

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, May 14

5:30pm Donald & Julia Wilson  
*Requested by parish family*

#### Sunday, May 15

8:00am Ron Matteson & Ralph  
D'Agostino—Req. by family

10:00am Elizabeth Merluzzo  
*Requested by family*

12:00NN Hannah Laffey  
*Requested by Theresa Newton*

#### Monday, May 16

7:00am William Brennan  
*Requested by Carole Potter*

#### Tuesday, May 17

7:00am Michael Posillo  
*Requested by family*

#### Wednesday, May 18

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

#### Thursday, May 19

7:00am Paul Pietrantonio  
*Req. by Fred & Arlene Robinson*

#### Friday, May 20

7:00am Lawrence Carlson  
*Requested by Ted & Denise Carlson*

#### Saturday, May 21

5:30pm Joseph Douglas  
*Requested by family*

#### Sunday, May 22

8:00am For the Parish  
10:00am Chester Donelly  
*Requested by family*  
12:00NN Clement & Rosalind  
Langlois  
*Requested by family*



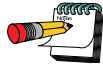
### St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

#### Sunday, May 15

10:00am Walter S. Kieon  
*Requested by Susan Plante*

#### Sunday, May 22

10:00am Maureen Casey  
*Requested by family*



### For Your Information

**PARISH SUPPORT** for May 8th was Budget—\$8,518. Next weekend's second offering will be the Ongoing Maintenance Fund Offering. Thank you for your continued generosity!

#### **SANCTUARY LAMP & FLOWERS**

This week's sanctuary lamp and flowers at St. Francis Church are given in memory of Hannah Laffey. The sanctuary lamp at St. Romuald Chapel burns for a special intention.

#### **ANNUAL BABY SHOWER**

Just a reminder that the Annual Baby Shower is this weekend! The (4) agencies that we will be assisting need your baby item donations this year more than ever. Unwrapped items can be dropped off at the church/chapel entrances or can be dropped off at Helen Bouchard Hall no later than 12noon on Sunday, May 15th. Thank you for your support!

#### **CATHOLIC CHARITY FUND APPEAL**

Where we stand to date: Received: \$84,080 Goal: \$104,000. Thank you for your continued generosity.

#### **TAIZE: AN OTHER-WORLDLY EXPERIENCE!**

In Lent, the choir led our parish in a Taize Prayer Service. Simple, repeated melodies and easily-singable scriptural lyrics characterize the music of Taize, an ecumenical community in France. The Lenten service was a huge hit! It was a very peaceful, meditative and uplifting evening. We invite you to join us on Sunday, May 22, for an Easter Taize Prayer Service at 7:00PM in St. Francis Church! The readings and songs will reflect the spirit of this joyful Easter Season! Please consider joining us and bring some friends along!

#### **BAPTIZED INTO GOD'S FAMILY**

Congratulations to the proud parents and godparents of Michael Mario Baffaro, Jr. and Jack Tucker McElkenny who were recently baptized into God's family. Your parish family rejoices with you!

#### **A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO:**

Kathleen Puchalla and the St. Francis of Assisi Women's Club for graciously hosting and providing the delicious food for our receptions and also to our first grade families for baking for this very special occasion.

#### **FIRST COMMUNION BANNERS**

Parents may pick up your child's First Communion banners downstairs in Helen Bouchard Hall this week and next.

#### **WILL THERE BE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL THIS JUNE?**

We look forward to hosting VBS the last week of June each year but unfortunately the school calendar was extended to June 28th due to a multitude of snow days and we will not be able to have Vacation Bible School this year.

#### **OLAN MILLS PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES**

The directories are in! If you or your family had a photo taken, stop by the parish office to pick up your copy sometime during the week.

#### **WOMEN'S CLUB SCHOLARSHIP**

The DEADLINE for submitting your scholarship applications is quickly approaching! All applications MUST be turned into the parish office NO LATER THAN **Friday, May 20th**.

