

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 1

5:30pm Leo Faucher

Requested by family

Sunday, October 2

8:00am Fr. John Randall

Requested by Castro family

10:00am Charles L. Farrell, Jr.

Requested by family

12:00NN Harold Titcomb

Requested by Kelli R. McNulty

Monday, October 3

7:00am Robert & Elizabeth Raitano

Requested by family

Tuesday, October 4

7:00am Robert Cote

Requested by family

Wednesday, October 5

7:00am Angela Murdocco

Requested by family

Thursday, October 6

7:00am Timothy Davies

Requested by family

Friday, October 7

7:00am Teresa & Michael Posillo

Requested by family

Saturday, October 8

5:30pm Mary Ida McNulty

Requested by husband

Sunday, October 9

8:00am Mass for the People

10:00am Armando Martiniano

Requested by family

12:00NN Steven J. Schmidt

Requested by The Blair family



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 1

5:30pm Mass for the people

Sunday, October 2

10:00am Lionel Noel

Requested by Mary C. Young

Sunday, October 9

10:00am Jerry Holmes

Requested by Mary C. Young



For Your Information

PARISH SUPPORT for September 25 was Budget—\$8,982. This weekend's second offering—Seminarians' Education; next weekend's—Monthly for October. Thank you for your continued generosity.

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Ross Wright. The sanctuary lamp at St. Romuald Chapel burns in memory of Mavis Phelan.

**OUR PARISH PATRON**

This coming Tuesday, October 4th, is the actual feast of our patron, St. Francis of Assisi. In the 13th century, as the Church was struggling to recover from corruption and spiritual decline, God raised up Saint Francis to "rebuild his Church," which the saint did through his single-minded love of Christ and his embrace of poverty. St. Francis responded to God's call to rebuild the Church in the 13th century, and he challenges us to rebuild it with the help of God's grace in our time, which is likewise characterized by spiritual and religious decline.

SOCIAL OUTREACH COMMITTEE (SOC)

SOC meets on Monday, October 3rd at 7pm in the Mary Cummings Room located in the rectory office building. All are invited and most welcome to attend.

NEW TRANSLATION COUNTDOWN

8 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: Isaiah 25:6-10a;

2nd Reading: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20;

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:1-14

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

Join us at St. Francis Church weekdays at 6:20am or at St. Romuald Chapel weeknights at 7:00pm as we pray the Holy Rosary. If you can't make it to the church or chapel, unite your rosary with ours as we pray for our priests and seminarians, for the sick of the parish and for peace in the world ... especially in the Middle East.

If you don't know how to pray the rosary, but would like to learn, join us and follow along or let someone know that it's your first time and they'll be more than happy to teach you and pray it along with you.

"Whatever you ask through the Rosary shall be granted."

- Promise of Our Lady to St. Dominic

OCTOBER 2, 2011



St. Francis and the Wolf

Perhaps the most famous story of St. Francis is when he tamed the wolf that was terrorizing the people of Gubbio. While Francis was staying in that town he learned of a wolf so ravenous that it was not only killing and eating animals, but people, too. The people took up arms and went after it, but those who encountered the wolf perished at its sharp teeth. Villagers became afraid to leave the city walls.

Francis had pity on the people and decided to go out and meet the wolf. He was desperately warned by the people, but he insisted that God would take care of him. A

brave friar and several peasants accompanied Francis outside the city gate. But soon the peasants lost heart and said they would go no farther.

Francis and his companion began to walk on. Suddenly the wolf, jaws agape, charged out of the woods at the couple. Francis made the Sign of the Cross toward it. The power of God caused the wolf to slow down and to close its mouth.

Then Francis called out to the creature: "Come to me, Brother Wolf. In the name of Christ, I order you not to hurt anyone." At that moment the wolf lowered its head and lay down at St. Francis' feet, meek as a lamb.

St. Francis explained to the wolf that he had been terrorizing the people, killing not only animals, but humans who are made in the image of God. "Brother Wolf," said Francis, "I want to make peace between you and the people of Gubbio. They will harm you no more and you must no longer harm them. All past crimes are to be forgiven."

The wolf showed its assent by moving its body and nodding its head. Then to the absolute surprise of the gathering crowd, Francis asked the wolf to make a pledge. As St. Francis extended his hand to receive the pledge, so the wolf extended its front paw and placed it into the saint's hand. Then Francis commanded the wolf to follow him into town to make a peace pact with the townspeople. The wolf meekly followed St. Francis.

(Source: AmericanCatholic.org)

South County Hospital

Flu Clinics

TODAY!!! Sunday, October 2nd

9:00 AM to 1:30 PM

in Helen Bouchard Hall

(located in the lower church)

and on

Sunday, October 9th

11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

at Saint Romuald Chapel, Matunuck



Religious Ed. Notes

NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES THIS SUNDAY, Oct. 2nd
... Join us for the Parish Breakfast!



This Week

Saturday, October 1

5:30pm Installation Mass of Monsignor Theroux as Pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Church / St. Romuald Chapel with Bishop Thomas J. Tobin presiding.

6:30pm Reception in Father Greenan Parish Center. All are invited.

