

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 6

4:30pm Rev. Jerome E. Daly—10th

Pastor—29th Anniversary

Sunday, September 7

8:00am Mary Costanza

Requested by family

10:00am Alice and Hilding Munson

Requested by family

12:00NN Joseph Connors

Requested by family

Monday, September 8

7:00am Florence Gallogly

Requested by Walter DiPrete family

Tuesday, September 9

7:00am Mass for the People

Wednesday, September 10

7:00am Walter DiPrete

Requested by Dolores DiPrete

Thursday, September 11

7:00am Michael Cooney

Requested by a friend

Friday, September 12

7:00am Judith Gardner

Requested by Mark and Laurie Friel

Saturday, September 13

4:30pm Leo Faucher

Requested by family

Sunday, September 14

8:00am Nho Thi Tran

Requested by Tran family

10:00am Mae A. Manney

Requested by Robert A. Manney family

12:00NN Special Intention



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 6

5:30pm Carl and Cora Romano

Requested by family

Sunday, September 7

10:00am Alvin and Gloria Jobin

Requested by daughters

Saturday, September 13

5:30pm Gerry Holmes & Elizabeth

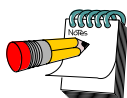
Young-Whipple

Requested by Mary C. Young

Sunday, September 14

10:00am Dorothy Maddren

Kathleen Dwyer



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

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

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

Bishop Tobin invites all to join him in prayer for vocations to the priesthood at a **Holy Hour for Vocations on Tuesday, September 16, 2014 at 6:30 PM at St. Pius X Church, Westerly.** As Pope Francis has said, "Vocations are born in prayer and from prayer; and only through prayer can they persevere and bear fruit." Let us unite in prayer that many more men will respond to God's call to the priesthood in the Diocese of Providence.

IT'S ALMOST TIME...TIME FOR THE CHOIR TO GATHER!

REHEARSALS BEGIN TUESDAY, SEPT. 9TH at 7PM!!

Never tried choir? Make this your year to join this joy filled music ministry! We need YOU sopranos, altos, tenors, basses high school age and beyond!

Special call to the men! Real men sing in the choir :)

No experience necessary!

When you join you get your very own black, 3-ring binder!

Yes! Your very own!

But wait, there's more!

Join before rehearsals

begin and you also get...(wait for it)...

a brand new sharpened pencil also to call your very own!

Call me, Mimi Battey, now to join! (or stop by the loft)

Call 792-8301 and mention 'ministry' and you will also receive the joy and grace of singing all praise, honor and glory to the Lord!

See you at our first rehearsal in the loft on

Tuesday, Sept. 9th at 7pm!!

PARISH SUPPORT— August 31

Weekly Support

		<u>August 31st</u>
Budget envelopes used (272)	-	\$ 5,378.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 3,131.00
Online Giving (# of donors 41)	-	\$ 1,017.00
Total Budget	-	\$ 9,526.00

Ongoing Maintenance

Envelopes used (155)	-	\$1,684.50
Online Giving (# of donors 8)	-	\$95.00
Total Ongoing Maintenance	-	\$1,779.50

This weekend's second offering is the Monthly Offering for September. Next weekend's second offering will be the Ongoing Maintenance Fund offering.
Thank you for your continued generosity.

From the Pastor

Religious education resumes this week and I for one am looking forward to meeting our young people and their parents. In the gospel according to John 17:3, our Lord prays at the Last Supper, "Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ." What a privilege it is for parents, catechists, directors, and parish priests to work together with the children and young people to help one another to know God our Father and his only-begotten Son. This is to cooperate in the work of the Holy Spirit.

It is rather a cliché to remark that children are our hope for the future, and like most clichés it is true. I'd like to note, though, that as far as the more immediate future of our parish is concerned, the *parents* are our hope. What a tremendous resource they are for ensuring the continued health of the community that is St. Francis parish. We who have no children in the religious education program are willing to do all in our power to help these men and women in their vocation as Catholic parents.

The first thing we can do is to pray. Psalm 127:1 says "Unless the LORD build the house, they labor in vain who build." Everyone, of any age or background, can petition the Lord to increase our faith. But, as St. Paul teaches in 1 Corinthians 13:2, "if I have all faith so as to move mountains but do not have love, I am nothing." It's easy enough to say we believe in God, but without concrete deeds of love *toward God*, that is not a faith that can bring us to salvation.

Finally, there are still some grades that do not have enough teachers to serve all the students. Please do not fear that you don't have enough theological knowledge to teach religion. First, we can give you some training and resources to equip you to take a group. But second, "faith is caught, not taught," and if you have Catholic faith and a desire to share it with others, God may be calling you to share what you have with some of our young people. Let us know.

