

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 19

4:30pm Nancy Caswell

Requested by family

Sunday, September 20

8:00am Ned Carney

Requested by Jeff and Kathleen Carney

10:00am Nancy Monmonier

Requested by Kehoe family

12:00nn Celebrant's Intention

Monday, September 21

7:00am Mass for the people

Tuesday, September 22

7:00am Mary and Charles Cummings

Requested by Champion family

Wednesday, September 23

7:00am Betty Goodwin

Requested by daughter Kathy Cawley

Thursday, September 24

7:00am Alfred and Beatrice Bonin

Requested by Viola Card

Friday, September 25

7:00am Bill Carney

Requested by Jeff and Kathleen Carney

Saturday, September 26

4:30pm Leo H. Faucher

Requested by family

Sunday, September 27

8:00am Dorothy Cashman

Requested by Sabo family

10:00am Therese Shea

Requested by family

12:00NN Celebrant's Intention



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 19

5:30pm Bill and Ann Cullinane

Requested by family

Sunday, September 20

10:00am Jane P. Grimley

Requested by her daughters

Saturday, September 26

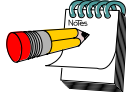
5:30pm Puchalla and Cooney families

Requested by family

Sunday, September 27

10:00am Lorette and Lionel Noel

Requested by Mary C. Young



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Bill, Ned and James Carney.

PAINT PARTY

Celebrate the feast of St. Francis of Assisi with our Fall Paint Party on Friday, October 2, 6:30PM to 9:45PM, **featuring a special (and rare) appearance by comedian and instructor Charlie Hall.** Featured in Rhode Island Monthly's Best of Rhode Island! Come and be entertained while painting. No experience necessary! Light fare, refreshments and lots of fun! **You won't want to miss this!** Cost—\$40. Call Diane Costanza to register at 783-5710 or visit drinkanddabble.com or register with full payment through the parish office. We'll also be accepting registrations with payment after Masses this weekend, 9/20 and next weekend, 9/27.



This Week

Monday, September 21

7:30-12nn Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday, September 22

6:30pm RCIA Inquiry Night (Mary Cummings Conference Room)

7:00pm Praise! Rehearsal (Helen Bouchard Hall)

7:00pm Bible Study w/speaker Paul Dalpe (FGC)

7:00pm Choir rehearsal (loft)

Wednesday, September 23

4:15-5:15pm Classes Gr. 3-6 (FGC)

7-8:15pm Grade 7/8 Class (FGC)

Thursday, September 24

6:30pm Catechist Mtg.: Classroom Mgt. (FGC)

6:30pm Organ Recital—Henri St. Louis (Church)

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

Saturday, September 26

9am-12nn Youth Group Car Wash (Church parking lot)

PARISH SUPPORT— September 13, 2015

Weekly Support

| | | <u>September 13</u> |
|--------------------------------|---|---------------------|
| Budget envelopes used (324) | - | \$6,683.50 |
| Loose Donations | - | \$2,043.00 |
| Online Giving (# of donors 40) | - | \$ 925.50 |
| Total Budget | - | \$9,652.00 |

Ongoing Maintenance

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| Envelopes used (207) | - | \$2,311.00 |
| Other donations | - | \$ 788.00 |
| Total Monthly | - | \$3,099.00 |

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

As always, thank you for your generosity.

From the Pastor

In this weekend's bulletin you'll find a summary of the long financial report prepared by Kelli McNulty and parish accountant, Ed Fox; it was reviewed by the finance council, approved by the two trustees, Joe Matthews and Shaun Curry, and signed off on by the two auditors, Maggie Hogan and Terrence Donnelly. And no, that's not a misprint: last year we had a shortfall of \$24,133. This year, we should be in better shape but only because we are not paying for a second priest and because, thanks to the generosity of an employee, a health insurance plan was switched over to a spouse's plan.

Still, the parking lot needs a great deal of work, the walkways and steps need repointing, the chapel needs a new roof, the Greenan Center roof needs some attending to, the carpet in the religious education office is pretty much unsalvageable, the basement of the church needs mold abatement, the interior of the church could use some sprucing up, etc., etc., etc.

But I can't emphasize enough that the weekend collections—or online giving—is not about paying bills; it's about giving a percentage of our income as a thank-offering to God for our many blessings. The 80% of our parishioners who do not give regularly to the parish are cheating themselves of an opportunity to render thanks to God and to do some good in the world. "While we have time, let us do good to all; but especially to those of the household of the faith." —Galatians 6:10. Generous people make the world a better place.

In the meantime, we shall have to continue depending on fundraisers to supplement our income. In this regard, I invite you to respond as generously as you have in the past to the pasta dinner and raffle coming up on Friday, October 23. Please get your raffle tickets and your donations of cash, gift certificates, lottery tickets, etc. in to the parish offices before October 13. I hope you'll make plans to attend this most enjoyable event. And join me in praying for the day when we can have a pasta dinner, not because we need the income, but because we just enjoy one another's company. God speed the day! Finally, don't forget about our Paint Party on October 2 featuring a rare appearance by Charlie Hall. See details on page 1 of this bulletin.

