

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 5

4:30pm Mavis Phelan & members of the Phelan/DeGrasse family

Sunday, October 6

8:00am Norma Mulqueen

Requested by brother-in-law

10:00am Charles Farrell, Jr.

Requested by family

12:00NN Nicholas Raymond Duckworth

Requested by family

Monday, October 7

7:00am Angela Murdocco

Requested by family

Tuesday, October 8

7:00am Teresa & Michael Posillo

Requested by family

Wednesday, October 9

7:00am Margaret Flynn

Requested by Kathleen and Jeff

Thursday, October 10

7:00am Thomas McGair

Requested by Jean McGair

Friday, October 11

7:00am Mass for the People

Saturday, October 12

4:30pm Anthony Ramieri

Requested by wife

Sunday, October 13

8:00am James Carney

Requested by Kathleen and Jeff

10:00am Armando Martiniano

Requested by family

12:00NN Mavis Phelan

Requested by friend of the family



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 5

5:30pm Donald V. McNulty

Requested by family

Sunday, October 6

10:00am Lionel Noel

Requested by Mary C. Young

Saturday, October 12

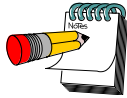
5:30pm Gerry Holmes

Requested by Mary C. Young

Sunday, October 13

10:00am Walter & Madeline Johansen

Requested by Jude and Bob



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Margaret Flynn. The sanctuary lamp at St. Romuald Chapel burns for Our Lady's intentions.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Office of Life and Family will offer the *Our Lady of Sorrows* Bereavement Support Group at St. Francis on Wednesdays, Oct. 9—Dec. 11 (except Oct. 30 & Nov. 27). Time: 7-8:30pm. There is no cost to attend. For registration/information, contact: Peter A. Magnotta at 421-7833, ext. 217.

OCTOBER—MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

Join us at St. Romuald Chapel weeknights at 7pm as we pray the Holy Rosary.

BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG

Baby bottles were distributed this weekend. We are asking that you prayerfully consider making a "life affirming" donation by filling the bottle you took home with a check or with currency and return your bottle to the church or chapel NEXT weekend, October 12/13. The "Baby Bottle Boomerang" is used to fund Right to Life Services, a ministry (since 1979) that helps pregnant women, newborns, and toddlers throughout RI with material needs, referrals, and emergency baby food and formula. There will be collection receptacles at the entrances of the church and chapel. Thank you.



Flu Clinics

Sponsored by South County Hospital

TODAY, October 6th

9:00AM—1:30PM

St. Francis Church

NEXT Sunday, October 13th

11:00AM—1:00PM

St. Romuald Chapel

PARISH SUPPORT— September 29

Weekly Support

| | | Sept. 29 |
|--------------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| Budget envelopes used (351) | - | \$7,028.00 |
| Loose Donations | - | \$ 1,839.00 |
| Online Giving (# of donors 29) | - | \$ 635.00 |
| Total Budget | - | \$9,502.00 |

This weekend's second offering is the Seminarians' Education offering.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

OCTOBER 6, 2013

From the Pastor...

This weekend, at the Cathedral of Ss. Peter and Paul in Providence, Bishop Tobin is offering the sixth annual **Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration**. Couples from around the state will gather for this special Mass and I am happy to say that three couples from St. Francis Parish will be among them – **Raymond and Kathy Quirk celebrating 25 years, David and Cynthia Velleco also celebrating 25 years and Paul and Cecile Perreault celebrating 51 years of marriage**. Our prayers and best wishes go out to them all!

Last weekend **20 members of our parish youth group** spent a beautiful Saturday morning washing cars in our parking lot. **Their hard work raised \$358.00** toward youth activities in the coming year. Thanks to all who participated in this event and special gratitude to **Joe Clossick and Jacqui Bertrand** who organized it.

This weekend our second collection is the annual **Diocesan Collection for Seminary Education**. This is an important collection in support of the young men who are pursuing the priesthood. We are blessed to have two seminarians from our parish, **Dan Mahoney** who is in the college program and **Stephen Battey** who is now in major seminary at **St. John's in Boston**. They, along with our other diocesan seminarians, are counting on your generous support. Also, in this bulletin, you will find a letter from **Steve Battey** telling us about his first weeks in Boston. **He will be home next weekend and I invite you to join us for refreshments and an opportunity to greet Stephen in Helen Bouchard Hall in the lower church after the 10 AM Mass.**

I remind you that **October is the month dedicated to our Blessed Mother and the Rosary**. During this month there is a group of people who gather at **St. Romuald's Chapel every weekday at 7 PM to pray the Rosary**. All are welcome to join them.

Msgr. Theroux

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13TH

All are invited to join us for refreshments and an opportunity to greet Stephen Battey in Helen Bouchard Hall in the lower church after the 10:00am Mass.



