

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 5

5:30pm William & Genevieve Wajda

Requested by family

Sunday, November 6

8:00am John Folkl

Requested by Sister Janet Folkl, CDP

10:00am Patrice Munson

Requested by family

12:00NN Victor Filippi, Sr.

Requested by wife Janice

Monday, November 7

7:00am Catherine Signorelli

Requested by family

Tuesday, November 8

7:00am Patricia Lord

Requested by Mark and Laurie Friel

Wednesday, November 9

7:00am Walter DiPrete

Requested by family

Thursday, November 10

7:00am John Meehan

Requested by Jim & Susan Meehan

Friday, November 11

7:00am Ronald Nocito

Requested by Posillo family

Saturday, November 12

5:30pm Timothy Davies

Requested by family

Sunday, November 13

8:00am Louis Maggio

Requested by family

10:00am Rose Silva

Requested by family

12:00NN Br. Jim Madigan, CSC

Requested by Marie Madden



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, November 6

10:00am Ben Faraone

Requested by Rita Kerwick

Sunday, November 13

10:00am John and Rita Kerwick

Requested by family



For Your Information

PARISH SUPPORT for October 30 was Budget—\$7,328; Archdiocese for the Military Services—\$1,385. All Saints Day—\$1,495; All Soul's Day—\$1,294. This weekend's second offering—Monthly for November; next weekend's—Ongoing Maintenance. Thank you for your continued generosity.

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Chi Thi Anna Tran and Thanh John Ha. The sanctuary lamp at St. Romuald Chapel burns in memory of Roger Brown.

PRAYER SHAWLS

Prayer Shawls are on display at St. Francis this week. ***What is the "Prayer Shawl Ministry"?*** This ministry began at St. Francis/ St. Romuald in October 2008. Since then we have been meeting the **1st Thursday of each month** to knit (and chat). We continue to work on our shawls at home. As the Prayer Shawls are knit or crocheted, we pray for the person who will receive it. The shawls on display today are blessed and ready to be given away. If you know of someone who would benefit from a shawl (perhaps battling an illness or suffering a loss), please call Cathy Dowd 885-6564. New knitters are always welcome. Next meeting, December 1st at 7pm in the Mary Cummings Conference Room (MCCR).

PROJECT UNDERCOVER 2011

For more than 15 years, Project Undercover has been Girl Scout Rhode Island's annual council service project. Girls collect underwear, socks and diapers for the over 40,000 children in the area who live in poverty. Over two million items have been collected and distributed. The 2011 collection drive began on October 10th. You'll notice donation boxes at the entrances of the church and chapel which will remain there through Masses on November 21st. Won't you consider donating to this very important cause to help local children living in poverty?

WOMEN'S CLUB CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The Christmas Bazaar is less than 3 weeks away! Save the date—Saturday, November 26th—8am to 1pm in Father Greenan Center. We are still accepting handmade items and crafts, any size baskets, unused items, Christmas decorations and gift certificates. For information or to donate call Anne Cooney at 783-7034 or Kathleen Puchalla at 783-1132.

THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF PROVIDENCE

Saturday, November 19 is the Feast of Our Lady of Providence, the patroness of our diocesan church. Please join us for a special Mass in honor of Our Blessed Mother at 8:00AM in St. Francis Church on that day. All are welcome as we invoke the powerful intercession of Our Lady on our parish, our bishops, and our diocesan church.

NOVEMBER 6, 2011

FROM THE PASTOR...

Throughout the month of November, members of the Church throughout the world are asked to be particularly mindful of our faithful departed and to remember them in prayer. In our part of the world, as winter sets in, we see death and dormancy in nature but always with the certain hope that in a few months spring will return and there will be new life and vibrancy all around us. This experience of nature is not unlike our Christian belief regarding death. While we experience sadness and loss when relatives and friends die, the resurrection of Christ gives us the certain hope that for people of faith life continues and that we are called to a new and fuller life with the loving God who created us.

On All Souls Day, November 2, many gathered in our parish church for the Mass of remembrance for all our parishioners who died during the past year. I would also call your attention to a Book of the Dead that is located in the rear of the Church near the statue of St. Francis, our patron. All are invited to write in the names of relatives and friends whom they would like to have remembered in our parish Masses and prayers during this month. The All Souls Day envelopes with names of the faithful departed will also be placed in this area of remembrance where a candle will burn throughout the month.

Many people honor the memory of family and friends by making donations in their name to the Church. These gifts may be given for a specific purpose and occasionally our parish will request memorial donations for particular needs. During this time of remembrance, I would like to mention one such need. Recently our parish has invested in a number of new liturgical vestments for the use of the priests (chasubles) and deacon (dalmatics) at parish Masses. We have purchased sets in the liturgical colors of green, red and violet. In order to help defray the cost of these vestments, I would invite parishioners to consider making a donation of \$250.00 in order to designate one of these vestments as a memorial to a loved one. The name of the person remembered as well as the donor will be embroidered on a label to be sown into the lining of the vestment to assure they are remembered in our prayers. This is a wonderful way to assure that a family or loved one will be remembered in prayer for years to come.