Thanks,

Fr. Bodah

A Word from the Parish Breakfast Chairs

The Parish Breakfast in Matunuck fed an estimated 300 people at this year's annual event and realized a profit of \$1,447. Thank you to all those who joined us and helped out with the breakfast in any way. It has been a pleasure coordinating the Parish Breakfast these past thirteen years and seeing so many enjoy the annual event.

Fran and Cathy Fitzpatrick



Religious Education

RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES
Grade 1 & 2- 8:50-9:50 begin in church, pick up at FGC

Grades 3-6- 10:50-11:50 begin in church, pick up at FGC

Wednesday, Sept. 10th Grades 3-6
4:00-5:00 begin in church- at 3:55 pick up at FGC

Kindergarten: We've only had three families register for Kindergarten so far. Unless our numbers increase we will not have a kindergarten class. Please contact Mrs. Cullen for materials if you would like to teach your child at home.

Monday, Sept. 8th Confirmation I & II parent meeting 7- 8:00pm in FGC

Wednesday Sept. 10th Grade 7&8 Parent Meeting 7-8:00pm in FGC

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 to 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.



Family Liturgies 2014-2015

What is a "Family Liturgy" at St. Francis?

Once a month at St. Francis Church, the 10:00AM Mass is designated as a special "Family Liturgy" with a homily geared principally to the children, although not without value for the adults present! The Family

Liturgies are planned to coincide with the liturgical seasons or other catechetical themes that can be easily reinforced at home or in religious education classes. Please note the dates and themes below as we look forward to another school year.

♦ **Sunday, September 21, 10AM – God's Gift of Forgiveness (Catechetical Sunday)**

A day to reflect on the gift of God's mercy and to commission our parish catechists

♦ **Sunday, October 26, 10AM – Mass of Belonging**

Although all children and families are welcome at this special liturgy, we will welcome in a special way the First Communion children as they begin the process of preparation that will lead to their reception of Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time in the Spring

♦ **Sunday, November 2, 10AM – Remembering Those Who Have Gone Before Us**

To coincide with the Solemnity of All Saints and the Feast of All Souls, all children will be encouraged to dress as their favorite saint and some will even be "interviewed" during the homily!

♦ **Sunday, December 7, 10AM – Advent Family Liturgy**

A day to reflect on the importance of the Advent Season through the symbol of the Advent Wreath, and to prepare our hearts to receive Christ at Christmas

♦ **Sunday, January 11, 10AM – Mass of Listening to God's Word**

Geared specifically to our First Communion children, but open to all families, we will reflect in this Liturgy on the importance of hearing God's Word before we receive his Sacrament

♦ **Sunday, February 8, 10AM – The Strength of Jesus's Love**

As we look ahead to Valentine's Day, we will reflect on the power of Christ's love for us

♦ **Sunday, March 8, 10AM – Lenten Family Liturgy**

A day to reflect on the meaning of the Lenten Season

♦ **Sunday, April 12, 10AM – Celebrating Easter**

A day to reflect on the meaning and significance of Jesus' resurrection and his gift of mercy

♦ **Sunday, May 3, 10AM – May Crowning**

A day to honor our Blessed Mother as Queen of Heaven and Earth, and to learn about her important role in our lives

Please refer to all notices from the Religious Education Office, as dates may need to be adjusted.



This Week

Sunday, September 7

8:50-10:50 Grades K-6 Classes (FGC)

5:30-7pm Praise Rehearsal (FGC)

7:00pm AA (HBH)

Monday, September 8

7:30-12Noon Adoration (SFC)

1pm Divine Mercy Cenacle (SRC)

7pm Confirmation I & II Parent Mtg (FGC)

Tuesday, September 9

7:45am Finance Council Mtg (MCCR)

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (loft)

Wednesday, September 10

7pm Gr. 7 & 8 Parent (only) Mtg (FGC)

4-5pm Classes Grades 3-6 (FGC)

Thursday, September 11

1:30pm Mass at South Bay Manor

7:00pm Divine Mercy Cenacle (SRC)

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

Friday, September 12

6:30pm Stations of the Cross (SRC)

7:00pm Rosary (SRC)

THANK YOU CATHY & FRAN

Cathy and Fran Fitzpatrick have done an outstanding job coordinating our annual parish breakfast in Matunuck for the past thirteen years. The breakfast takes many to serve the great crowds that turn out, but the bulk of the work has been done behind the scenes in the quiet planning stages. It is with grateful appreciation for so many dedicated years of service that **we thank Fran and Cathy for all the "detail work"**. Without your quiet behind the scenes work, there wouldn't have been an annual breakfast. Your parish is ever grateful! Job well done!



Food
Pantry
Needs

During the summer months we are looking for donations of tuna and other canned meats, lunch snacks, pancake/Bisquick mix, and laundry detergent. Thank you.