

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 31

4:30pm Mass for the People

Sunday, September 1

8:00am Mary Costanza

Requested by family

10:00am Robert K. Argentieri

Requested by Matuza family

12:00NN Justin Briggs

Requested by Jean McGair

Monday, September 2

7:00am Donald Stella

Requested by Aggie and Jack Walsh

Tuesday, September 3

7:00am Dr. Leonard Staudinger

Requested by family

Wednesday, September 4

7:00am Mr. & Mrs. Frank Sylvia

Requested by Clossick family

Thursday, September 5

7:00am Mass for the People

Friday, September 6

7:00am John "Jack" Monahan

Requested by a family friend

Saturday, September 7

8:00am First Saturday Mass

4:30pm Leo H. Faucher

Requested by family

Sunday, September 8

8:00am Margaret and James Stickley

Requested by Margot Ferry

10:00am Mary Ann Farrell

Requested by family

12:00NN Mass for the People



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 31

5:30pm Terrence & Elizabeth Simpson

Requested by family

Sunday, September 1

8:00am Grace and John Carpinelli

Requested by family

10:00am Henry H. Thayer, Jr.

Requested by family

Saturday, September 7

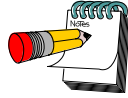
5:30pm Rose and Don Murray

Requested by Jerusalem neighbors

Sunday, September 8

10:00am Billie Holland

Requested by Agnes C. Young



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Mary-Frances Esty. The sanctuary lamp at St. Romuald Chapel burns in memory of Patrick Cooney.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

NET Ministries, a national evangelization team consisting of 12 young adults will be leading our Confirmation Retreats again this year. The team spends 10 months travelling the country leading these retreats. Our parish is responsible for providing lodging during their stay in Rhode Island on October 25-30. Team members travel with their own sleeping bag so they are just looking for floor space, hot showers and a meal. If you are interested in hosting some of them, please contact Diane Castro at our Religious Education Office by phone (792-8684) or email (castro_stfrancis@verizon.net). Thank you.

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 15 Winners:

#136— JEAN KRUL

#299 — JOE ORLANDO

CONGRATULATIONS!

PARISH SUPPORT— August 25th

Weekly Support

		August 25th
Budget envelopes used (342)	-	\$5,196.00
Loose Donations	-	\$2,513.00
Online Giving (# of donors 28)	-	\$ 630.00
Total Budget	-	\$8,339.00

Ongoing Maintenance

Budget envelopes used (221)	-	\$ 2,115.00
Other Donations	-	\$ 872.00
Total Ongoing Maintenance	-	\$2,987.00

This weekend's second offering is the monthly offering for September. Next weekend's second offering will be the ongoing maintenance fund offering for September.
As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

SEPTEMBER 1, 2013

From the Pastor...

As always, the summer has flown by. Our religious education coordinators and teachers have begun preparing for our young people to resume classes in the next couple weeks. **Children who are not attending Catholic school should be enrolled in our religious education program.** If you have any questions about that, please call our religious education office and they will be happy to assist you. Also, **we are still in need of some teachers at various grade levels.** Passing the faith on to the next generation is an important responsibility and we rely on the help of many parish volunteer teachers to accomplish it. While it can be challenging, it is also very personally rewarding. If you are thinking about it, please give Barbette Cullen or Diane Castro a call and they will be happy to tell you more about the program and how you can be of assistance.

Some of you may have seen **Sr. Pia Meehan** who was home visiting recently. She is from our parish and has been a member of the **Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth in Pennsylvania** for the past few years. This is a very important time for Sr. Pia as she is preparing to **profess her final vows in November.** Please keep **Sr. Pia** in your prayers as she prepares for this solemn event.

If there are any other young women ages 16-30 who might feel the call to religious life or who are interested in learning more about it, the Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth are offering a **Discernment Retreat** from September 27 to 29 at **Mother of the Eucharist Convent in Williamsport, Pennsylvania.** This is an opportunity to experience the life of the sisters and to see if God might be calling you. For more information or to register, call Sr. Christina at 570-745-3334 or check out their website at <http://www.cnsisters.com>.

