

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 14

4:30pm Edward Cooney

Sunday, September 15

8:00am James Carney

Requested by Kathleen and Jeff

10:00am Nicholas Raymond Duckworth

Requested by family

12:00NN Fr. Francis P. Grogan, CSC

Monday, September 16

7:00am Bill Carney

Requested by Jeff and Kathleen

Tuesday, September 17

7:00am Barbara Roberts

Requested by John and Amy Mongillo

Wednesday, September 18

7:00am Mass for the People

Thursday, September 19

7:00am Marie McManus

Requested by daughter

Friday, September 20

7:00am Ned Carney

Requested by Kathleen and Jeff

Saturday, September 21

4:30pm Howard Fanning

Requested by Yvonne

Sunday, September 22

8:00am Eva Izzi Conti

Requested by Tran family

10:00am Mass for the People

12:00NN Mario Silva

Requested by Mrs. Celeste Silva



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 14

5:30pm Ann Doyle

Requested by the Hood family

Sunday, September 15

10:00am Monaghan & Thayer families

Requested by family

Saturday, September 21

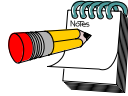
5:30pm Brian Fay

Requested by Mom and Dad

Sunday, September 22

10:00am Jane P. Grimley

Requested by father



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Ned Carney. The sanctuary lamp at St. Romuald Chapel burns for a special intention.

20 WEEK CLUB DINNER & FINAL DRAWING

Saturday, October 5TH, 5:30pm in Father Greenan Parish Center with a wonderful meal provided by Ginger from Belmont's Catering. All PAID 20 Week Club membership ticket holders can attend the evening at no charge; Guests-\$25. Please be sure to let your team captains know if you plan on attending this wonderful event. Anyone who bought a ticket outside of the church or chapel can call the parish office (783-4411) to RSVP.

20 Week Club Winners:

Week 17 Winners:

#42— MICHAEL JOYCE

#111 — LEXI LUTHER

CONGRATULATIONS!

BAPTIZED INTO GOD'S FAMILY

Congratulations to the proud parents and godparents of Amelia Grace Bosgraaf and Mario Mozzetta IV who were recently baptized at St. Francis of Assisi Church. Your parish family rejoices with you.

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.

PARISH SUPPORT— September 8

Weekly Support

| | | <u>September 8</u> |
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| Budget envelopes used (339) | - | \$6,066.00 |
| Loose Donations | - | \$ 1,711.00 |
| Online Giving (# of donors 40) | - | \$ 730.00 |
| Total Budget | - | \$8,507.00 |

Monthly

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| Budget envelopes used (228) | - | \$ 2,112.00 |
| Other Donations | - | \$ 917.00 |
| Total Monthly | - | \$ 3,029.00 |

This weekend's second offering is the Senior Priests' Retirement Fund offering.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

SEPTEMBER 15, 2013

From the Pastor...

A couple of weeks ago in my column I wrote that **Stephen Battey**, a diocesan seminarian from our parish was leaving to begin his graduate Theological Studies at **St. John Seminary in Boston**. I also indicated that we wanted to have an opportunity for parishioners to greet him and wish him well as he continues his studies in major seminary. We have now confirmed that he will be home for the Columbus Day Weekend and will be joining us for Sunday Mass. **So on Sunday, October 13, after the 10 AM Mass, we will have a reception for him in Helen Bouchard Hall, in the lower church. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for coffee and pastry after Mass and to offer your support and good wishes to Steve as he continues his studies for the priesthood.**

Speaking of seminarians, I am very happy to announce that we have another young man who is discerning a call to the priesthood and has begun seminary formation. **Daniel Mahoney, a member of our parish, is pursuing his college studies while living at the Seminary of Our Lady of Providence and participating in the formation program. Dan has been very involved and helpful with our parish youth program for the past couple years.** Father Joe and I are very happy to have a second seminarian and we ask you to join us in encouraging and supporting him particularly with your prayers. I also ask that you pray for all the young people of our parish that, as they grow in faith, others may be inspired to pursue a vocation to the priesthood or religious life.

Also regarding priestly ministry, I am delighted to welcome **Father Randy Chew, a senior priest who recently retired from administration and will begin helping us on a regular basis during the month of October.** Father Chew was the pastor of St. Barnabas Parish in Portsmouth until this past June. I am grateful that he will be helping us and I am sure that you will welcome him to our parish community.

Msgr. Theroux

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION



We are still in need of a few additional Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, particularly at the 4:30 PM Mass on Saturday and the Noon Mass on Sunday. If you are interested in assisting us in this important ministry, please speak with one of the priests or with Deacon Iacono. **There will be a training session offered on Monday, September 23 at 11 AM and repeated the same day at 7 PM.** If you are able to do this, please let us know before that date.



