

## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, September 5

4:30pm Mary E. Mainelli

*Requested by Jean McGair*

#### Sunday, September 6

8:00am Mildred McKenna

*Requested by Gallant family*

10:00am Edward Craig

*Requested by Castro family*

12:00nn William Kuntzman

*Requested by Ellis family*

#### Monday, September 7

7:00am Charles and Mary Cummings

*Requested by Champion family*

#### Tuesday, September 8

7:00am Mary Costanza

*Requested by family*

#### Wednesday, September 9

7:00am Mass for the people

#### Thursday, September 10

7:00am Patricia Boyce

*Requested by John O'Hale*

#### Friday, September 11

7:00am Rita and Tom O'Rourke and

Warren Behie—*Req. by family*

#### Saturday, September 12

4:30pm Judith Gardner

*Requested by Mark and Laurie Friel*

#### Sunday, September 13

8:00am Thu and Chi Thi Tran and

Thanh John Ha—*Req. by family*

10:00am Celebrant's Intention

12:00NN John Krafton

*Requested by Jimmy and Ami Stockbridge*



### St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, September 5

5:30pm Raymond Quirk, Sr.

*40th Anniversary—Req. by family*

#### Sunday, September 6

8:00am John and Grace Carpinelli

*Requested by family*

10:00am Alvin and Gloria Jobin

*Requested by daughters*

#### Saturday, September 12

5:30pm Sabatino and Pearl Vacca and

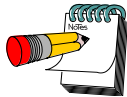
Gino and Catherine Parente

*Requested by family*

#### Sunday, September 13

10:00am Joe and Deloris Clark

*Requested by Tencher and Clark families*



### For Your Information

#### SANCTUARY LAMP

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

#### NEW TO THE PARISH?

We are glad that you joined us this weekend for Mass. Whether you've been in the area for awhile or are just here for a brief visit, we welcome you. If you'd like to become a part of this wonderful community, registering in the parish is a quick process that'll take about five minutes over the phone (783-4411) or you can see Fr. Bodah after Mass this weekend to register.

#### SR. PRIEST 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 who 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 19 & 20, our parish will join others throughout the Diocese in a special second collection in support of the Senior Priest Retirement Fund. Please consider a generous donation in support of our senior priests. To learn how this fund benefits senior priests or to make an online donation, please visit [www.srpriestri.org](http://www.srpriestri.org). Thank you for your support of this worthy endeavor.

#### A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

The Office Life & Family Ministry invites all to gather at the Gate of Heaven Cemetery ~ Baby Land, 550 Wampanoag Trail, Riverside for a prayer event. The event will be held on Saturday, September 12 from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. and is dedicated to all babies that have died from abortion, miscarriage, stillbirth or infants that have died after birth. For more information, contact Carol Owens at 421.7833 X. 218 or email: [cowens@dioceseofprovidence.org](mailto:cowens@dioceseofprovidence.org).

### PARISH SUPPORT— August 30, 2015

#### Weekly Support

Weekly Support	August 30
Budget envelopes used (274)	- \$6,444.00
Loose Donations	- \$2,655.00
Online Giving (# of donors 40)	- \$ 1,012.50
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>- \$10,111.50</b>

This weekend's second offering will be the Monthly offering for September. Next weekend's second offering will be the Ongoing Maintenance fund offering. **Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.**

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To give hearing and speech back to a deaf and mute man is tantamount to giving him back his very self. Why? The act of looking at another person without speaking to him constitutes a rudeness we call staring. However, "one can look at another without limit of time so long as a conversation is going on" (Walter Ong). That transformation from alienation to relationship is the way Christ saves the deaf man. Our voice reveals our interior self, reinforces the fact of our presence, and communicates a sense of mystery. The "poor in the world" who obey Christ's command "Be opened!" become "rich in faith." **MAGNIFICAT**, September 2015, pages 84-85; Meditation "Be Opened," pages 88-89.

### *Be Opened*

And looking up to heaven, he sighed, and said to him, "*Ephphatha*," that is, "*Be opened*." Jesus looks up to the Father. It is as if he always wants to work a miracle in the Trinity, never alone. The Father and the Spirit are in heaven. And he, even as a man in the world, always has access to heaven.

Even more: he draws heaven nearer in order not to act alone, to be confirmed, to allow for participation in what he will do. This divine, mutual sharing with another is what, throughout his whole life, the Lord gives to us. For a whole context is there: the deaf-mute who lets himself passively be led there, those who are active and bring him, and lastly those watching, who will write it down. The Lord is there, who is God and man; and heaven is there. A whole, immense sharing, then, in which each performs what is his to perform, without our being able to know exactly what belongs to whom.

That is Christian, already a kind of Eucharistic miracle. The Lord gives his body because he is on earth; he gives his bodily touch. He does not give only his divine power to work miracles. And he does not refuse people's help. But with his gaze toward heaven, he seeks the nearness of the Father and the Spirit and the whole of heaven. Only then, after this wordless prayer—for every glance up to heaven is a prayer for the Son—he sighs. He sighs because he is tired, because power is going out of him again. He sighs in obedience. And then he speaks the word *Ephphatha*. The man's ears and mouth are to open. They are to open primarily in a supernatural sense, which secondarily draws the earthly sense after it. They are to open so that they can receive faith, but also so that they can perceive and speak the audible words of faith.

