TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 10

4:30pm Rose and William Morin Requested by Yvonne Fanning

Sunday, September 11

8:00am Celebrant's Intention
10:00am Marilyn Maley
Requested by her brother Dick
12:00nn Raymond Rogers
Requested by family

Monday, September 12

7:00am Margaret and James Stickley Requested by Margot Ferry

Tuesday, September 13

7:00am Mary Costanza Requested by her son

Wednesday, September 14

7:00am Alfred and Beatrice Bonin Requested by Viola Card

Thursday, September 15

7:00am Mass for the People

Friday, September 16

7:00am Bill Carney

Requested by Jeff and Kathleen Carney

Saturday, September 17

4:30pm Howard Fanning

Requested by Yvonne Fanning

Sunday, September 18

8:00am John Bagge

Requested by parish family

10:00am Joseph Walton

Requested by Sharon Henderson 12:00nn Perpetual Mass Association

Members



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, September 11

10:00am Young/Geisel families Requested by Mary C. Young

Sunday, September 18

10:00am Jane P. Grimley Requested by her father



For Your Information

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD will take place during the 10:00AM Mass at St. Francis of Assisi Church beginning September 25th through April 30th. There will be a meeting for those interested in being a presenter on Monday, Sept. 12th at 6:30 in Helen Bouchard Hall. We provide you with all of the materials and assistance in preparing for the Sunday readings. You would be responsible to present once every 5 or 6 weeks, depending on the number of presenters. If you want to learn more please contact Barbette in the Rel Ed Office at 792-8684 and come to the meeting!

BLUE MASS AT CATHEDRAL

A Blue Mass to honor all police officers will be held on Sunday, September 18, at 10 a.m. in the Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul in Providence. Bishop Tobin will be the main celebrant. All are invited.

SUPER 50/50 RAFFLE

Please help us reach our goal to sell all 1,000 tickets for St. Francis of Assisi Parish ... \$20.00 per ticket. There will be **6 CASH PRIZE WINNERS- Totaling** \$10,000.00... (Based on the sale of 1,000 tickets).

1st Prize: \$5,000.00 and **Five 2nd Prizes**: \$1,000.00 Cash Prize winners! *St. Francis of Assisi Church will receive* \$10,000.00! Drawing: Father Greenan Center on October 14, 2016 during our Pasta Dinner Night. *Winners are not required to be present at Super 50/50 Raffle.

ATTENTION YOUNG FAMILIES...

St. Francis Assisi Parish wants you to know that your family – with all of its LIFE like commotion, noise, crying, whispering, wiggling, fiddling, and fussing- is not simply tolerated in our church, it is a VITAL PART of our Catholic Community gathered together to worship our God as ONE. We remember and know it is an enormous task to come to Mass and we will all reach out to make you feel at home. After all, Church is not just a building; it is all of us: God's children coming together to express their love for their Creator. Thank you for your efforts! Keep coming!

PARISH SUPPORT

 Weekly Support
 September 4

 Budget envelopes used (260)
 \$ 6,946.50

 Loose Donations
 \$ 2,227.00

 Online Giving (# of donors -59)
 \$ 1,513.50

 Total Budget
 \$10,687.00

Ongoing Maintenance

Envelopes used (173) - \$ 2,727.00 Other donations - \$ 764.00 Total Ongoing Maintenance - \$ 3,491.00

This weekend's second offering is the ongoing maintenance fund offering. Next weekend's second offering will be the Priests' Retirement Fund offering for September.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

SEPTEMBER 11, 2016

From the Pastor

As I wrote last week, this weekend we're saying good-bye to Kelli McNulty with gratitude for her years of loyal service to the parish. Many, many thanks as well to all who organized the receptions and prepared the food and drink. Kelli has received the official notice of her date of entry into the Sisters of the Visitation of Holy Mary: September 26. Our prayers go with her, as her prayers will remain with us in the years to come.

This week, we welcome a new secretary, Mrs. Jacqueline Hunt. Jacki Folcarelli was baptized and raised in this parish and married her husband, Steve Hunt, here in 1971. Except for the year and a half that they lived in Abilene, Kansas, at the military base where Steve was then assigned, she has lived her whole life here in South Kingstown. The Hunts have two children and three grandchildren.

Jackie has been working in church-oriented jobs for the last 16 years, so comes to us well-qualified for the position of parish secretary. For 12 years she was the secretary at Immaculate Conception Academy, a private school operated by Regnum Christi, a branch of the Legionaries of Christ, here in Wakefield. Since the academy closed four years ago, she has been running the offices of the parish of Sts. John and James in West Warwick.

We wish her many happy years!

We are also in the process of training a new bookkeeper, about whom more in another column.

