

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Mass Intentions

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

Monday, May 23

7:00am Margaret Hepburn
Requested by family

Tuesday, May 24

7:00am James & Elizabeth Holland
Req. by Fred & Arlene Robinson

Wednesday, May 25

7:00am Frederick Hepburn
Requested by family

Thursday, May 26

7:00am Ricky Hepburn
Requested by family

Friday, May 27

7:00am Edward, Elizabeth & Robert
Cummings
Requested by family

Saturday, May 28

5:30pm Dolores & Norman Iacuele
Requested by family

Sunday, May 29

8:00am Dorothy M. Feipel
Req. by Mary Ann's co-workers
10:00am Luke Joseph Clossick
Requested by family
12:00NN For the Parish



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, May 22

10:00am Maureen Casey
Requested by family

Saturday, May 28

5:30pm William & Genevieve Wajda
Requested by family

Sunday, May 29

8:00am John Carpinelli
Requested by family
10:00am Mary Laffey
Requested by family



For Your Information

PARISH SUPPORT for May 15th was Budget—\$7,362. This weekend's second offering is the Ongoing Maintenance Fund Offering. Thank you for your continued generosity!

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of James Smith. The sanctuary lamp at St. Romuald Chapel burns for a special intention—MSDM.

SAVE THE DATES!!!

As we all know, Father Nick is leaving us at the end of June. Be sure to catch him at one of the special receptions held in his honor the last two weekends of June: June 18/19th at St. Romuald Chapel following ALL Masses at the Matunuck Community Field House and on June 26th at St. Francis Church following the 12Noon Mass at Father Greenan Parish Center from 1-4:00pm. All are invited and encouraged to come and wish Father Nick all the best in his retirement.

TAIZE: AN OTHER-WORLDLY EXPERIENCE!

We invite you to join us TONIGHT, 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!

AD MULTOS ANNOS

Congratulations to Fr. Bob Randall, friend of St. Francis parish, who celebrated his 60th anniversary of priestly ordination this past Thursday! We are blessed by the presence and ministry of Fr. Randall and we assure him of our prayers and best wishes. We are delighted to have him back for another summer! Ad multos annos!

MINISTRY OF READER

On Tuesday night next, May 24th, Bishop Evans will preside at the Mass of Installation to the Ministry of Reader for men of the Diocese of Providence who are approaching ordination to the Permanent Diaconate. St. Francis of Assisi parishioner John Dowd is among the group of men taking this step. The Mass will at 7:30pm at St. Veronica Chapel in Narragansett. Parishioners are most welcome to join in the ceremony.

GRADE 7 & 8 HOMESCHOOLED STUDENTS

A wrap up meeting for all grade 7 & 8 homeschooled students will be held on Tuesday, May 24th at 7pm in Fr. Greenan Parish Center. One parent, the student and their religious education book need to be present at the meeting. Please confirm your attendance by calling the Religious Education Office at 792-8684.

CONFIRMATION CATECHIST REMINDER

All catechists who teach in the Confirmation program are required to attend a meeting with Diane Castro and Father Joe on Monday, May 23 at 7:00PM in Father Greenan Center.

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES

This past Saturday, May 21, two Providence seminarians were ordained to the transitional diaconate at St. Brendan's Church in Riverside. **Deacon Francesco Francese** and **Deacon Christopher Murphy** will each serve in a diocesan parish assignment for the summer before returning to their respective seminaries to finish their preparations for the priesthood. They will be ordained priests in June, 2012. Please offer a prayer for our newly-ordained deacons and for an increase in vocations to the priesthood in our diocese.

CATHOLIC CHARITY FUND APPEAL

Where we stand to date: Received: \$84,941 Goal: \$104,000. Thank you for your continued generosity.

MAY 22, 2011

SAINT AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY

This coming Friday, May 27, the Church Universal celebrates the memorial of Saint Augustine of Canterbury, a significant figure in the history of Western Christendom.

In the year 596, some 40 monks set out from Rome to evangelize the Anglo-Saxons in England. Leading the group was Augustine, the prior of their monastery in Rome. Hardly had he and his men reached Gaul (France) when they heard stories of the ferocity of the Anglo-Saxons and of the treacherous waters of the English Channel. Augustine returned to Rome and to the pope who had sent them—St. Gregory the Great (September 3)—only to be assured by him that their fears were groundless.

Augustine again set out. This time the group crossed the English Channel and landed in the territory of Kent, ruled by King Ethelbert, a pagan married to a Christian. Ethelbert received them kindly, set up a residence for them in Canterbury and within the year, on Pentecost Sunday, 597, was himself baptized. After being consecrated a bishop in France, Augustine returned to Canterbury, where he founded his see. He constructed a church and monastery near where the present cathedral, begun in 1070, now stands. As the faith spread, additional sees were established at London and Rochester.

Work was sometimes slow and Augustine did not always meet with success. Attempts to reconcile the Anglo-Saxon Christians with the original Briton Christians (who had been driven into western England by Anglo-Saxon invaders) ended in dismal failure. Augustine failed to convince the Britons to give up certain Celtic customs at variance with Rome and to forget their bitterness, helping him evangelize their Anglo-Saxon conquerors.