MAY 15, 2011

## THE MASS: YESTERDAY AND TODAY

*The following account of the Mass was composed by Saint Justin, martyr, in the second century. It was addressed to the emperor in defense of the Christians. It gives us a precious glimpse into the worship of the early Church.*

No one may share the Eucharist with us unless he believes that what we teach is true, unless he is washed in the regenerating waters of baptism for the remission of his sins, and unless he lives in accordance with the principles given us by Christ.

We do not consume the eucharistic bread and wine as if it were ordinary food and drink, for we have been taught that as Jesus Christ our Saviour became a man of flesh and blood by the power of the Word of God, so also the food that our flesh and blood assimilates for its nourishment becomes the flesh and blood of the incarnate Jesus by the power of his own words contained in the prayer of thanksgiving.

The apostles, in their recollections, which are called gospels, handed down to us what Jesus commanded them to do. They tell us that he took bread, gave thanks and said: Do this in memory of me. This is my body. In the same way he took the cup, he gave thanks and said: This is my blood. The Lord gave this command to them alone. Ever since then we have constantly reminded one another of these things. The rich among us help the poor and we are always united. For all that we receive we praise the Creator of the universe through his Son Jesus Christ and through the Holy Spirit.

On Sunday we have a common assembly of all our members, whether they live in the city or the outlying districts. The recollections of the apostles or the writings of the prophets are read, as long as there is time. When the reader has finished, the president of the assembly speaks to us; he urges everyone to imitate the examples of virtue we have heard in the readings. Then we all stand up together and pray.

On the conclusion of our prayer, bread and wine and water are brought forward. The president offers prayers and gives thanks to the best of his ability, and the people give assent by saying, "Amen". The eucharist is distributed, everyone present communicates, and the deacons take it to those who are absent.

We hold our common assembly on Sunday because it is the first day of the week, the day on which God put darkness and chaos to flight and created the world, and because on that same day our saviour Jesus Christ rose from the dead. For he was crucified on Friday and on Sunday he appeared to his apostles and disciples and taught them the things that we have passed on for your consideration.

## THANK YOU

Many thanks to all who participated in our May Crownings this past weekend! On Saturday, Noreen Linskey, a member of our parish *Militia Immaculata*, crowned the statue of our Blessed Mother at Saint Romuald Chapel. Bill Harding prepared a beautiful ceremony and Karen Graham helped us lift our hearts and minds to God through song. On Sunday, May 8th, one of our First Communion children, crowned the statue of our Blessed Mother at Saint Francis Church. Several other First Communion children were on hand to present flowers to Our Lady, under the careful direction of Barbette Cullen. Deacon Paul offered powerful words on the role of Mary in our redemption. Mimi Battey and the choir did an outstanding job as usual, and Cathy Hawkins fashioned a beautiful crown for the ceremony. Many thanks to all who participated in any way!



## This Week

### Sunday, May 15

Social Outreach Annual Baby Shower following all Masses (HBH)  
10:00am Andrea Krupp to speak at St. Romuald Chapel on Endowment Fund.

6-7:30pm PRAISE Rehearsal (FGC)  
7:00pm AA (HBH)

### Monday, May 16

7pm Rosary at St. Romuald Chapel

### Tuesday, May 17

7pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (loft)

7pm Bible Study (HBH)

7pm Rosary at St. Romuald Chapel

### Wednesday, May 18

7pm Rosary at St. Romuald Chapel

### Thursday, May 19

10am Mass at Brightview Commons

7pm Rosary at St. Romuald Chapel

7pm St. Francis Women's Club Mtg.  
(FGC)

7pm Men of St. Joseph Prayer Mtg.  
(Rectory)

### Friday, May 20

7pm Rosary at St. Romuald Chapel

### Sunday, May 22

7pm Taize Prayer Service (church)

# May is

Our Blessed Mother's month. Recitation of the Rosary and Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, takes place Monday through Friday at 7:00pm at Saint Romuald Chapel, Matunuck. What a great way to unite with Our Lady and pray for her intentions. Won't you consider joining us?

