

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 17

5:30pm Rosemary Walsh

Requested by Concetta Wilson

Sunday, September 18

8:00am Jack Matuza

Requested by Anne & Kyle Whaley

10:00am Marie McManus

Requested by daughter

12:00NN Antonio, Maria & Luis Costa
and Jose do Rego Amaral

Requested by Natalie Amaral

Monday, September 19

7:00am James Carney

Requested by Jeff and Kathleen

Tuesday, September 20

7:00am Bill Carney

Requested by Jeff and Kathleen

Wednesday, September 21

7:00am Elena Rose Iacono

Requested by Deacon Paul & Jackie

Thursday, September 22

7:00am George Miller

Requested by Christine Palmieri

Friday, September 23

7:00am Special Intention for Sr. Pia

Requested by Mom and Dad

Saturday, September 24

5:30pm Freda Sweet

Requested by family

Sunday, September 25

8:00am Ned Carney

Requested by Jeff and Kathleen

10:00am Joseph and Evelina Samson
and Domenic Romano

Requested by family

12:00NN Rocco and Mary Gemma

Requested by family



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 17

5:30pm William & Anna Cullinane

Requested by family

Sunday, September 18

10:00am Frank DiMaio

Req. by Paula and John Simone

Saturday, September 24

5:30pm William and Anna Cullinane

Requested by family

Sunday, September 25

10:00am Jane P. Grimley

Requested by father



For Your Information

PARISH SUPPORT for September 11 was Budget—\$9,429; Ongoing Maintenance—\$3,551. This weekend's second offering—Priests' Retirement Fund Offering. Thank you for your continued generosity.

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Bill Carney. The sanctuary lamp at St. Romuald Chapel burns in memory of James L. Taft.

NEW TRANSLATION COUNTDOWN

10 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: Ezekiel 18:25-28;

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:1-11;

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:28-32

WE NEED YOU!

St. Romuald's Chapel Cleaning Team would like to add some new members. Please consider volunteering! You will be assigned to a four or five member team and will only be scheduled about once every six weeks. The cleaning normally takes place on Saturdays mornings and it takes about 90 minutes. Please call Mary Grace Hood at 401-782-6501 or email me at mary_grace@cox.net if you need more information or if would like to help. You can also leave your name and number in the sacristy at the chapel. Thank you!

A WORD OF THANKS

Thank you to all the cleaning teams who help us each weekend at St. Romuald Chapel. Your devotion to our Matunuck Chapel is greatly appreciated. - Bill Harding

HONORING OUR NATION'S SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

Please help us to honor our parishioners who are serving in the armed forces and are deployed overseas. If you have loved ones serving our great nation, please call the main office with names and we'll be sure to remember them at Mass.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Penance will now be offered at St. Romuald Chapel on the Saturday's during the year when we have an evening Mass. Confessions will be heard from 4:45-5:15pm at the back of the transept (to the right of the altar).

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

Catechists will be commissioned today at the 10AM Mass at St. Francis. The theme for this year's Catechetical Sunday is: "Do this in memory of me." We are grateful to our catechists for their service!

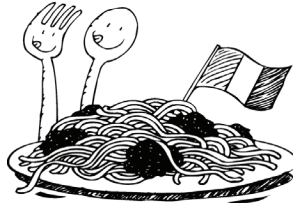
SEPTEMBER 18, 2011

Feast of St. Francis of Assisi September 30—October 2

FESTIVAL WEEKEND:

Friday, September 30th

PASTA & MEATBALL DINNER (5:00-6:30) (Cost: \$10 adults; \$5 children 6-12; Children 5 and under, FREE) followed by Wakefield Concert Band who'll perform at 7:30pm in Upper Greenan Center. Concert is free and open to all, so spread the word!



Saturday, October 1st



12:00pm **BLESSING OF PETS** in the church parking lot by Deacon Paul O. Iacono.

5:30pm **Installation Mass**—Bishop Thomas Tobin will officially install Monsignor Theroux as Pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Church / St. Romuald Chapel followed by a reception in Father Greenan Parish Center. All are invited to attend.

Sunday, October 2nd

8-11:30am **BREAKFAST** at Fr. Greenan Parish Center by Don Gray (Cost: \$8 adults; \$5 Children 6-12; Children 5 and under, FREE) **The Matunuck Breakfast tickets will be honored at our parish Breakfast.**



11:30am **DRAWING** of all raffles
(you can't win if you don't buy a ticket or take a chance!)

Baked Goods Table Ladies and gents ... get your best recipes out. We're looking for Cakes, loaves, muffins, cookies, and pastries of all sorts! If you're willing to bake for us this year, please call the office at 783-4411.



We are in need of pie bakers!

The dessert at the **Pasta Dinner** on Friday night will be homemade pies. Please call the office at 783-4411 if you're willing to help us out.

SPONSORS are asked to get their slips in so that we can get your signs made up in time for the festival.

SUMMER'S SWAN-SONG SWEEPSTAKES

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Cost: \$35

1st Prize—\$2,000, 2nd Prize—\$500, 3rd Prize—\$500

Winning tickets will be drawn on Sunday, October 2nd at the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi Breakfast at Father Greenan Parish Center.