Next weekend is Catechetical Sunday and the religious education teachers will be blessed at the 10 o'clock Mass. If you're interested in teaching in the program, please contact the religious education office and speak to Barbette Cullen for the lower grades or Diane Castro for grades 7 and 8. God bless the work!

Fr. Bodah



THANK YOU for donating blood ST. ROMUALD CHAPEL

Your 15 blood donations are helping to save up to 45 lives!!

Thank you all for making a difference!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES BEGIN NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH:

<u>Grade *K, 1 & 2</u> - 8:50-9:50 begin in church for class assignment, pick up in FGC

*please note time change for Kdg.

<u>Grades 3-6</u> - 10:50-11:50 begin in church for class assignment, pick up in FGC.

WEDNESDAY START-UP OF CLASSES IS SEPTEMBER 21ST

<u>Grades</u> 3-6—4:15-5:15 begin in church for class assignment- pick up in FGC.

Parent/Student Orientation Mtg for Grades 7&8 at 7:00pm in FGC.

All registered families should have received a mailing with the respective calendars and information for the coming year. If you have yet to receive this or have not registered your child, please call the religious education office this week at 792-8684. Thank you.

What can I do to be of service to my parish ... One thing you can do is help children to know and love the Lord. This is a golden opportunity to help St Francis of Assisi's children who are seeking to learn about God. Catechists are needed for 7th and 8th grade on Wednesdays from 7:00-8:15pm.

Please stand up and say "HERE I AM, LORD" since HE is the one calling YOU!

The qualifications needed are: weekly participation at Sunday Eucharist, a generous heart, enjoyment of young people, and a willingness to share your faith. Training and assistance are provided.

Please call Barbette Cullen or Diane Castro at 792-8684 for more information.



For CONFIRMATION YEAR TWO CANDIDATES

- ✓ The Confirmation candidate/sponsor gathering is scheduled for Saturday, September 17th from 10am-noon in Fr. Greenan Center. If your sponsor is unable to attend, a parent must come with you.
- ✓ Don't forget to <u>pick up your church</u> <u>budgets</u> outside the Religious Education Office. These are to be used for Masses starting September 3/4.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY TO HOMEBOUND

This ministry provides Holy Communion to those who are unable to join the community at Mass, either temporarily or for an extended period. Lay ministers visit homes, hospitals, and nursing homes, uniting the homebound to the other members of the parish through the body of Christ. To request a visit or to volunteer for the ministry please contact Christina Moynihan.



Monday, September 12

7:30am Adoration (SF)

6:30pm Event Committee Mtg. (FGC)

6:30pm Children's Liturgy of the Word Mtg for

Presenters (HBH)

Tuesday, September 13

7:40am Finance Council Meeting (MCCR)

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (loft)

Wednesday, September 14

6:30pm The Better Part with Allison Tarzwell (FGC)

Thursday, September 15

8:30am-4pm Ninigret Quilters Meeting (FGC)

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (\JFGC)

Friday, September 16

10:45am Pastoral Visit to Peace Dale House

SPECIAL COLLECTION

At the request of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Bishop Tobin has requested that parishes consider an emergency special collection to assist the victims of the 2016 Louisiana Floods. As many as 60,000 homes have been damaged. Many families have lost everything. Our prayers and material support is urgently needed to help rebuild lives. Our parish will support this endeavor and take up a special collection at weekend Masses on September 24/25. Thank you for your support in helping those in need.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH NIGHT



Our first youth night this year will be held on Sunday, September 18th and is open to <u>all</u> high school students (Confirmation candidates are required to come). We will be

having a movie night out on the green to the right of Fr. Greenan Center starting at 7pm. Bring chairs/blankets and some snack to share.

The Diocesan Office of Catholic Charities and Social Ministry invites you to

An Evening of Education, Discussion and Reflection: Risks, Prevention and Moral Imperatives of a New Global Nuclear Arms Race

> Wednesday, September 21, 7pm Bishop McVinney Auditorium, 43 Dave Gavitt Way, Providence

Following welcome remarks by Bishop Tobin, the evening will feature Stephen Colecchi, Director, Office of International Justice and Peace, US Conference of Catholic Bishops and Lisbeth Gronlund, Co-Director, Global Security Program, Union of Concerned Scientists.

"Now more than ever, technological, social and political interdependence urgently calls for an ethic of solidarity which encourages peoples to work together for a more secure world, and a future that is increasingly rooted in moral values and responsibility on a global scale". —Pope Francis —7 December 2014

THE VISITATION PROGRAM

Our parish is in great need of people willing to visit our brothers and sisters who are unable to leave their homes. We have 3 men on our volunteer list. We are in need of some women who can visit our homebound companions. Please call Christina Moynihan...