

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 24

4:30pm Joseph A. Douglas
Requested by family

Sunday, May 25

8:00am Maria Tran Dang
Requested by Tran family

10:00am Edward G. Haslam, Jr.
Req. by Donna, John & Danielle

12:00NN Special Intention

Monday, May 26

7:00am Bertha Marcantonio
Requested by Betty Ann Hogan

Tuesday, May 27

7:00am Dr. Leonard Staudinger
Requested by family

Wednesday, May 28

7:00am Mass for the People

Ascension Thursday, May 29

7am Chi Thi Anna Tran & Thanh John Ha
Requested by family

12nn Special Intention for M/M John
McElkenny—*Req. by Barbara Appleyard*

6:30pm Rick Wheeler
Requested by Ann and Ollie

Friday, May 30

7:00am Edward Doherty
Requested by Ann and Bob Brayton

Saturday, May 31

4:30pm Joseph Racca
Requested by family

Sunday, June 1

8:00am Mass for the People
10:00am Mary and Timothy Laffey and
Maureen Laffey Barratt—*Req. by family*
12:00NN MaryAnne Maciocio
Requested by family



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 24

5:30pm Agnes M. Young &
Elizabeth Whipple
Requested by Mary C. Young

Sunday, May 25

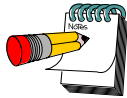
8:00am John & Grace Carpinelli
Requested by family
10:00am John T. Prince
Requested by Hood family

Saturday, May 31

5:30pm William & Genevieve Wajda
Requested by family

Sunday, June 1

8:00am Marsocci & Marchand families
Requested by Gerri and Al Marsocci
10:00am Paul & Cecile Perreault-52 Anniv.
Requested by family



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Gloria Timothy.

HALL OF FAME DINNER

Ocean Tides 6th Annual Hall of Fame Dinner will take place on Friday, May 30th at the Dunes Club, Narragansett. This year's honorees are: Dr. William Garrahan, Mary McGann and Mortimer Newton. Tickets are \$75 each. For more information please contact Holly at 789-1016.

FOOD DRIVE

The Social Outreach Committee is again sponsoring a food drive to benefit The Jonnycake Center of Peace Dale's Vacation Breakfast and Lunch Program. This program benefits clients' children who participate in school nutrition assistance programs. Your generous donations will go toward helping these children enjoy healthy meals and snacks throughout their entire summer break. Foods being requested are juice boxes, fruit/granola snack bars, peanut butter and jelly. Please place donations in receptacles by the St. Francis statue in the church and by the front entrance at St. Romuald Chapel. Our St. Francis of Assisi parish family has always been generous when called upon to help those in need and we thank you for your continued generosity.



Please don't forget to return your Catholic Charity Appeal envelope with your donation.

Every gift helps us toward our goal of \$103,070.

Received to date:
\$77,679.00

**Faith
AND
GOOD
WORKS**

PARISH SUPPORT— May 18, 2014

Weekly Support

	May 18
Budget envelopes used (316)	- \$ 5,887.00
Loose Donations	- \$ 1,775.50
Online Giving (# of donors 40)	- \$ 987.00
Total Budget	- \$8,649.50

Ongoing Maintenance

Envelopes Used (201)	- \$ 1,932.50
Other Donations	- \$ 576.00
Total Ongoing Maintenance	- \$ 2,508.50

Next weekend's second offering will be the Monthly offering for June. Last weekend's date for Parish Support should have read May 11.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

MAY 25, 2014

ALIVE IN THE SPIRIT

Jesus will not leave us alone. He won't make us children of God in Baptism only to leave us "orphans," He assures us in today's Gospel (see Romans 8:14-17).

He asks the Father to give us His Spirit, to dwell with us and keep us united in the life He shares with the Father.

We see the promised gift of His Spirit being conferred in today's First Reading. The scene from Acts apparently depicts a primitive Confirmation rite. Philip, one of the first deacons (see Acts 6:5), proclaims the Gospel in the non-Jewish city of Samaria. The Samaritans accept the Word of God (see Acts 17:11; 1 Thessalonians 2:13) and are baptized.

