

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 4

5:30pm James DeLuca, Sr.
Requested by family

Sunday, June 5

8:00am Walter DiPrete
Requested by family

10:00am Brad and Holly Friel
Requested by family

12:00NN Bernard Toth
Requested by family

Monday, June 6

7:00am Robert Cote
Requested by family

Tuesday, June 7

7:00am Bridget and John Feeny
Requested by Fred & Arlene Robinson

Wednesday, June 8

7:00am Fred Cole
Requested by a friend

Thursday, June 9

7:00am Reta Jackson
Requested by family

Friday, June 10

7:00am Celdren Jackson
Requested by family

Saturday, June 11

5:30pm Feeny-Robinson Families
Requested by family

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



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 4

5:30pm Frank Goodwin
Requested by family

Sunday, June 5

8:00am Marchand & Marsocci families
Requested by Gerri Marsocci

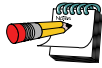
10:00am Margaret and Francis Dwyer
Requested by family

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



For Your Information

PARISH SUPPORT for May 29th was Budget—\$8,234. This weekend's second offering is the Monthly Offering for June. Next weekend's second offering is the Catholic Communications Campaign Offering. Thank you for your continued generosity!

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Ben and Roberta Brown. The sanctuary lamp at St. Romuald Chapel burns in memory of Henry H. Thayer, Jr.

DID YOU KNOW ... that the Recitation of the Most Holy Rosary takes place here every weekday morning at 6:20am? Why not stop in a few minutes prior to morning Mass and pray for the sick and dying of the parish with us and for Our Lady's intention of peace in the world.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

REMEMBERING YOUR PARISH

Did you know you could name St. Francis of Assisi Parish in your will without taking anything away from your family? Please contact either Father Nick (783-4411) or Andrea Krupp (277-2121) at the Catholic Foundation for information on how you can accomplish this.

PLANNING MEETING

A planning meeting for the June 26th Reception for Father Nick will be held this Tuesday, June 7th at 7:00pm. If you'd like to help out with the planning of Father Nick's reception, please come to the meeting on Tuesday in Helen Bouchard Hall.

CATHOLIC CHARITY FUND APPEAL

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

NEW TRANSLATION COUNTDOWN 25 weeks remain until the new translation of the Mass is implemented on November 27, 2011, the First Sunday of Advent.

WOMEN'S CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

The St. Francis of Assisi Women's Club is pleased to announce that Kerry Quirk, Michael Matthews and John Boyle have each been awarded a \$750 scholarship to the college of their choice.

The purpose of the Women's Club Scholarship is to recognize, encourage and reward the young adults in our parish for their service to our Church and parish family.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish is blessed with active, responsible teens who contribute to every level of parish life. It was very difficult to select three from among such strong, generous talented candidates.

We are very proud of our teens. They are the best!

JUNE 5, 2011

NEW TRANSLATION UPDATE: THE CREED

In the new translation of the Mass texts that will make its appearance in November, 2011, the Nicene Creed contains several noticeable changes. The most obvious change is a switch from the phrase "We believe" to "I believe." Why would the Church do this? One possible explanation is that the "I believe" is a reminder to each person present that the entire faith must be professed in a personal manner. In baptism each person makes a profession of faith personally before being initiated into Christ's death and resurrection, before becoming a member of His body. Here we reaffirm that faith. Another noticeable change occurs in the new translation in describing Christ as "consubstantial" with the Father, rather than "one in being" with the Father. "**One in Being**" is certainly less precise than **consubstantial**. Someone might, after all, see this term and conclude that God the Father is a greater type of Divinity than the Son, or that "God" is composed of three divisible parts (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) that must be added together to *make* One God. **Consubstantial** means "one in essence" or "one in substance". All of the perfections that may be said of God may be said equally of the Father and of the Son (and of the Holy Spirit), only the relations differ. This part of the Creed and its defense by the Fathers of the Church tried to preserve and express the belief that God is eternally One and yet from all eternity this one Divine essence/substance is *tri-personal* with the Father as the origin and the Son as His eternal Word proceeding from Him from all eternity.

CATHOLICS IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE

The Second Vatican Council characterized the distinctive vocation of the laity as a life-giving leaven in the midst of the world. The call of the Council to the lay faithful was a call to transform society from within in order to build up the kingdom of God. The Rhode Island Catholic Conference advocates for the Church's public policy positions before the Rhode Island General Assembly and other elected officials. As Catholics, we have a duty to speak for the Church in the public square. We urge you to stay informed of the activity of the Rhode Island Catholic Conference by signing up to receive email alerts. Please take a stand for Christ in our society and get involved! Visit <http://www.faithfulcitizenri.org/> for more information.

