

## THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, October 22

5:30pm John Champion

*Requested by family*

#### Sunday, October 23

8:00am Mass for the People

10:00am Willam Fox

*Req. by Mary Fox Rock, Virginia Fox*

*Garvey and Lynn Fox*

12:00NN Special Intention for

Keith and Mary McGuire

#### Monday, October 24

7:00am Michael Posillo

*Requested by family*

#### Tuesday, October 25

7:00am William & Frederick Cloos

*Requested by Jim & Susan Meehan*

#### Wednesday, October 26

7:00am Michael Tierney

*Requested by family*

#### Thursday, October 27

7:00am Rosemarie Silva-McNulty

*Requested by Kelli*

#### Friday, October 28

7:00am Susan Marchand

*Requested by family*

#### Saturday, October 29

5:30pm Chi Thi Anna Tran & Thanh

John Ha—*Requested by family*

#### Sunday, October 30

8:00am Lois Posillo

*Requested by Maria Posillo*

10:00am Mass for the People

12:00NN Fred Beauchaine

*Requested by family*



### St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

#### Sunday, October 23

10:00am John & Grace Carpinelli

*Requested by family*

#### Sunday, October 30

10:00am Al Jobin

*Requested by family*



## For Your Information

**PARISH SUPPORT** for October 16 was Budget—\$8,497; Ongoing Maintenance—\$2,948. This weekend's second offering—World Mission Sunday; next weekend's—Archdiocese for the Military Services. Thank you for your continued generosity.

### SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Rosemarie Silva-McNulty.

### CALLING ALL HIGH-SCHOOLERS

The next youth group meeting will be held TONIGHT, Sunday, October 23 at 7:00PM in the Upper Room at Fr. Greenan Hall. Please be a part of our growing youth ministry program as we explore new opportunities for spiritual growth and fellowship.

### BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG RETURNS

Please remember to return your "Baby Bottle" by next weekend and put it in the container in front of the Blessed Mother statue. Thank you.

### HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

Tuesday, November 1 is the *Solemnity of All Saints* and a *Holy Day of Obligation*. Masses will be celebrated in St. Francis Church at 7:00AM, 12:00NN, and 5:30PM. The Solemnity of All Saints (All Hallows) commemorates the great multitude of those chosen by God to be special bearers of grace in this world. The saints are our "big brothers and sisters" in Christ. They pray for us, watch over us, and offer a heroic example for us to follow! We look forward to honoring them with you on Tuesday, November 1.

### PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD AT ST. FRANCIS CEMETERY

Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> is All Soul's Day. *We invite you to join us at St. Francis Cemetery at 6:15PM for a candlelight prayer service for the deceased.* (Note: You needn't have a loved one buried in our cemetery to participate. The prayers will be offered for *all* our deceased loved ones.) The brief service of readings and prayers asks God's forgiveness for the sins of the deceased and is meant to strengthen in us the hope of the resurrection. Please meet at the parish cemetery on George Schaeffer Street in Wakefield. The annual Mass of Remembrance will follow in St. Francis Church at 7:00PM.

### ALL SOUL'S DAY: PARTICIPATION ENCOURAGED

Won't you please consider joining us as we observe All Soul's Day? **Wednesday, November 2, is All Soul's Day**, a day set aside for special prayers and Masses for the deceased. We encourage you to consider participating in one or both of two special events at our parish to commemorate this special day. At 6:15PM on Wednesday, November 2, we will gather in the parish cemetery for a candlelit prayer service for the deceased. All are welcome to join us, even those who do not have relatives interred in our parish cemetery. At 7:00PM on the same evening, our annual Mass of Remembrance will be held at St. Francis Church. Every parishioner at St. Francis and St. Romuald is encouraged to participate in these events. There is no better gift we can offer our deceased loved ones than our prayers. Please join us.

### FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

First Friday Devotions will be held on Friday, November 4 at 6:30PM in St. Francis Church. **From now on, one of our parish priests will be available throughout the First Friday Holy Hour to hear confessions.** Simply use the door to the Reconciliation Room right by the elevator, so as to avoid walking through the sanctuary. We hope that this additional time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be convenient for those who are unable to go on Saturdays. If you have never participated in devotions before, consider joining us for this special time of prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Eucharistic Adoration, readings, prayers and hymns constitute the devotions, which conclude with Benediction. We hope you can join us!

### FIRST SATURDAY MASS

First Saturday Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, November 5 at 8:00AM in St. Francis Church. Please join us as we honor our Blessed Mother, invoking her powerful intercession for the good of the Church, the world, and our parish family!