It remains for the Apostles to send their representatives, Peter and John, to pray and lay hands on the newly baptized - that they might receive the Holy Spirit. This is the origin of our Sacrament of Confirmation (see Acts 19:5-6), by which the grace of Baptism is completed and believers are sealed with the Spirit promised by the Lord.

We remain in this grace so long as we love Christ and keep His commandments. And strengthened in the Spirit whom Jesus said would be our Advocate, we are called to bear witness to our salvation - to the tremendous deeds that God has done for us in the name of His Son.

In today's Psalm, we celebrate our liberation. As He changed the sea into dry land to free the captive Israelites, Christ suffered that He might lead us to God, as we hear in today's Epistle.

This is the reason for our hope - the hope that sustains us in the face of a world that cannot accept His truth, the hope that sustains us when we are maligned and defamed for His name's sake.

Put to death in the flesh, He was brought to life in the Spirit, Paul tells us today. And as He himself promises: "Because I live, you will live."

[Source: Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn, <http://www.salvationhistory.com/>]



HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION ASCENSION THURSDAY MAY 29, 2014

This coming Thursday, the Church observes the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. This special day commemorates the return of the Risen Jesus to the Father.

Masses will be celebrated at
7AM, 12NN and 6:30PM
in Saint Francis Church.



Religious Education

RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES

Religious Ed classes have ended for the year.

Catechists: If you have not returned your teacher's manual please bring them to the Rel. Ed. Office.



This Week

Sunday, May 25

7:00pm AA (HBH)

Monday, May 26

MEMORIAL DAY

ALL PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

7:00pm Holy Rosary (SRC)

Tuesday, May 27

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (loft)

7:00pm Holy Rosary (SRC)

Wednesday, May 28

7:00pm Holy Rosary (SRC)

Thursday, May 29

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph Mtg. (FGC)

7:00pm Holy Rosary (SRC)

Friday, May 30

6:30pm Stations of the Cross (SRC)

7:00pm Holy Rosary (SRC)

ATTENTION

all families with 8th grade
students at Msgr. Clarke

Registration for our Confirmation program is required for Catholic Middle School students who are currently in grade 8. Please call the Religious Ed. Office at 792-8684 to register.

NEW OFFICE HOURS

Memorial Day — Labor Day

We'll be closing the office
on Fridays at 12Noon.



MAY DEVOTIONS

Join us for the recitation of the most holy rosary at Saint Romuald Chapel in Matunuck weeknights at 7:00PM.

Youth Group Meeting!!

Saturday May 31st from 6:30-8:30

“Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and song, and He has become my salvation.” Isaiah 12:2

Who is God to you? And how do we come to know God better?
Only 56 days until Steubenville East!!!

SAINT ROMUALD CHAPEL

NEW MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday at 5:30PM

Sunday at 8:00AM and 10:00AM

Please note there will be **no First Friday Devotions** or **First Saturday Devotions** for the months of June, July and August at Saint Francis of Assisi Church. We will resume in September.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

When a loved one passes to eternal life, families and friends search for tangible ways to say “Thank you” for the support they received during their toughest times. Memorial donations to St. Francis Church are both an enduring tribute to a life well lived and a means to support the continued life of the parish. For more information on memorial donations, please contact Msgr. Theroux at 783-4411 or Andrea Krupp, Director of the Catholic Foundation of Rhode Island, 277-2121.



FOOD/COMMODITY FOR THE MONTHS of May is: fruit juices, snacks, crackers, P&J. As always thank you for your continued generosity to those in need.



Please join us for:

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAYS AT 6:30PM

FOLLOWED BY

holy ROSARY AT 7:00PM
AT SAINT ROMUALD CHAPEL,
MATUNUCK



MARVELOUS MYSTERY
The Mass Comes Alive

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

will be held June 26th, 27th 30th and July 1st and 2nd from 8:30-11:30. We will spend a week discovering more about the Mass and deepening our love for Jesus in the Eucharist through faith teachings, music, games, crafts, snacks and more!

Register by June 13th. Forms are at the entrance to the church.

Meeting for VBS adult volunteers on June 2nd at 5pm in Fr. Greenan Parish Center.