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR JUNE

The Vatican has released the prayer intentions of Pope Benedict XVI for June 2011. The Pontiff's general prayer intention is: "That priests, united to the Heart of Christ, may always be true witnesses of the caring and merciful love of God." His mission intention is: "That the Holy Spirit may bring forth from our communities many missionaries who are ready to be fully consecrated to spreading the Kingdom of God."

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...TO PRAISE!

On Pentecost Sunday, June 12th, our teen ensemble PRAISE will provide the music for a Eucharistic Holy Hour in St. Francis Church at 7:00PM. This prayerful and uplifting experience will be the perfect way to conclude our observance of the Easter Season. Plan on joining us!



This Week

Sunday, June 5

1:30pm—Baptisms by Fr. Joe

7:00pm AA (HBH)

Monday, June 6

7:00pm—Social Outreach Mtg.
(MCCR)

Tuesday, June 7

7:30am Finance Council Mtg.

7pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (loft)

DOWNSIZING

Fr. Nick has had a Name and Historical Map of Ireland (as opposed to a road map) hanging on the wall of his office for many years. It's old but interesting if you are curious about such things, pointing out the various areas of the old sod from which Irish names are derived.

He also has a framed print of the 8th hole at Pebble Beach Golf Course. For the golfer, it's a nice reminder both of the beauty of the land, and the challenge (and frustration) of the game. It too is old, but golfers never *get* old looking at places they can only dream about.

If you're interested in either, call Kelli McNulty, the parish manager (783-4411) They're there for the taking.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

This week, Deacon Paul and Jackie Iacono will celebrate their fortieth wedding anniversary! We are truly blessed by the witness of Deacon Paul and Jackie, who show our parish family not only the great gift of the permanent diaconate, but also the beauty of the vocation to marriage! Congratulations and be assured of our prayers and best wishes!

IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH: THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Today's first reading from the Acts of the Apostles indicates that the disciples returned from witnessing the Lord's ascension and devoted themselves to *prayer*. Prayer becomes the lifeblood of the early Church, and it is while they are at prayer that the apostles experience the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Prayer for the early Church was not merely something to be done, it was the core of the Church's very identity. The Church, from her inception, is a Church at prayer. Notice, too, that the apostles are gathered in prayer with the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mary personifies the Church in her humble submission to God's will and in her willingness to be a vessel of his grace. She is not only a hearer, but a doer of the Word. And in her prayer, she also images what the Church is called to be. It is significant that the early Church is pictured not only *at* prayer, but at prayer *with* the very paradigm of authentic discipleship. Perhaps we should recover our identity as a praying Church. We have done a great deal in the last several decades to show ourselves to be a Church engaged with the needs of the world. But without prayer, the Church loses her sacred center and becomes yet another social service organization. Today's readings challenge us to recommit ourselves, with the help of our Blessed Mother, to lives of authentic discipleship animated by vibrant prayer.

THE PARISH CHURCH

The parish church is something more than a convenient roof to keep the rain off our heads when we go to Mass; it is the expression, in architectural terms, of the parish at prayer. It sums up our history for us; we can look around us, and think of all the souls which have been nourished, generation after generation, at the same altar, all the stories of guilt which have been whispered and have died away at the same confessional, all the new recruits in Christ's army who have been regenerated at the same font. We can remember, in Christ, our fellow worshippers who knelt here at our side, and are now separated from us in body, though still united to us in the same links of prayer. It is a kind of sacrament of the parish life; its fabric, so closely knitted together, reminds us of the unity which ought to exist among the Christian family. It is a second home, in which we meet as children of the same Father round a common table. All *that* the parish church is; and we, so wedded by nature to the things of sense, find comfort in its abiding witness to the life of the spirit.

- Ronald Knox, 20th century priest and author



Year of Liturgical
and Spiritual Renewal

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!



YOUTH CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (YCLI)

YCLI is an outstanding opportunity for youth between the ages of 14 and 19 who are now or will be in parish or school leadership roles. The Institute offers an opportunity for leadership development through an intense period of learning and community living. The goals of YCLI are to foster the leadership potential of each individual and to heighten his/her awareness of the responsibilities and need for youth leadership in a high school or parish community and in the larger Catholic community. YCLI 2011 will be held from Monday, June 27 to Friday, July 1 and is staffed by a team of diocesan, school and parish leaders specially trained by the Office of Catholic Youth Ministry. Our own Fr. Joe will be a part of the YCLI team this coming year. The program is held at the Father Marot Youth Center in Woonsocket which boasts a full size gym, a beautiful chapel, air conditioning and accessibility to the local YMCA pool. Please speak with Fr. Joe ASAP if you or your child might be interested in participating in this unique opportunity for Catholic youth!

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

<http://stfranciswakefield.com>