Religious Education

Sunday, September 15

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, September 16

7-8:30 Confirmation I meeting for parents and students FGC

Wednesday, September 18

4:00-5:00 Grades 3-6 FGC
7:00-8:15 Grades 7/8 meeting for parents and students FGC

FIRST EUCHARIST

PARENT MEETING next Sunday, September 22nd at 9:10 in the lower church. All students must be represented at this meeting.



This Week

Sunday, September 15

8:50-11:50am Rel Ed Classes (see above)
10:00am Catechetical Sunday Celebration and family liturgy
7:00pm AA (HBH)

Monday, September 16

8-1:30 Prout Freshman Retreat (FGC)
7:00pm Confirmation Class
7:00pm Baptism Prep. Class (HBH)

Tuesday, September 17

8-1:30 Prout Freshman Retreat (FGC)
6:30pm Jesus of Nazareth Study (FGC)
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (loft)

Wednesday, September 18

8-1:30 Prout Freshman Retreat (FGC)
4-5pm Grades 3-6 Religious Ed Classes
7pm Parent/Student Meeting (FGC)

Thursday, September 19

8-1:30 Prout Freshman Retreat (FGC)
7:00pm SF Women's Club Mtg. (FGC)
7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (FGC Library)



We now offer a secure and convenient way for you to contribute to St. Francis Parish! Visit our website for more information on how to get started: www.stfranciswakefield.com.

Circle of Grace, Safe Environment Program:

Each year in response to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, we have a program for the safe environment education of children and young people supported and mandated by Bishop Thomas Tobin and the Diocese of Providence.

The Circle of Grace is meant to supplement and be integrated into our program for the formation of children and young people. This program helps our youth to understand their own (and other's) dignity in mind, body and spirit. Each grade will participate in a Circle of Grace lesson throughout the year. For more program information please contact Barbette Cullen or Diane Castro in the Religious Ed Office.



Attention: Ladies of the Parish

Please consider joining some of the 'regulars' to participate in our annual retreat at **Our Lady of Calvary Retreat House** (Farmington, CT) from Fri. evening at 7 p.m., **Nov. 1** to Sun. afternoon at 1p.m. **Nov. 3**, 2013. The theme '**In Your Light We See Light**' (Psalm

36:10) leads us to walk with the blind one, Bartimaeus. We will open our eyes and come to see the source of our light, Jesus. We will take some time to rest in the light, claim the light and to be filled with the light so we can carry the light into our world.

I invite you and a friend to take some time and create some space to be with your Lord through conference talks, small gatherings, reflection time, beautiful walks through historic Farmington, companionship or just quiet time.

For more information, call Dana Hawkins at 789-8479

SENIOR PRIEST RETIREMENT FUND

This week's second collection supports the Senior Priest Retirement Fund. If you forgot to make a donation and would like to support this effort that provides critical resources for priests in their retirement years, please visit www.srpriestri.org to make an online donation using a secure server or mail your offering to Sr. Priest Retirement Fund, Office of Stewardship & Development, One Cathedral Sq, Providence, RI 02903. Thank you for your support.

RCIA Program and Adult Confirmation

Do you know someone who might be interested in becoming a Catholic? Perhaps someone has inquired about the Catholic faith and has questions about the requirements to become a Catholic. Or maybe you know someone who was **baptized a Catholic as a child**, but never followed through with other sacraments and now, as an adult, is more interested in having faith as a part of their life.

For anyone who fits this description, there will be an **Inquiry Night** here at St. Francis Church on **Wednesday evening, September 25th** in the parish office building. This informal gathering will provide the opportunity to ask questions and get information about becoming a Catholic. We will give a short presentation on ***The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)***, a program of classes and activities to prepare participants to be received into the Catholic Church at Easter. Our parish RCIA program is led by Deacon Paul Iacono who, over the years, has proven to be an excellent teacher and guide for those preparing for reception into the Church. Please call 783-4411 to let us know if you wish to attend.

In a similar vein, **if you are adult who was raised Catholic but never received the sacrament of Confirmation and would now like to be Confirmed**, please speak to Deacon Iacono or to one of the parish priests. We will be making provision for a program of preparation for adult Confirmation. It's never too late to seek Confirmation and it can be a great opportunity to renew and strengthen your faith and participation in the Church.



The food of the month for September and October is hot/cold cereal and soup. Donations may be dropped off at the main entrance of the church and chapel. As always, thank you for your continued generosity to those in need.