Don't forget to check out our  
NEW parish website:  
<http://stfranciswakefield.com>

## IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH: THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Today is traditionally called "Good Shepherd Sunday." The liturgy invites us to reflect on the image of a shepherd, the one who tends and looks after a flock in need of his direction and protection. One of the most important tasks of the shepherd is to *gather*. Sheep have a tendency to wander. When left to their own devices, they go off, aimless and without direction. A shepherd must *gather* his sheep and keep them together, not only for their *protection*, but also for their *nourishment*. It is important to note that the liturgy itself retains these same functions of gathering, protecting, and nourishing. The liturgy gathers us into one body, a flock brought together principally to worship God. It's easy for us to wander, too, to allow ourselves to be swept up in the busy-ness of our daily lives. But in the liturgy, we are gathered together: from the many into the one. The liturgy also protects us, in the sense that it shelters us from false worship, a worship based more on our own thoughts and emotions, and allows us to enter into the worship of the Son. The liturgy is not just a communal expression of praise (although it is that); it carefully guards us from total subjectivity in worship. The liturgy lifts us up out of time and inserts us into Jesus' worship of the Father in heaven. In this sense, we are protected from false worship, and are enabled to worship in spirit and in truth. Lastly, the liturgy nourishes us. It feeds us abundantly at the table of God's Word and the table of the Eucharist. Like sheep who wander around looking for nourishment in all the wrong places, the liturgy draws us together to receive the only nourishment that will satisfy the deepest longings of our hearts. The liturgy, like a good shepherd, leads us to the Good Shepherd, Jesus, who spreads a banquet before us in the Mass, in anticipation of the heavenly banquet that will never end.



### Year of Liturgical and Spiritual Renewal

## Calling all Artists - Join the New Fra Angelico Institute for Sacred Art!

Are you interested in creating art, photography, quilts, poems, short stories, novels, music, or other artistic endeavors? If so you are invited to join a new parish organization - called *The Fra*



*Angelico Institute for Sacred Art* - that attempts to bring together creative people from this parish to give glory to God, improve their prayer life, and have an opportunity to discuss and share their creations with other artists. Novices and established artists - high school through senior citizens - are all welcome.

To find out more information about the Institute, please follow these steps:

- 1) log onto the new parish website:  
<http://stfranciswakefield.com>
- 2) the home page comes up then click on the *Adult Education* banner
- 3) then click on the banner for the the *Fra Angelico Institute* - this will give you the details of what we hope to accomplish.
- 4) If the goals and objectives of the Institute interest you then please email Deacon Paul at [deaconiacono@cox.net](mailto:deaconiacono@cox.net) and tell him you are interested in becoming a member, your area of interest, and the number of years you have been pursuing your art. Thank you.

## NEW TRANSLATION COUNTDOWN

**28** weeks remain until the new translation of the Mass is implemented on November 27, 2011, the First Sunday of Advent.

## TODAY IS THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Today is observed as a day of prayer for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The theme for 2011 is: "*Proposing Vocations in the Local Church*," and emphasizes the need of each local parish community to encourage young men and women to consider accepting the challenge of a priestly or religious vocation. Our Holy Father in his message commemorating this special day observed: "The work of carefully encouraging and supporting vocations finds a radiant source of inspiration in those places in the Gospel where Jesus calls his disciples to follow him and trains them with love and care. We should pay close attention to the way that Jesus called his closest associates to proclaim the Kingdom of God (cf. *Lk* 10:9). In the first place, it is clear that the first thing he did was to pray for them: before calling them, Jesus spent the night alone in prayer, listening to the will of the Father (cf. *Lk* 6:12) in a spirit of interior detachment from mundane concerns. It is Jesus' intimate conversation with the Father which results in the calling of his disciples. Vocations to the ministerial priesthood and to the consecrated life are first and foremost the fruit of constant contact with the living God and insistent prayer lifted up to the "Lord of the harvest", whether in parish communities, in Christian families or in groups specifically devoted to prayer for vocations."