

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 24

4:30pm Leo H. Faucher

Requested by family

Sunday, September 25

8:00am Bill Carney

Requested by Jeff & Kathleen Carney

10:00am Lionel Plouffe

Req. by Ralph & Maggie Riccio & fam.

12:00nn Clement & Rosalind Langlois

Requested by family

Monday, September 26

7:00am Richard Marcello

Requested by Judith Papa

Tuesday, September 27

7:00am Mass for the People

Wednesday, September 28

7:00am Margaret Cook

Thursday, September 29

7:00am Dennis Capalbo

Requested by Family

Friday, September 30

7:00am Celebrant's Intention

Saturday, October 1

4:30pm Peter Sarto

Sunday, October 2

8:00am Celebrant's Intention

10:00am John (Jackie) Fallon

Requested by mother, Honor Reposa

12:00nn Audrey Welch

Requested by family



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, September 25

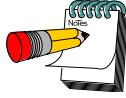
10:00am Lorette & Lionel Noel

Requested by Mary C. Young

Sunday, October 2

10:00am Elizabeth-Young Whipple & Gerry Holmes

Requested by Mary C. Young



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Barbara Duso, Lucille & Delbert Donnell and Gail Elinor Parady.

THE ST. FRANCIS 5K WALK/RUN

After an eight year hiatus on **October 15, 9AM the St. Francis 5K with a new USATF-certified course** will resume. The course traverses the rural western portions of Wakefield, beginning/ending on Winter St. near Willard Ave. Merchandise prizes to the top 2 male and female runners in each of 5 age group categories with a \$100 cash prize to the first overall male and female finisher. Call [401-783-4411](tel:401-783-4411) for more information about the race or if you can help out on race day." You can go to www.stfranciswakefield.com to download an application".

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.* Thank you to all who purchased the 50/50 raffle tickets last weekend. We have sold 24% of the tickets, which is wonderful but, our church needs your help to reach our goal of 1,000 tickets. We will continue to sell tickets after each mass or at the rectory Monday thru Friday (9am to 4pm).

ANNUAL PASTA DINNER

The dinner will be prepared by Anthony Rossi and his team on Friday, October 14th at Father Greenan Hall from 5:00 to 7:30. Tickets will be available starting in October - \$10/Adults, \$6/children, under 5/free with a maximum for a family of \$25.

DONATIONS REQUESTED FOR THE BASKET RAFFLE TO BE HELD AT THE PASTA DINNER.

Lottery tickets, gift certificates, wine and cash are needed

Please drop off your donation at the rectory or in the boxes at the church and chapel. Thank you!!!

PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly Support

		September 18
Budget envelopes used (250)	-	\$ 6,342.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 2,002.00
Online Giving (# of donors -53)	-	\$ 1,358.50
Total Budget	-	\$9,702.50

Priest's Retirement Fund

Envelopes used (194)	-	\$ 4,374.00
Other donations	-	\$ 1,328.00
Total Priest's Retirement	-	\$5,702.00

This weekend's second offering is the Special Collection to assist the victims of the 2016 Louisiana Floods. Next weekend's second offering is the Seminarians Collection.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

SEPTEMBER 25, 2016

From the Pastor

A couple of random items: Take a look at the cover of the bulletin. It's pretty much the same from week to week but it has a lot of information that you might find useful; and once in a while we tweak something to announce a change or to clarify an item. It gives the times for confessions, the Mass schedules, the names of all the members of our staff, etc. Also, I'd draw your attention to the blurb on the Sacrament of Matrimony. Help spread the word.

I'd like to repeat something I wrote last year about the Sacrament of the Sick and once again ask your help in spreading the word. Please call the priest when someone *begins* Hospice care; please don't wait until the person is comatose and slipping away. The Anointing of the Sick is supposed to be what its name implies and can be very helpful to those who are facing any illness. We'd also like to ensure that those who are seriously ill have a chance to receive communion from time to time, which of course is impossible if we're not notified until it's too late for the person to receive. If you know of a neighbor or friend who's not doing well or who has gone on Hospice care, please encourage the family to give us a call.

As you are all aware we are blessed to have two seminarians from our parish, Deacon Stephen Battey and Dan Mahoney. Let us remember them and all other seminarians during next week's second collection for the seminarians. Let us also continue to keep them in our prayers.

Fr. Bodah



One4One Book Fair

Select One book for your family...and
*your family will have the opportunity to donate funds for books for the
students at Louverture Cleary School in Haiti!*

In honor of our Patron Saint we will be holding a book sale on the weekend of **October 1st and 2nd** after all Masses at *St. Francis of Assisi Church*. Come to **Helen Bouchard Hall** after any Mass that weekend and browse the selection of books offered by *Mother of Mercy Catholic Center*. Perhaps you need to purchase a gift for Confirmation, Christmas or First Holy Communion. Selections include: Bibles, books, DVDs, & CDs for adults and books, DVDs, Advent calendars, and Christmas puzzles for children. The books for adults include catechisms, Church documents, theology, philosophy, spirituality, prayer, lives & writings of the saints, marriage, family, parenting, men's & women's interest, teen & young adult interest. Something for everyone!

Don't forget the **One4One** Book table! Your family will have the opportunity to provide books for the children at Louverture Cleary School. **Don't forget the One4One Artisan Table** filled with Haitian-made crafts.

Light Refreshments will be served!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Sunday, September 25th

8:50-9:50am GRADES Kdg, 1 & 2 (FGC)

10:50-11:50am GRADES 3-6 (FGC)

Wednesday, Sept. 28th

4:15--5:15 Grades 3-6 (FGC)

No Class Grades 7 and 8 (FGC)

First Eucharist Parent meeting this morning at 9:00 in the lower church. All students must be represented at this meeting by a parent or guardian.