Religious Education

Sunday, October 6

8:50-9:50am GRADES 1 & 2 (FGC)
9:50-10:50am GRADE K (HBH)
10:50-11:50am GRADES 3-5 (FGC)
GRADE 6 (FGC)

Monday, October 7

7-8:30 Confirmation II (FGC)

Wednesday, October 9th

4:00-5:00 Grades 3-6 (FGC)
7:00-8:15 Grades 7 and 8 (FGC)

No Classes next Sunday, October 13th or Monday, October 14th Columbus Day.



This Week

Sunday, October 6

8:50-11:50am Rel Ed Classes
(see above)

1:00pm Baptisms (SFC)
1:00pm Blessing of Pets (parking lot)
5:30pm Praise Rehearsal (FGC)
7:00pm AA (HBH)

Monday, October 7

7:00pm Confirmation II Class (FGC)
7:00pm Holy Rosary (St. Rom's)

Tuesday, October 8

6:30pm Jesus of Nazareth Book Study
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (loft)
7:00pm Holy Rosary (St. Rom's)

Wednesday, October 9

4-5pm Grades 3-6 Religious Ed
Classes

7-8:30pm Bereavement Support
Group (HBH)

7:00pm Holy Rosary (St. Rom's)

Thursday, October 10

1:30pm Mass at South Bay Manor
7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (FGC-L)
7:00pm Holy Rosary (St. Rom's)

Friday, October 11

7:00pm Holy Rosary (St. Rom's)

20 Week Club Winners:

Week 20 Winners:

#313— JEAN FENAUGHTY

#68 — JUNE FIORIO

FROM ONE OF OUR PARISH SEMINARIANS

Stephen Battey, who recently began his first year of graduate studies, sent a letter to our parish family that we'd like to share. We hope that you can join us on Sunday, October 13 after the 10:00AM Mass for a reception in Helen Bouchard Hall to congratulate Stephen. Please continue to keep him and our other parish seminarian, Dan Mahoney, in your prayers. We also keep in our prayers Sr. Pia Meehan, who will be making final vows with the Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth next month.

To all the faithful parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi and Saint Romuald, greetings from Boston, Massachusetts! Today, the 27th of September, 2013 marks the end of the fifth week that has passed since moving to St. John's Seminary to begin graduate studies in theology and continue formation in the four key areas of spiritual, academic, pastoral, and human formation.

It has been an incredible blessing to spend these last few weeks in prayer and fraternity with the other 85 seminarians here studying for various dioceses around New England. While I miss the familiar faces of friends and family, the comparatively quiet streets of Rhode Island, and the times spent at Our Lady of Providence Seminary and Providence College, I am nonetheless excited to begin a new chapter in my formation; a chance to use the philosophy I have learned in college as a spring board into the world of theology. This semester's classes include Patristics, Old Testament Theology, the Synoptic Gospels, and Fundamental Theology. I also have an opportunity to branch out into even more unique and exciting pastoral assignments, including my placement this year at the Boston University Catholic Center.

In a word, my experience thus far has been a humbling one. There is something about getting up in the morning and putting on the Roman collar that makes one realize that what I do and learn that day is no longer for my own curiosity or personal edification, but rather to be a more effective bridge to Christ, that he might work through me for the salvation of souls.

I look forward to the chance to come home to visit on Columbus Day weekend. Until then, take care and God bless!

-Stephen Battey



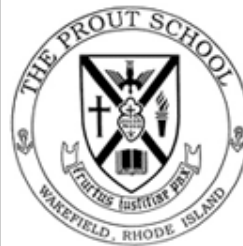
Christmas Bazaar

Mark Those Calendars!

The St. Francis Women's Club Christmas Bazaar will take place on Saturday, November 30th 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, and crafters among us
- homemade jellies, jams, sauce
- 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!



OPEN HOUSES

On Sunday, November 3 from 1:00pm-4:00pm, The Prout School in Wakefield, RI will hold its annual Open House for prospective students. Southern Rhode Island's only Catholic high school, Prout offers college prep, honors and AP classes and it is the only school in Rhode Island to offer the prestigious International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program. Prout also offers over 20 competitive junior varsity and varsity sports teams, a renowned theatre and performing arts program, and numerous clubs and extracurricular activities. The Prout entrance exam will be held on December 7th & 14th at 8:30 am at Prout. **For more information, please call 789-9262 or go to www.theproutschool.org.**

LA SALLE ACADEMY, Sunday, October 20th at 12:30pm. All are welcome. No registration is needed. Entrance Exam for High School is Saturday, December 7th at 8:00am. For questions, call George Aldrich 351-7750 x. 122

BISHOP HENDRICKEN—Sunday, October 20th Noon—3:00PM. Entrance Exam for 9th & 10th Grade applicants on Saturday, December 7th from 8:15am-12:15pm. For more information contact Mrs. Cathy Solomon at 739-3450 x. 163.