Msgr. Theroux

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS will be held on Friday, September 6th at 6:30PM in St. Francis Church. One of our parish priests will be available during the holy hour to hear confessions from 6:30-7:15pm. *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

Next Saturday, September 7th, 8:00am.



Religious Education

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 please call the religious education office at 792-8684. Thank you.

Catechists are still needed at various grade levels. If you are interested please contact Barbette or Diane at the Rel Ed Office 792-8684.

Grade 7 & 8 religious education students and parents: Due to the open house at Curtis Corner Middle School on Wednesday September 11, our Parent/Student meeting has been rescheduled for **Wednesday, September 18** at 7pm in Fr. Greenan Parish Center.



This Week

Sunday, September 1

7:00pm AA (HBH)

Monday, September 2

LABOR DAY—All parish offices closed.

Thursday, September 5

9:00am Staff Meeting

2:00pm Mass at Scallop Shell

7:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (FGC Library)

First Friday, September 6

6:30pm Holy Hour w/confessions (SFC)

First Saturday, September 7

8:00am First Saturday Mass

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This Sunday's 8:00AM Mass at the chapel is the final one until next year.

St. Romuald Chapel

MASS SCHEDULE

CHANGES NEXT WEEKEND:

Saturday, 5:30pm

Sunday, 10:00am

Church Cleanup



St. Francis Church Cleaning Team would like to add some new members.

Please consider volunteering to help keep our church looking beautiful! You will be assigned to a team and will only be scheduled about once every four to five weeks. The cleaning normally takes place

on Saturday mornings. Please call the parish office (783-4411) or Cleaning Team Coordinator Jean McGair at 783-1633 or email her at jean@mcgair.com if you'd like more information. Thank you.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

This ministry began at St. Francis/ St. Romuald in October 2008. Since then we have been meeting the **1st Thursday of each month** to knit (and chat). We continue work on the shawls at home. As the Prayer Shawls are knit or crocheted, we pray for the person who will receive it. Once completed, the prayer shawls are blessed and ready to be given away.

If you know of someone who would benefit from a shawl (perhaps battling an illness or suffering a loss), please call Kathy Carney at 294-6775. *New knitters are always welcome.* NEXT MEETING – THIS Thursday, September 5th at 7:00pm. Call the office for more information.

SENIOR PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FUND

After decades of faithful service, many retired priests continue to serve where they are needed, while others require assisted living or nursing home care. Since priests are paid a very modest wage, they cannot rely upon Social Security to make ends meet. No longer able to rely upon parishes for basic living needs, senior priests depend on support from this challenged fund. Your generosity will make a difference in the lives of many of whom have served faithfully for many years in ministry—some of whom continue to serve well after their 'retirement.' The collection is also our way of saying "thank you" for that service. At Masses on September 14 & 15, our parish will join others throughout the diocese in a special collection in support of the Senior Priests' Retirement Fund. Thank you for your support of this worthy endeavor.



***Sing praises to our God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises!***

~Ps. 47:6

*A new **choir season** is upon us!
A new season to raise our song of praise,
honor & glory to God!*

Tuesday, Sept. 10th, 7pm, in the choir loft!

He who sings prays twice! Is this the season you try praying twice with our joyful choir? Come check out a rehearsal; it is relaxed, yet filled with the music of the Holy Spirit! Bring a friend :) No experience needed... any questions, just stop up to the loft after Mass to chat or call me, Mimi Battey, at 792-8301.

***Welcome back, returning choir ministers!
Looking forward to a wonderful year of
song, fellowship, ministry, and praise to
the Lord!! See YOU in the loft!***



STRUGGLING IN YOUR MARRIAGE? YOU ARE NOT ALONE!

If your marriage is tearing the two of you apart, if there is little or no meaningful communication, if you are considering separation or divorce, we believe Retrouvaille can help. You are NOT alone! Our peer ministry is led by couples who have lived through the honeymoon phase often followed by deep disillusionment before finally finding resurrection in their marriages using the tools taught in this program. Rediscover a loving marriage with a Retrouvaille (pronounced re-tro-vy) weekend.

The 2013 New England Retrouvaille marriage renewal weekends will be held on: September 20-23, 2013

To register for the weekend or for more information, call 1-800-470-2230 or visit:

www.HelpOurMarriage.com.