Children's Liturgy will take place during the 10:00 Mass beginning today.

Sunday, October 2nd

10:50-11:50AM Grade 7 first class (3rd floor FGPC)

Sunday, October 2nd

11:30-11:50AM Makeup Meeting for grade 7 & 8 Parents (2nd floor FGPC)

PLEASE CALL BARBETTE CULLEN OR DIANE CASTRO AT 792-8684 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

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 Barbetta Cullen or Diane Castro in the Religious Ed. Office.

This Week



Sunday, September 25

Religious Education Classes (see schedule on page 2)

Monday, September 26

7:30am Adoration (SF)

7:00pm Pastoral Council Meeting (MCCR)

Tuesday, September 27

7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (loft)

Thursday, September 29

6:30pm Better Part Program (↑FGC)

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (↓FGC)

BIBLE STUDY will begin again on *Tuesday evening, September 27, 2016 at 7:00 p m at FGC*. We will be studying Acts of the Apostles. We are happy to welcome Deacon Patrick Moynihan to open up our first meeting with a wonderful message to us about this chapter of the bible and how it is relative to our world today.

Please join us and help our study group by praying for us during this new year of study. All are welcome, and as always are welcome to attend our weekly meetings. Any questions you may contact montanivicky@gmail.com

BETTER PART PROGRAM

In Luke 10: 41- 42, Martha rushes to provide hospitality for Christ, while Mary simply listens to His lessons. Sitting at Christ's feet signifies readiness to receive Christ's word and willingness to submit to the guidance of it. That is "the better part". Come spend an evening listening to empowering lectures with fellow parishioners and guest speakers as St. Francis Parish hosts *The Better Part Program, September 29th, Thursday at 6:30 p.m.!* Father Robert Randall will be presenting: "History Is Now," illustrating how the time of fulfillment promised by Christ is here and now in this moment!

Future Programs:

October 20th, Christian Meditation with Maureen Corcoran

November 3rd, Missionary Life in Haiti with the Moynihan Family.

If you have any ideas for empowering lectures, please call Christina Moynihan at 783-4411.

LADIES OF THE PARISH

Please consider joining other women from our parish on the *weekend of November 4-6, 2016 at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center in Farmington, Ct*. Enjoy delicious meals prepared by Chef Joseph, participate in the sacraments, listen to conference talks, share with other women and reflect on this year's theme, "Embracing Joy: Learning to Bear the Beams of Love." This year's theme helps us to reflect on our encounters with God, who calls us Beloved, along with pondering our resistance and how we can live into and live out the tenderness of God in our own lives. Give yourself the gift of time for a powerful and grace-filled weekend. For more information, call Dana Hawkins @ 789-8479.



Baptized into
God's Family

CONGRATULATIONS to the proud parents and godparents of Pierce Hamilton Wray who was baptized into *God's Family* on Sunday, September 4. Your parish family rejoices with you!

AFFAIRS OF THE ARTS

Is your free time spent in creating things, focusing on your hobby? Do you know line-dancing? Are you an avid stamp collector? Do you paint watercolors or acrylics in your free time? Is flora your passion? Can you fold paper into swans? Would you like to LEARN any/all of these? Our St. Francis Parish asks all impassioned hobbyists to share their talents, work, crafts, and hobbies with our community. Not interested in teaching? We invite you simply to share your talents. Please call Christina Moynihan at 783-4411.

SAVE THESE DATES

October 13th, Thursday- 6:30-8:30

Canvas Paintings with Sharon Clossick

November 4th, Friday – 6:30 –8:30

Glass Painting with Diane Costanza

November 12th, Saturday- 10-12:30

Nativity Peg Dolls with Barbette Cullen

November 27th, Sunday – 1-3

Advent Wreath Workshop with Diane Castro

St. Francis' Little Friends: My name is Katie Mertens. I am an Ambassador Girl Scout from troop 626 and for my Gold Award project I am creating a childcare program for children aged 2-4 to take place during the Sunday 10am Masses. During Mass, volunteers will be available to provide child care for your child(ren). This service will start Sunday, October 9th starting at 9:45am and last through the 10am Mass. The childcare will take place in a special area in Helen Bouchard Hall. You can either leave your child with us for the whole Mass, or they may join us at anytime during the Mass. A variety of toys, games, and activities will be available to the children.

On Sunday, October 2nd, after the 10am Mass I will have a meet the caregivers for parents and children who prefer to be better acquainted with me and my project. If anyone is interested in becoming involved, donations are greatly appreciated. If you would like to assist or make a donation of a new or gently used toy (blocks, puzzles etc.), please contact Mrs. Cullen (cullen_stfrancis@verizon.net) or myself (kmmertens99@gmail.com). Thank You.

MAKE MAGIC WITH US AND JUSTIN MAZZ!!

October 7th, Friday at 6 p.m.

Food and Drink served at 6...Show begins at 7

\$5 a ticket

Children under the age of 4 are free

*Tacos and drinks for sale at 6 p.m. before show...

*Come early and share fellowship.

*Come hungry!

SAINT CLARE'S COOPERATIVE BABY BRIGADE
Calling the young and the young-at-heart! If you like cuddling babies and playing games with toddlers, then St. Francis's Little Friends' child care crew needs your help! Starting October 9, St. Francis will be offering child care during many parish events and during the 10:00 mass to help out parents of small children. If you are interested in joining the Baby Brigade and are ready to care for children in our nursery and Co-op, please contact Christina Moynihan at 783-4411.