~ ADRIENNE VON SPEYR

*Adrienne von Speyr (†1967) was a Swiss physician, a mystical writer, and a stigmatist.*



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

**Religious Education Classes begin the week of September 20<sup>th</sup>.** 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.

### Confirmation II Candidates' September Calendar

If you have not already, please submit your saint reflection to the Religious Education Office.

Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm is our first monthly gathering (see more info in the bulletin) Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> Morning of Reflection for candidate and your sponsor. Service project reflections are due on September 30<sup>th</sup>.



## This Week

**Monday, September 7**

**LABOR DAY**

No Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
All parish offices closed.

**Wednesday, September 9**

6:30pm Catechists' Mtg. Gr. K-6 (FGC)

**Thursday, September 10**

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

**Saturday, September 12**

7-9pm Youth Ministry Movie Night-FGC

### Pope Francis's Prayer Intentions for September

"That opportunities for education and employment may increase for all young people, and that catechists may give witness by living in a way consistent with the faith they proclaim."

## ***We are in need of Catechists...***

The qualifications needed are: weekly participation at Sunday Eucharist, a generous heart, enjoyment of young people, and a willingness to share your faith. Newly confirmed teens, this is your chance to give back to the community the gifts of your faith that were passed on to you.

**Classes are held on Sundays and Wednesdays:**

**Sundays:** Grades 1 & 2 from 8:50-9:50, Grades 3-6 from 10:50-11:50

**Wednesday:** Grades 3-6 from 4:15-5:15 and Grades 7 & 8 from 7:00-8:15.

If interested in teaching, please contact Barbette or Diane at the Religious Education Office 792-8684.

### **40 DAYS FOR LIFE FALL CAMPAIGN**

The 2015 40 Days for Life Fall Campaign will begin on Wednesday, September 23, and will conclude on Saturday, October 31. This event is being hosted by the Diocese of Providence Office of Life and Family Ministry. The Campaign calls for peaceful prayer vigils at Planned Parenthood (111 Point St, Providence) and Women's Medical Clinic (1725 Broad St, Cranston) throughout the duration of the 40 Days. **We are asking parishes to adopt a day and for individuals to adopt an hour for this year's campaign.** Please encourage women who are in a crisis or unplanned pregnancy to call us for confidential assistance! (401-421-7833 x. 218) Those who are not able to make it can still give support through prayer, fasting, and other avenues of community outreach. To learn more about the campaign call Carol Owens at the above number.

### ***High School Youth Ministry***

*It is with great excitement that we share some news for our parish high school teenagers. Starting this September there will be monthly Youth nights for all high school students. We have been blessed to have a group of teens working on planning these events. (More are welcome to join us.) The goal of these gatherings is to lead our parish teens more deeply into a relationship with Christ and to build a loving and welcoming community of young disciples where they can find support and friendship amongst their peers. The first evening is an outdoor movie night scheduled for Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> starting at 7pm on the grounds of Fr. Greenan Center. Invite a friend and bring a comfy lawn chair and a snack to share. Drinks will be provided.*

August 29, 2015

Dear Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi,

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone for the welcome that I have been shown since I started here in the Spring. I feel fortunate to be able to share my gifts with such a wonderful parish family.

Secondly, the reason I am writing to you is to welcome and invite you to join our parish music ministry program. We are always looking for new choir members and cantors. St. Augustine is quoted as saying, "For he who sings praise, does not only praise, but also praises joyfully; he who sings praise, not only sings, but also loves Him whom he is singing about/to/for." What better way to celebrate and praise God than with lifting your voices in song.

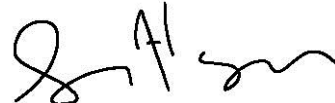
The St. Francis choir rehearses on Tuesday nights from 7:00 - 8:30pm, and will be singing at the 10:00am Mass each Sunday from September to the end of May. In addition to the 10:00am Sunday Mass, the choir plays an integral role in the services of Holy Week, Christmas and other parish liturgical celebrations such as Confirmation.

In order to join the parish choir, one does not need to have any experience singing in a choir previously; just dedication, a will to learn, and a desire to enhance parish liturgical life.

Our first rehearsal is on Tuesday, September 15, starting at 7:00pm. Anyone interested is encouraged to contact me by email at [stfranciswakefieldmusic@gmail.com](mailto:stfranciswakefieldmusic@gmail.com) or by phone at 401.783.4411. Also, feel free to stop by the choir loft after any Mass if you would like to ask any questions you may have in person.

The choir at St. Romuald is also always open to new members. If you have any questions or would like more details, please feel free to speak to Karen Graham, who is available after all masses at the chapel.

Thank you for your support and consideration, and I hope that many of you feel called to join such a vital parish ministry.



Stephen Higgins  
Director of Liturgical Music