Fr. Bodah

BIBLE STUDY RESUMES!

Our bible study will resume on Tuesday evening September 22, at Father Greenan Hall from 7-8:30pm and will be held at the same time/place weekly. Book of study is Exodus. Register at the parish office or at the bible class. Contact Vicky Montani for information at 580-2636. There will be a presentation on the 22nd at 7:30, "Historical Sources of Exodus" given by Paul Dalpe who is an expert in biblical studies and archeology. All are welcome! Come and enjoy the bible with us!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Ed. Classes begin today:

- ~ **Grade 1 & 2-** 8:50-9:50 begin in church, pick up in FGC
- ~ **Grade K-** 9:50-10:50 bring child directly to lower church pick up after Mass in lower church
- ~ **Grades 3-6-** 10:50-11:50 begin in church, pick up in FGC

Wednesday, Sept. 23rd Grades 3-6
4:15-5:15 begin in church- pick up in FGC.

- ~ Parent/Student Orientation Mtg. for grades **7 & 8** Wednesday at 7:00 in FGC.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD will start next Sunday, Sept. 27th during the 10:00 Mass. At the conclusion of the opening prayer, but before the first reading is proclaimed, Father will call children ages 4-8 to come forward for a blessing and proceed downstairs where they will celebrate their own Liturgy of the Word. This will enable the children present to hear the word of God in a manner more suited to their age and ability to understand. The children will join the rest of the congregation in time for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

FIRST EUCHARIST PARENT meeting next Sunday, September 27th at 9:00 in the lower church. All students must be represented at this meeting.

CATECHISTS ARE STILL NEEDED at various grade levels. If you are interested please contact Barbette or Diane at the Rel. Ed. Office 792-8684.

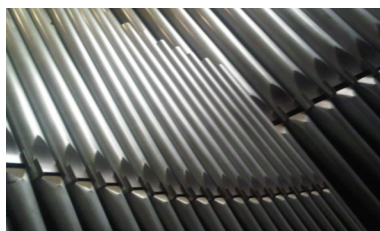
SAFE ENVIRONMENT CIRCLE OF GRACE

Religious Ed. Families: 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. This program is called **The Circle of Grace Safe Environment Program**. **The Circle of Grace** is described as *the love and goodness of God that surrounds us and all others*. The program is meant to supplement and be integrated into our program for the formation of children and young people. The program helps our youth 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 and dates of the lessons, please contact Barbette Cullen or Diane Castro in the Religious Ed. Office.

CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP on **September 24th at 6:30** in Fr. Greenan Center. Caitlin Ferraiolo a middle school teacher from Glastonbury, CT will present theories and methods for a positive and well-managed elementary classroom that will increase learning and will reduce distractions and behavior problems. Caitlin will provide you with many creative ideas that are easy to implement. Catechists working with elementary age children will find this workshop invaluable. If you are a teacher in public or private school we would love to have you join us! Questions? Call Barbette in Rel. Ed. Office at 792-8684.

GRADES 7 & 8 – We begin our catechetical year this Wednesday evening, September 23rd at 7pm in Fr. Greenan Center. Both parent & child are requested to attend. If you are unable to attend, please contact the Religious Education Office to schedule an appointment.

CONFIRMATION II candidates: Your service project reflections are due on **October 12th**.



ORGAN RECITAL

featuring
Henri St. Louis

**THIS Thursday, September 24
at 6:30pm at St. Francis Church.**

with works by
Flor Peeters, Widor, Bach
and others.

Free admission;
donations accepted for
the performer.

For more information please call 401.792.8301 or
Email: stfranciswakefieldmusic@gmail.com

St. Francis of Assisi Church Statement of Income and Expenses

Fiscal Year Ended 6/30/2015
With comparison to 6/30/2014

| | 6/30/2015 | 6/30/2014 |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| REVENUES: | | |
| Collections | \$ 618,983 | \$ 634,900 |
| Stipends, Offerings, Memorials | 25,788 | 26,310 |
| Parish Activities & Outreach | 12,375 | (4,979) |
| Religious Ed. Regis. & Retreat | | |
| Fees | 11,589 | 12,821 |
| Investment Income | 9,398 | 8,515 |
| Bulletin Ad | 5,000 | 5,025 |
| Other | 9,640 | 16,930 |
| TOTAL ORDINARY INCOME: | \$ 692,773 | \$ 699,522 |

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| EXPENDITURES (Exclusive of Depreciation): | | |
| Church | \$ 393,830 | \$ 414,169 |
| Rectory | 42,084 | 44,840 |
| Religious & Adult Education | 144,538 | 133,218 |
| Parish Center | 11,335 | 8,956 |
| St. Romuald Chapel | 38,952 | 40,031 |
| Catholic Education | 45,400 | 21,600 |
| Parish Assessment | 40,767 | 30,575 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES: | \$ 716,906 | \$ 693,389 |

**NET ORDINARY
INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE
DEPRECIATION:** \$ (24,133) \$ 6,133

****Our Savings has been reduced by \$26,401 since last year**



Online Giving

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www.stfranciswakefield.com
to sign up!