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## FROM THE PASTOR...

Since arriving at St. Francis I have been very impressed by the number of parishioners who contribute so wholeheartedly to the pastoral ministry of our parish. One particularly outstanding area of service is in the pastoral care to the sick and homebound. In addition to the priests and deacon, we have quite a number of lay ministers of Holy Communion who assist in this ministry. Every day, seven days a week, someone from our parish brings Holy Communion to the Catholic patients at South County Hospital. Additionally, there are Communion services offered regularly at Brightview Manor, Scallop Shell Nursing Home and Peace Dale House. We also bring Holy Communion to a number of individuals who are homebound. Of course, both Father Joe and I each provide emergency coverage at South County Hospital one day a week and we offer Mass at both Scallop Shell and South Bay Manor once a month. I am grateful that, thanks to our caring parishioners who are so generous with their time, we can provide this outstanding service.

In this regard, if you or someone in your family is homebound due to age or illness, and can no longer join us for Mass at Church on a regular basis, please call to arrange for someone to visit and bring Holy Communion. It is important for us to reach out to these parishioners and let them know that they are still an important part of our faith community. In this spirit, our daily Mass community prays for the sick and the homebound every morning before Mass.

Also, if you or someone in your family is in the hospital, please give us a call so that we are aware. Given the fact that many hospital stays are very brief, the priests are not always able to make a personal visit, but we can certainly keep them in our prayers. Also, if someone has a serious illness or is expecting to undergo major surgery, we can arrange for them to receive the Sacrament of the Sick. This is an important sacrament of strength and healing that is not just intended for those who are on the brink of death. In fact, if someone is terminally ill or an elderly person is in clearly failing condition, please call for a priest to administer the sacrament as soon as possible rather than waiting until the very last minute. The sacrament can be a source of grace and comfort to a dying person.

On another subject, next weekend our second collection will be for the Archdiocese for the Military Services which provides sacraments and pastoral care worldwide for the 1.5 million Catholic members of the U.S. armed forces and their families. I served as a chaplain in the U.S. Air Force Reserves for over twenty years and I am personally aware of the great work of the archdiocese and how much our military men and women appreciate the pastoral ministry, especially when they are far from home. Bishop Tobin has authorized this one-time collection and encouraged our participation. You will find an informative brochure about the Archdiocese in today's parish bulletin. There is no particular envelope for this collection, but I hope you will respond generously. Msgr. Theroux

## CONGRATULATIONS, DEACON IACONO!

Recently, Deacon Iacono celebrated his thirteenth anniversary of ordination to the diaconate. Deacon Iacono conducts the RCIA classes for adults preparing for the sacraments of initiation, as well as baptismal preparation classes for parents and godparents of infants. Deacon Iacono brings Holy Communion to local nursing homes, ministering to the sick and aged. He also plays an integral role in the liturgical life of our parish by assisting at Mass every week, by his well-prepared preaching, and by his monthly First Friday devotions. Deacon Iacono and his wife Jackie continue to be an important part of our parish family and we are blessed by their presence among us! In service to the wider Church, Deacon Iacono and Jackie have also founded the Fra Angelico Institute for the Sacred Arts. Thank you, Deacon, for your service. Congratulations on thirteen years of faithful diaconal ministry! Ad multos annos!



## Religious Ed. Notes

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

#### Sunday, October 23

8:50-9:50am GRADES 1 & 2

9:50-10:50am KINDERGARTEN

10:50-11:50am GRADES 3-6

#### Monday, October 24

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

#### Wednesday, October 26

4-5:00pm GRADES 3-6 (FGC)

7-8:15pm GRADES 7 & 8 (FGC)



## This Week

#### Sunday, October 23

5:30-7:00pm Praise Rehearsal (FGC)

7:00pm AA (HBH)

#### Monday, October 24

7-8:30pm —Confirmation I & II (FGC)

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

#### Tuesday, October 25

4-5pm Book Club @ Brewed Awakenings

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

7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (loft)

#### Wednesday, October 26

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

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

7-8:15pm Grade 7/8 (FGC)

#### Thursday, October 27

5-8pm A Place to Grow Pasta Dinner (FGC)

7pm Recitation of the Rosary with special

Holy Hour of Adoration (St. Rom's)

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

7pm Couples in Recovery (HBH)

#### Friday, October 28

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

#### Sunday, October 30

12:00 Noon—Mass of Enrollment for Confirmation I candidates and families. A reception will follow in HBH.