Sunday, October 2

8-11:30am Parish Breakfast at Father Greenan Parish Center

9-1:30am So. Cty. Hospital Flu Clinic (HBH)

11:30am Drawing of all Raffles

1:30pm Baptisms by Msgr. Theroux

5:30-7pm Praise! Rehearsal (FGC)

7:00pm AA (HBH)

Monday, October 3

7pm Recitation of the Rosary (St. Rom's)

7:00pm Social Outreach Meeting (MCR)

7-8:30pm Confirmation I & II (FGC)

Tuesday, October 4

7pm Recitation of the Rosary (St. Rom's)

7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (loft)

Wednesday, October 5

4-5:00pm Religious Ed Classes (FGC)

7pm Recitation of the Rosary (St. Rom's)

7:00pm Grade 7/8 (FGC)

Thursday, October 6

2pm Mass at Scallop Shell Nursing & Rehab Center

7pm Recitation of the Rosary with special Holy Hour of Adoration (St. Rom's)

7pm Men of St. Joseph (Office Bldg.)

7pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (MCR)

7pm Couples in Recovery (HBH)

First Friday, October 7

6:30pm Holy Hour led by Deacon Iacono at St. Francis Church

7pm Recitation of the Rosary (St. Rom's)

Sunday, October 9

9-11:00am FLU CLINIC (St. Rom's)

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

<http://stfranciswakefield.com>

WELCOMING THE NEW TRANSLATION OF THE MASS

A Six-Part Series

New Words, Same Mass

Part Three: "And With Your Spirit"

As you know, each week we will be discussing the upcoming changes of the prayers of the Mass. Starting this fall, every English-speaking parish in the world will implement a more accurate translation of the Latin texts of the Mass approved by the Church.



One of the most noticeable changes will be the dialogue between the priest and people. When the priest says "The Lord be with you" the response will now be "And with your spirit." While awkward at first, this change reveals a great deal about the richness of the new translation.

First, "And with your spirit" is simply a more accurate translation of the official Latin text "Et cum spiritu tuo." Every other major language—Italian, French, Spanish, German—translates the text faithfully to the Latin.

Second, this new translation is more faithful to the Scriptural texts upon which this liturgical exchange is based: Gal 6:18, Phil 4:23, 2 Tim 4:22.

Besides being faithful and accurate "and with your spirit" reveals a great deal about what is truly going on at Mass. Far from simply a personal greeting between priest and people, this dialogue says much more.

The priest is not simply greeting the people but is asking that God's spirit—which they received at Baptism and was strengthened in Confirmation—be at work in them. The people are not simply saying hello to the priest but acknowledging that he has received the Holy Spirit in a unique way at his ordination. "And with your spirit" is said only to an ordained minister—bishop, priest, or deacon.

When a priest celebrates Mass, it is not simply a particular man who is presiding at liturgy. Instead, by his ordination, despite his unworthiness, the priest stands in the person of Christ, sacramentally configured to him. When we say "and with your spirit" we are not greeting a particular man, but acknowledging that one who has been configured to Christ, enlivened by the Spirit, is here to celebrate Mass.

While most often this dialogue is between priest and people, it also takes place between the deacon and people. He too has been configured by the Sacrament of Holy Orders to Christ the servant. When this dialogue is considered prayerfully, it helps us to keep in mind what is going on at Mass—the most important event in the world, where Heaven is united to earth and God Himself, through the words of the ordained priest, is made present in the Eucharist.

In the coming weeks we will consider other changes coming this fall. To learn more about them, please visit the diocesan website designed for that purpose www.riliturgy.com.

Saint Francis of Assisi

Francis of Assisi was a poor little man who astounded and inspired the Church by taking the Gospel literally—not in a narrow fundamentalist sense, but by actually following all that Jesus said and did, joyfully, without limit and without a sense of self-importance.



Serious illness brought the young Francis to see the emptiness of his frolicking life as leader of Assisi's youth. Prayer—lengthy and difficult—led him to a self-emptying like that of Christ, climaxed by embracing a leper he met on the road. It symbolized his complete obedience to what he had heard in prayer: "Francis! Everything you have loved and desired in the flesh it is your duty to despise and hate, if you wish to know my will. And when you have begun this, all that now seems sweet and lovely to you will become intolerable and bitter, but all that you used to avoid will turn itself to great sweetness and exceeding joy."

From the cross in the neglected field-chapel of San Damiano, Christ told him, "Francis, go out and build up my house, for it is nearly falling down." Francis became the totally poor and humble workman.

Francis' first rule for his followers was a collection of texts from the Gospels. He had no idea of founding an order, but once it began he protected it and accepted all the legal structures needed to support it. His devotion and loyalty to the Church were absolute and highly exemplary at a time when various movements of reform tended to break the Church's unity.

He was torn between a life devoted entirely to prayer and a life of active preaching of the Good News. He decided in favor of the latter, but always returned to solitude when he could. He wanted to be a missionary in Syria or in Africa, but was prevented by shipwreck and illness in both cases. He did try to convert the sultan of Egypt during the Fifth Crusade.

During the last years of his relatively short life (he died at 44), he was half blind and seriously ill. Two years before his death, he received the stigmata, the real and painful wounds of Christ in his hands, feet and side.

On his deathbed, he said over and over again the last addition to his Canticle of the Sun, "Be praised, O Lord, for our Sister Death." He sang Psalm 141, and at the end asked his superior to have his clothes removed when the last hour came and for permission to expire lying naked on the earth, in imitation of his Lord.

"St. Francis of Assisi, pray for us."