Msgr. Theroux

TEACHING MASS WEEKEND

The weekend of November 12/13 at all the Masses, instead of a homily as such, the priest will explain the theological significance of the many gestures and rituals of the Liturgy. We are familiar with the celebration of Mass as a routine, but can often miss the profundity of the words and gestures. The celebrant will explain the vestments, the private prayers of the priest which are prayed throughout the Mass, and much more.



Religious Ed. Notes

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES Sunday, November 6

8:50-9:50am GRADES 1 & 2
9:50-10:50am KINDERGARTEN
10:50-11:50am GRADES 3-6

Monday, November 7

NO CLASS Confirmation I and II

Wednesday, November 9

4-5:00pm GRADES 3-6 (FGC)
7-8:15pm GRADES 7 & 8 (FGC)



This Week

Sunday, November 6

9:50-11:50 Rel. Ed. Classes (see above)
1:30pm Baptisms by Deacon Paul
5:30-7 Praise Rehearsal (FGC)
7:00pm AA (HBH)

Monday, November 7

7-8:30pm Confirmation I & II (FGC)
7:00pm Social Outreach Meeting (MCCR)

Tuesday, November 8

7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (loft)

Wednesday, November 9

4-5:00pm Religious Ed Classes (FGC)
7-8:15pm Grade 7/8 (FGC)

Thursday, November 10

2pm Mass at Brightview Commons
7pm St. Francis Women's Club Mtg. (FGC)
7pm Men of St. Joseph (Office Bldg.)
7pm Couples in Recovery (HBH)

NEW TRANSLATION COUNTDOWN

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

DID YOU KNOW?

The Mass Readings for every day of the month can be found online at:
<http://www.usccb.org/nab/>

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS READINGS

1st Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31;
2nd Reading: 1 Thes 5:1-6;
Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:14-30

NOVEMBER: THE MONTH OF ALL SOULS

In the Church year, the month of November is set aside as a time to pray for the deceased members of the Body of Christ, all those who have gone before us "marked with the sign of the faith." November is also an ideal time for Catholics to have Masses celebrated for their deceased loved ones, to pray for them, and to visit their graves. **It is important to remember that the dead continue to need our prayers after their passing.** As we are instructed in Sacred Scripture, "It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead" (2 Maccabees 12:46)

THE WORD

The greatest events in history came about through a word!

In the beginning God spoke ... and creation came to be. Two thousand years ago Mary said "Let it be done" ... and God became man. Every day at Mass the priest speaks ... and wine and water become the Body and Blood of Christ.

Words are powerful! Each of us has within ourselves the capacity to make our words thoughtful or hasty, constructive or destructive, uplifting or shattering. They can become our servants or our masters! Properly used, they can express truth, beauty, comfort. Improperly used, they trap us in a network of lies, deceit, distortion.

There's an old saying that 'action speaks louder than words'! At best that's only partly true. Our words are the wings of our actions. What we say and how we say it are a reflection of who and what we are.

Every day we use words thousands of times. They do matter. They will touch someone for better or worse. From hurtful words, one suffers. From words of encouragement, everyone benefits.



MARTHA is looking for new recruits!

Poor Martha in the gospel story was burdened with the duties of hospitality (Luke 10:38-42). As a parish, we offer hospitality to our parishioners and guests on a number of occasions throughout the year, mainly following special events or liturgies. Consider giving "Martha" a hand and help us with our newly formed baking/reception committee, **"Martha's Helpers."** Martha's Helpers will help coordinate and bake for special parish receptions as needed. Please call Kelli at the rectory if you have a knack for baking or hospitality and would like to help ease the burden (783-4411). Members will help by baking or preparing light fare, setting-up and breaking-down, purchasing beverages, and even decorating for parish receptions. If you're looking for a small way to give back, perhaps you can be one of Martha's helpers!

AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT...

Please join us for a "last chance" preview of the new translation of the Roman Missal. You've been hearing about the translation for well over a year now, and it is only a few weeks away from full implementation. At **1:30PM on Sunday, November 20**, the Solemnity of Christ the King, a special presentation will be given in Fr. Greenan Hall on the new Mass texts. You will have an opportunity to practice the new responses, as well as hear the rationale behind some of the more obvious changes:

- "And also with you" to "And with your **spirit**"
- "One in being with the Father" to "**Consubstantial** with the Father"
- "We believe" to "**I** believe"
- "Lord God of power and might" to "Lord God of **hosts**"
- "This is the cup of my blood" to "This is the **chalice** of my blood"
- "Which will be shed for you and for all" to "Which will be shed for you and for **many**"

Join us on Sunday, November 20, at 1:30PM in Fr. Greenan Hall for a special advance preview of the new translation. Please call the rectory if you plan to join us.

Don't forget to check out
St. Francis on the Web:

<http://stfranciswakefield.com>

or

<http://facebook.com/stfranciswakefield>

Email:

saintfrancis00@aol.com

REMINDER!

Starting Saturday,
November 26th

the Saturday evening Mass
at St. Francis will be at 4:30pm.
Confessions will be from 3:30-4:00pm.