ONLY 300 Tickets will be sold!!! v. Grand Raffle Drawing w/10,000 tickets
Simply fill out the form below and return it to the rectory via the offertory or mail it along with your check for \$35 made payable to St. Francis Church and the office will mail you a ticket. Thank you.



Name: _____

Address: _____



Religious Ed. Notes

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Sunday, September 18th

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

9:50-10:50am KINDERGARTEN

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

Monday, September 19th

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

Wednesday, September 21st

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

7-8:15PM Grades 7 & 8 (FGC)



This Week

Sunday, September 18

10am Mass-CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

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

7:00pm AA (HBH)

Monday, September 19

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

7:00pm Inquiry Night—RCIA (MCCR)

Tuesday, September 20

7:00pm Festival Meeting (MCCR)

7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (loft)

Wednesday, September 21

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

7:00pm Grade 7/8 Parent Mtg. (HBH)

Thursday, September 22

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (Office Bldg.)

FESTIVAL NEEDS

We're in need of high schoolers to help out with our Pasta & Meatball Dinner on Friday Night and our Breakfast on Sunday morning. If you'd like to help out with setup/cleanup and serving, please call the rectory at 783-4411.

BASKET RETURNS

It's not too late to get your returns in. Please drop your donations for the basket raffle off at the rectory this week.

PIES NEEDED

for Friday night's Pasta Dinner!

Please call the office 783-4411 if you can help us out. Thank you!

WELCOMING THE NEW TRANSLATION OF THE MASS

A Six-Part Series

Part One: An Opportunity for Spiritual Growth

You have probably already begun to notice some changes in the texts we *sing* at Mass. Important changes in what we *say* at Mass will be coming in November. Not just at St. Francis and St. Romuald, but at every parish in the English-speaking world

Catholics will be praying with some new texts, saying slightly different words at Mass. Over the next six weeks we will offer bulletin articles about these changes and the opportunity for spiritual growth they provide.

First, some background. In 1963, the first document issued by the Second Vatican Council was called *Sacrosanctum Concilium*. It dealt with the sacred liturgy, primarily the Mass but also the other Sacraments and official prayers of the Church. One of the main objectives of the Second Vatican Council was to more deeply integrate the sacred liturgy into the lives of Christians. Every renewal in the history of the Church is tied to a renewal of understanding and deepening of love of the sacred liturgy.

After the Second Vatican Council, a new missal—or book containing the prayers for the Celebration of Mass—was promulgated by Pope Paul VI. This is the missal that has been in use since the 1970's. Subsequent to the 1970's, there have been slight variations on these prayers and so a revised missal was issued by Pope John Paul II in 2000.

As you know, before the Second Vatican Council the Mass was celebrated in the Latin language. The Council called for some use of the vernacular—or language common to a particular place. These vernacular translations receive approval from the Holy See, that is, the Pope and those who assist him in governing the Church. The prayers we recite at Mass therefore are an approved translation of the official Latin edition of the Roman Missal issued by the Church.

This fall, we will experience the implementation of a new and more accurate translation of the Latin text of the Mass. For some years, bishops and theologians have drafted a new translation for use in the entire English-speaking world. Just last year, this translation received the approval of Pope Benedict XVI.

Over the next six weeks we will discuss some of the particular changes. While change may not be easy, it affords us a great opportunity to grow in our love of the texts of the Mass. We can meditate on them more deeply, allowing them to shape our prayer and our lives more completely. Far from a burdensome annoyance, this new translation invites us to learn the Mass more fully. It is no small thing indeed.



YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE

Our first high-school youth group gathering took place on Sunday, September 11 in the newly furnished Upper Room. Several things were discussed. It became clear that our young people want two things very deeply: they want to become better disciples of Jesus Christ in and through their Catholic faith, and they want to feel more connected to their parish community. The youth group will help them in both areas. We are hoping to offer a monthly youth ministry Mass followed by a teaching and fellowship. Those who attended our first meeting were impressed with the Upper Room and were deeply grateful to those who so generously helped to furnish it. They are excited about utilizing and helping to maintain that space. (A full listing of donations will be published soon.) The youth ministry team decided to do some fundraising in the Fall for a television, blu-ray player, and a game table. Many thanks to Jacqui Bertrand, Nick Soltzyiak, Dan Mahoney and Deidra Graves for their assistance in pulling the youth group together. More updates to follow! In the meantime, take a moment next weekend to encourage the young people you see at Mass. Let them know that they are not just the Church of the future, they are also part of the Church of the present!



ATTENTION HIGH-SCHOOLERS

If you are looking for an opportunity to meet new people, learn more about your faith, and if you are willing to be challenged in living out the call to discipleship, then you need to be at our next youth group meeting on Sunday, September 25 at 6:30PM in the Upper Room. If you're hesitant to come because you might not know anyone, bring a friend or two! **All are welcome!**

FOOD DONATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER

Peanut butter and jelly, cans/jars of veggies, tuna, canned meats, tomato sauce, pasta, fruit juice and snacks. Toilet tissue and paper towels, bug spray and sunblock are also needed. Collections are low so please try to remember to bring some items once a month. As always, thank you for your generosity.



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

<http://stfranciswakefield.com>

or

<http://facebook.com/stfranciswakefield>

Email bulletin announcements to:
saintfrancis00@aol.com

Deadline for submitting bulletin announcements is two
Fridays prior to publication weekend. Thank you.