

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 3

4:30pm Brian Fay

Requested by family

Sunday, September 4

9:00am Celebrant's Intention

11:00am Mass for the people

Monday, September 5

7:00am Celebrant's Intention

Tuesday, September 6

7:00am Rev. Jerome E. Daly

10th Pastor—31st Anniversary

Wednesday, September 7

7:00am Regina McCourt

Requested by family

Thursday, September 8

7:00am Alfred and Beatrice Bonin

Requested by Viola Card

Friday, September 9

7:00am Rita and Tom O'Rourke and
Warren Behie

Requested by family

Saturday, September 10

4:30pm Rose and William Morin

Requested by Yvonne Fanning

Sunday, September 11

8:00am Celebrant's Intention

10:00am Celebrant's Intention

12:00nn Raymond Rogers

Requested by family



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 3

5:30pm Norbert and Marguerite Jarbeau

Req. by Dan and Corinne McKinnon

Sunday, September 4

8:00am Dufault family

Requested by family

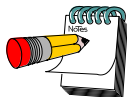
10:00am Daniel Fenaughty

Requested by Pat McGovern

Sunday, September 11

10:00am Young/Geisel families

Requested by Mary C. Young



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Ralph Calitri.

CATECHIST MEETING

Training session for Catechists in grades 5 & 6 on Thursday, Sept. 8th at 2:30 in Fr. Greenan Center.

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

Budget envelopes used (249)	-	August 28 \$ 6,238.50
Loose Donations	-	\$ 2,737.00
Online Giving (# of donors -55)	-	\$ 1,418.50
Total Budget	-	\$10,394.00

Ongoing Maintenance

Envelopes used (160)	-	\$ 1,828.00
Other donations	-	\$ 724.00
Total Ongoing Maintenance	-	\$2,552.00

This weekend's second offering is the Monthly offering for September. Next weekend's second offering will be the Ongoing Maintenance offering for September.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

From the Pastor

First let me express my thanks to Christina Moynihan, Rita Newcomb, Kathleen Lindvall and Karen Koza, who organized and ran our recent Family Olympics after the 4:30 Mass. The evening concluded with a chicken and pasta dinner and Deacon Patrick Moynihan spear-headed the clean-up afterward, a true servant. You may have seen the article on this event in the August 24th issue of the Narragansett Times.

Last week's "Better Part" on Wednesday evening was attended by over 50 people. Sr. Pia Meehan, a native of our parish, was the guest speaker, and by a wonderful providence, another parishioner, Deacon Stephen Battey, was on hand to close the evening with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Once again, thanks especially to Sr. Pia and Deacon Battey, and of course to Christina, Mark and Diane Castro, Bill Harding, and Jackie Haigh for the work they put into this event.

I wish that space and time allowed me to write more about these two events and thank more adequately all those who organized and attended to the details of these efforts. But the Better Part evening does lead me to the subject of how blessed our parish is with vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Now another of our parish community has been called to give her life to Christ as a cloistered religious. As has been announced in the bulletin, Kelli McNulty, our parish manager, is leaving us after 25 years of service and has been officially accepted as a postulant in the monastery of the Sisters of the Visitation of Holy Mary in Tyngham, Massachusetts. Kelli was first hired by the then-pastor, Fr. Robert Allaire, 25 years ago to be secretary and bookkeeper. A dozen or so years ago, she was promoted to the position of parish manager and over these many years she has served the parish with great devotion, fielding all the telephone calls, assisting all who have come to our doors. Over and above her duties as secretary and receptionist, it's been Kelli's unenviable duty to do all the bookkeeping, attend to all the federal, state, municipal and diocesan bureaucracy, and adapt herself to the personalities of four different pastors and a host of assistant pastors and priest-residents.

In order to wish her a fond farewell and express our thanks for her faithful service, a reception will be held after each of the Masses (8, 10 and noon) next Sunday in the Helen Bouchard Hall beneath the church, to which all the priests who have served here over the years have also been invited. (Kelli has a wedding to attend on Saturday, so we were not able to host a reception for her after the 4:30 Mass that evening.)

Kelli's last official day as a parish employee will be September 21, but our new secretary will assume her position this coming Tuesday, September 6, about whom more next week.

Also, remember to spread the word that next weekend we return to the "winter" schedule: 4:30, 8, 10, and noon in the church; 10 a.m. in the chapel.

Fr. Bodah



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Religious Education Classes begin the week of September 18th. 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 at 792-8684.

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. We still need catechists at various grades.

- .. 5th grade on Sundays from 10:50-11:50
- .. 4th and 5th grade on Wednesdays from 4:15-5:15
- .. 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.

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!



Important Dates

CONFIRMATION YEAR TWO CANDIDATES

- ✓ Your Confirmation Saint reflection was due on September 1st. If you have not yet submitted this reflection please do so ASAP.
- ✓ Your parish and community based service project reflections are due by October 17th at the extreme latest. If you completed your service projects then you are one step closer to writing this reflection! Details for both of these reflections can be found on our parish website (under the Religious Education/ Confirmation tab).
- ✓ 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 pick up your church budgets outside the Religious Education Office. These are to be used beginning this weekend.

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? Our St. Francis Parish asks all impassioned hobbyists to share their talents, work, crafts, and hobbies with our community. We also hope you are willing to teach classes about them. Please call Christina Moynihan at 783-4411, ext. 14.

Save these dates:

- October 13th, Thursday- 6:30-8:30 Oil Paintings with Sharon Clossick
- November 4th, Friday – 6:30-8:30 Glass Painting and Wine Tasting with Diane Costanza
- November 12th, Saturday- 10-12:30 Nativity Peg Dolls with Barbette Cullen
- November 27th, Sunday – 1-3 Advent Wreath Workshop with Barbette Cullen
- Date to be determined... Knitting with the "Sock Queen" of Wakefield, Michelle Brousseau

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*.

Save the dates: (continued on column 2)

- .. **September 14th, Wednesday at 6:30 p.m!** Allison Tarzwell will be presenting: "Thanks for Having Me, Mom," sharing about her life as a person with Down's syndrome. AND
- .. **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.

SAINT CLARE'S COOPERATIVE- PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Let's create an inexpensive and simple alternative to home babysitting. Together we provide supervised play in the kid-friendly Father Greenan Center and enjoy a parent-provided snack. With help of Teen volunteers and some adult parishioners, both the supervision and the snacks are provided by the families involved. This service would be for potty-trained children ages 3–12 years. We'll provide appropriate activities for children, while parents have some time off to go out on a date, catch a movie, hang out with friends, run errands, attend our Better Part Program, etc. A couple of hours of fun for your children! This includes a movie, diverse activities, dance party, and nourishment! We can accomplish this together! Please call Christina Moynihan at 783-4411, ext. 14 or email christinam.stfrancis@gmail.com.

EUCCHARISTIC 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.



This Week

Monday, September 5

LABOR DAY—All parish offices closed
NO ADORATION this morning

Tuesday, September 6

6:30pm Bible Study Mtg. (FGC)

Thursday, September 8

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (↓FGC)

Friday, September 9

2:30pm Catechist Mtg. Grades 5 & 6