

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions

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

Monday, October 31

7:00am Anthony Schepisi

Requested by family

Tuesday, November 1

7:00am Robert Cote—*Req. by family*

12:00pm Celeste Krul—*Req. by family*

5:30pm Chi Thi Anna Tran and

Thanh John Ha—*Req. by family*

Wednesday, November 2

7:00am Mass for the People

7:00pm Mass of Remembrance

Thursday, November 3

7:00am John Meehan

Requested by Jim & Susan Meehan

Friday, November 4

7:00am Salvatore Maggio

Requested by daughter

Saturday, November 5

8:00am First Saturday Mass

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



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, October 30

10:00am Al Jobin

Requested by family

Sunday, November 6

10:00am Ben Faraone

Requested by Rita Kerwick



For Your Information

PARISH SUPPORT for October 23 was Budget—\$7,820; World Mission Sunday—\$2,714. This weekend's second offering—Archdiocese for the Military Services; next weekend's—Monthly for November. Thank you for your continued generosity.

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Rose Silva & Jack Monahan.

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 2nd 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 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!

OCTOBER 30, 2011

FROM THE PASTOR...

We are now well into the academic year and I would like to take a moment to say a word about our parish religious education program. While the schedule of classes appears in the parish bulletin each week and parishioners may see some children scurrying off to class or perhaps participating in a special Sunday Mass, many may not realize just how large our program is. This year we have 511 children of our parish enrolled in religious education. They are from all corners of our local community attending the following schools:

Matunuck Elementary School	Peace Dale Elementary School
Wakefield Elementary	West Kingston Elementary School
Charlestown Elementary School	Hope Valley Elementary School
Stony Lane Elementary School	Broad Rock Middle School
Curtis Corner Middle School	Chariho Middle School
Pier Middle School	Cole Middle School
Rocky Hill School	Kingston Hill Academy
URI Child Development Center	St. Michael's Country Day School
South Kingstown High School	Chariho High School
Narragansett High School	

Needless to say, it takes a large number of volunteer teachers and teacher's aides to provide a quality religious education program – this year we have 96 generously serving in those positions, not to mention the parents who also help out with classes and special programs periodically. All of this activity is very capably lead and coordinated by Barbette Cullen, our Director of Religious Education, and Diane Castro, our high school coordinator. I am very grateful to all of these dedicated people for their invaluable service to our parish. Please be sure to keep all our students and teachers in your prayers.

If you read last week's parish bulletin carefully, you should have noticed a new feature of our monthly **First Friday Devotions**. In addition to the usual Holy Hour, we will now be offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation during that time (6:30 – 7:30 PM every First Friday of the Month). We are doing this in response to some people who indicated that Saturday afternoon is not a good time for them to stop in for confession. Father Joe and I thought this would be a good alternate opportunity each month. Since there will be Eucharistic Adoration taking place in the sanctuary at that time, access to the reconciliation room will be through the outer door located near the elevator and the handicap entrance.

Finally, a word of thanks to our **Parish Women's Club** – last week they invited Father Joe and me to join them for a pizza party before their regular meeting. At that time they presented us with a generous donation toward completing the Upper Room for our youth ministry program. Additionally, last spring they donated new altar cloths for our main altar and Blessed Sacrament altar. They are presently preparing for their annual Christmas Bazaar to take place on Saturday, November 26th. I truly appreciate their work. If any ladies in the parish would like to join in their activities, please call the parish office – I know that they would welcome new members!

Msgr. Theroux



Religious Ed. Notes

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Sunday, October 30

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

9:15am FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING on Reconciliation Preparation. All students must be represented. (Lower Church)

9:50-10:50am KINDERGARTEN

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

Monday, October 31

NO CLASS Confirmation I and II

Wednesday, November 2

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

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



This Week

Sunday, October 30

12:00NN Rite of Enrollment Mass for Confirmation I students

7:00pm AA (HBH)

Tuesday, November 1

7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (loft)

Wednesday, November 2

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

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

Thursday, November 3

2pm Mass at Scallop Shell Nursing & Rehab

7pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (MCCR)

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

7pm Couples in Recovery (HBH)

First Friday, November 4

6:30pm Holy Hour at St. Francis Church w/ Confessions

First Saturday, November 5

8:00am 1st Saturday Mass (Church)

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

Last February, to kick off the Year for Liturgical and Spiritual Renewal, your parish priests set aside a weekend to teach about the various elements of Catholic worship in the context of the Mass. The response was overwhelmingly positive, and you asked us to do it again! **On the weekend of November 12 and 13, all Masses at St. Francis and St. Romuald will be "Teaching Masses."** In lieu of a homily, the celebrant will explain the components of the liturgy. We cannot love what we do not know, and **Teaching Mass Weekend** will provide our parish family an opportunity to renew our devotion to the Sacred Liturgy, which is at the very heart of our mission as a parish!

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!

NEW TRANSLATION COUNTDOWN

4 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: Wisdom 6:12-16;

2nd Reading: 1 Thes 4:13-18;

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13

Women's Cancer Support Group

1st Wednesday of each month at 10:00AM

at **St. Mary, Star of the Sea Parish Hall**

864 Point Judith Road, Narragansett, RI

For more information call Marie Saccoccio at 789-7112

*Women supporting women who are dealing with
or who have survived cancer.*

*"Sometimes you just need to talk to someone who's
been through it."*

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?

Thanksgiving Food Drive



The Social Outreach Committee is having a holiday food drive to benefit the Jonnycake Center. The foods being requested are: boxed or bagged stuffing mix, can or packaged gravy, gingerbread, muffin or quickbread mixes, Jiffy Pie Crust Mix and canned pumpkin/pie filling. Please place food items by the St. Francis statue in church and by the front entrance at St. Romuald Chapel.

In 2010 the Jonnycake Center distributed 448 food baskets at Thanksgiving, benefiting 1,099 individuals. The need will be even greater this year. Our St. Francis of Assisi parish family has always been generous when called upon to help those in need.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

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.