Laboring patiently, Augustine wisely heeded the missionary principles—quite enlightened for the times—suggested by Pope Gregory the Great: purify rather than destroy pagan temples and customs; let pagan rites and festivals be transformed into Christian feasts; retain local customs as far as possible. The limited success Augustine achieved in England before his death in 605, a short eight years after he arrived in England, would eventually bear fruit long after in the conversion of England. Augustine of Canterbury can truly be called the “Apostle of England.”

Father, by the preaching of St. Augustine of Canterbury, you led the people of England to the gospel. May the fruits of his work continue in your Church. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

MAY IS OUR LADY'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 the world.



This Week

Sunday, May 22

7pm Taize Prayer Service (church)
7:00pm AA (HBH)

Monday, May 23

7pm Rosary at St. Romuald Chapel
7pm Confirmation Catechist Mtg. (FGC)

Tuesday, May 24

7pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (loft)
7pm Rosary at St. Romuald Chapel

Wednesday, May 25

6-7:30pm Praise Rehearsal (FGC)
7pm Rosary at St. Romuald Chapel

Thursday, May 26

7pm Rosary at St. Romuald Chapel
7pm Men of St. Joseph Prayer Mtg. (Rectory)
7pm Steubenville Conference Mtg. (HBH)

NEW TRANSLATION COUNTDOWN

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

St. Romuald Chapel Mass Schedule Changes NEXT weekend!!!

We'll be back to our Summer
Schedule with Masses on:
Saturdays at 5:30PM and on
Sundays at
8:00AM and 10:00AM.

SAVE THE DATE

First Saturday Mass will be held on June 4 at 8AM in Saint Francis Church. All are welcome.

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me.”

IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH: THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Today's first reading traces the origins of the order of deacons, who were called from the community to assist with the church's ministry to the poor and needy. The apostles were tasked principally with preaching and leading worship. Isn't it telling that the apostles saw their liturgical task as so central that, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, they established another order of ministry in the church to attend to practical tasks so that the community's worship would remain undisturbed? The Church in the apostolic era was clearly committed to worship in spirit and truth because they understood, better than we do, that the liturgy makes Christ present! In our second reading, Saint Peter advises the Church to be mindful of its identity. We are the body of the Christ, we are the temple of God, a structure of living stones fitted together in order to offer God authentic worship. Once again, Saint Peter makes it clear that our principal task as disciples of Jesus is to offer "spiritual sacrifices." What does he mean? Spiritual sacrifice is the gift we make of ourselves through prayer and worship by which we offer our very hearts and minds, and indeed our lives, to the Father. This is the heart of the baptismal priesthood! We all share in Christ's priesthood as the baptized, because we are to make living sacrifices of our lives, which are offered to the Trinity in and through worship. Saint Peter Chrysologus (5th cent) wrote: "How marvelous is the priesthood of the Christian, for he is both the victim that is offered on his own behalf, and the priest who makes the offering...Let your heart be an altar. Then, with full confidence in God, present your body for sacrifice...God thirsts not for blood, but for self-surrender; God is appeased not by slaughter, but by the offering of your own free will." Our readings today challenge us to recognize how central authentic worship is to our calling.

NEW TRANSLATION UPDATE: THE NEW CREED

A most unusual word will soon appear in the language of the Creed – the phrase "consubstantial with the Father." It will replace "one in being with the Father." The greatest heresy of the era in which the Creed was formulated in Greek claimed that Christ was not of the same substance of the Father but only of a similar substance, and there, not equal to God. The Church fathers, wanting to be very precise in language to be used for such a great mystery, translated the Greek into the Latin Creed with the word "consubstantial." Thus, for philosophical and theological reasons, in the Creed, then, "consubstantial" means that Christ was of one substance with the Father and with our humanity. There is no doubt that this more precise wording is a better choice in naming the great mystery that is the relationship of Jesus Christ to God the Father and to us, His adopted brothers and sisters.



Year of Liturgical and Spiritual Renewal

ST. FRANCIS READERS OF THE WORD

The next reader schedule for July to the end of December 2011 will be prepared for mailing on June 14th. Readers who have summer plans or special requests in terms of the next schedule should contact Doug Carr (789-1103 or drchmc@cox.net) by June 1st. The Ministry of the Word is a very spiritual part of our worship. We are looking to add additional Readers to this ministry and especially at our 8:00am and 12:00NN Masses. If you are interested in inquiring about this most rewarding ministry, please contact Father Nick, Father Joe or Doug Carr. Our celebration of Mass is more meaningful and pleasing to God with the involvement of our parish family. Won't you consider joining this special ministry?

As therefore you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so live in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.— *Colossians*

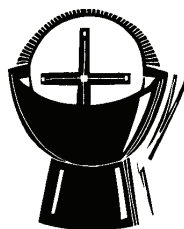


Steubenville East 2011 Meeting

Thursday, May 26th at 7pm in the lower church. This meeting is mandatory for all registered participants of the youth conference.

If you have not registered but may be interested in attending the conference, please come!

Questions?? Call Jacqui at 782-3505 and visit <http://franciscanyouth.com/>



Be sure to pick up your child's First Communion banner in the lower church after Mass.

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