thee in the love of the Father and the Son.
Amen.*



This Week

Sunday, June 12

7:00pm Holy Hour w/PRAISE!

7:00pm AA (HBH)

Monday, June 13

7pm Baptismal Prep Class (rectory)

Tuesday, June 14

7pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (loft)

Wednesday, June 15

6pm Catechist Cookout (FGC)

Thursday, June 16

10am Mass at Brightview
Commons

Friday, June 17

10am Mass at Scallop Shell

11am Mass at South Bay Manor

Saturday & Sunday, June 18/19

Receptions for Father Nick at
Matunuck Community Field House
following all Masses at Saint
Romuald Chapel

CORPUS CHRISTI: THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EUCCHARIST

On Sunday, June 26, the 10:00AM Mass at St. Romuald Chapel will conclude with a special procession of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction at an outdoor altar (weather permitting). Benediction is a special rite in which we adore and are blessed by Jesus in the Eucharist. The priest or deacon place the sacred host in a special vessel called a monstrance, which he then uses to bless the congregation. Processions with the Blessed Sacrament have deep roots in history, and symbolize our following of Christ on our pilgrim journey to heaven. We would not be the Church without the Eucharist! Please join us as we celebrate this special rite on the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ!

IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH: THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

There is no mistaking the rationale behind the ancient assertion that Pentecost is the birthday of the Church. The Church which, up to the coming of the Spirit, had been a community of frazzled and frightened people suddenly became an army of courageous and convicted missionaries! The apostles became fearless in spreading the gospel after the descent of the Holy Spirit. Notice, however, one important fact. The apostles were at prayer when the Holy Spirit came. While they may have been frightened ("the doors were locked") and they may have been confused, they continued to pray! They were, from the beginning, a Church at prayer! The fact that the Holy Spirit comes of his own accord, at his own time, is important. It means that God's initiatives can never be fabricated or quickened by his disciples. They must flower in God's time, in God's way, as God directs and guides. We have spent the last several months as a parish looking at our commitment to liturgy and the spiritual life. We pray on this Pentecost Day that the Holy Spirit may descend upon our parish afresh, that the Spirit of God will find us at prayer, longing and watching and waiting for his coming, so that we can be transformed into fearless disciples of Jesus Christ!

YCLI: STILL TIME TO REGISTER

The Youth Christian Leadership Institute is a week-long, overnight conference held in Woonsocket, and is sponsored by the Diocese of Providence. High school age youth are invited to participate and develop new leadership skills. Our own Fr. Joe will be the chaplain for the conference, which will include Mass, Confessions, and daily prayer. Please call the rectory for more information or visit <http://ymcyoprov.org/> for more information.



Year of Liturgical
and Spiritual Renewal

SUMMER EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Many of our extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion were away for the winter and missed our training session. Those who would like to serve in this capacity at St. Romuald Chapel during the summer must attend an instructional session with Deacon Paul to review new diocesan policies and guidelines. Please call the rectory ASAP.

PRIESTLY ORDINATION: DIOCESE OF PROVIDENCE

You are cordially invited to attend the priestly ordination of Deacon Stephen J. Dandeneau and Deacon George K. Nixon at the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul on Saturday, June 25, at 10:00AM. This event is open to the public. If you have never been to an ordination before, this is your chance! The truly breathtaking rite of ordination is an ancient one, and by it, a man becomes configured to Christ the Priest to act in his name for the good of souls. Please consider coming to support the ordinandi as they begin lives of service to our diocesan church.

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS: A ST. FRANCIS CONNECTION

On the eve of the priestly ordination, June 24, 2011, a Holy Hour for Vocations will be held at Saint Augustine's Church in Providence at 7:00PM. Please come and pray for those to be ordained and for an increase in vocations to the priesthood in our diocese. There is a special St. Francis connection to this event as our own Fr. Nick has been asked to preach at this Holy Hour. This is a true honor for Fr. Nick, as he was selected from so many to address the ordinandi and their families the very night before their ordination. Please join us!

GREEN THUMB (OR TWO) NEEDED!

Do you have an interest in gardening? Do you have a green thumb or a knack for maintaining plants? We need your help! We want our Easter greens to last as long as possible! They need to be re-potted and cared for with proper amounts of water throughout the year. They also need some occasional sunshine. Might you be willing to help us? Please call the rectory if you're interested in keeping our beautiful church adorned with vibrant, living plants throughout the year!

Don't forget to check out
our NEW parish website:

<http://stfranciswakefield.com>