### DIES IRAE, DIES ILLA!

On All Soul's Day, the Liturgy of the Hours (prayed daily by priests and religious) proscribes the recitation of the 13th century hymn "Dies Irae." Before the Second Vatican Council, this hymn, attributed to Thomas of Celano, was sung at every Funeral Mass and Mass for the Dead. The hymn, while severe in its presentation of the judgment, is also hopeful in Jesus' tender mercy toward sinners. Very rarely now does one have an opportunity to hear the chant and reflect on its meaning, although settings of the hymn were once popularized by great composers like Mozart and Verdi. On Wednesday, November 2, the traditional chant will be sung immediately before our 7PM Mass of Remembrance. The English text will be provided. The age-old hymn is a true lesson in sin, death, judgment and eternal life. It is an element of our rich liturgical and spiritual patrimony!

# WELCOMING THE NEW TRANSLATION OF THE MASS

## A Six-Part Series

### Part Six: The Eucharistic Prayer and Communion Rite

For the past several weeks, we have been discussing upcoming changes to the prayers of the Mass. As you know, in a few weeks, every English-speaking parish in the world will implement a more accurate translation of the Latin texts of the Mass. This week we reflect on changes to the institution narrative of the Eucharistic prayer and the "Lord, I am not worthy" prayer before receiving Communion.



The central point of the Mass is the Eucharistic prayer. After the Scriptures have been proclaimed and expounded, according to our Savior's command, the sacrifice of the Cross is re-presented as Christ, Himself, is made substantially present on the altar. The bread and wine through the invocation of the Holy Spirit and words of the priest become really and truly the Body and Blood of our Lord.

In the current translation the priest prays "This is the cup of my blood...shed for you and for all." In the new translation, the priest will now say, "This is the chalice of my blood...poured out for you and for many." Chalice as opposed to cup more clearly expresses the fact that this is no ordinary cup, but instead the chalice of our salvation containing the precious blood of Jesus.

The use of the phrase "for many" could be misleading. It is true that God's goodness extends to all and Jesus died for the sins of all mankind. "For many" however is a more accurate translation of the Latin *pro multis* and more accurately reflects the Scriptures (Mt. 26:28). It also makes clear that we must accept God's offer of mercy, be joined to his sacrifice through the Sacrament of Baptism and made partners in the life of God. All are not saved simply by Jesus' sacrifice but must be joined to it through faith and the Sacraments.

Finally, before receiving Communion we will now say, "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof." This—more faithful to the Latin—makes clear the connection to the Roman centurion (Matthew 8:8). It is an allusion to this man of faith, acknowledging his unworthiness for the Lord to enter where he lives. The lesson here is that prayer—and certainly the Liturgy—ought to be based on the words of Scripture. The words of Scripture have priority in liturgical texts, in music, and in our prayer.

The new translation of the Roman missal is just a few weeks away. While change is never easy, this new translation should be embraced and welcomed as an opportunity to grow in our love of the Sacred Liturgy.

To learn more, please visit the diocesan website designed for that purpose [www.riliturgy.com](http://www.riliturgy.com).

## Fra Angelico Institute for the Sacred Arts

Come and enjoy some wine and cheese as we share an evening of sacred and secular art created by members of the Fra Angelico Institute for the Sacred Arts.

**When:** FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2011

**Where:** We will begin with Mass at St. Francis Church at 6:30 PM. Celebrant Fr. Joseph Upton, Homilist Deacon Paul Iacono

The art display, wine and cheese, and the short media presentation will be at Father Greenan Parish Center beginning at 7:15 PM.

**Presentation by:** Deacon Paul Iacono, Executive Director of the Fra Angelico Institute for the Sacred Arts.

**Topic:** The Three Stages of the Sacred Image in Pope Benedict's book *The Spirit of the Liturgy*. This will be a media presentation.

**Please RSVP by**

**Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup> to:**

783-4411 or email to [frainstitute@cox.net](mailto:frainstitute@cox.net).

## 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.**

## Mark Those Calendars!



The St. Francis Women's Club Christmas Bazaar will take place on Saturday, November 26th from 8am—1pm in Father Greenan Parish Center. We are working very hard but are still in need of the following:

- Handmade items & crafts from the knitters, sewers and crafters among us
- Small and medium sized baskets
- Unused items such as school supplies, teacher gifts, children's items, toys, candy, toiletries etc.
- Gift certificates & Christmas decorations

For questions or to donate call Anne Cooney at 783-7034 or Kathleen Puchalla at 783-1132. Thank you!