

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 7

4:30pm Leo H. Faucher

Requested by family

Sunday, September 8

8:00am Margaret and James Stickley

Requested by Margot Ferry

10:00am Mary Ann Farrell

Requested by family

12:00NN Mass for the People

Monday, September 9

7:00am Michael Scully

Requested by The Boyle family

Tuesday, September 10

7:00am Walter DiPrete

Requested by Dolores DiPrete

Wednesday, September 11

7:00am Fr. Francis P. Grogan & all those
lost on 9-11-01

Thursday, September 12

7:00am Judith Gardner

Requested by Mark & Laurie Friel

Friday, September 13

7:00am Ann Doyle

Requested by May Tran

Saturday, September 14

4:30pm Edward Cooney

Sunday, September 15

8:00am James Carney

Requested by Kathleen and Jeff

10:00am Nicholas Raymond Duckworth

Requested by family

12:00NN Fr. Francis P. Grogan, CSC



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 7

5:30pm Rose and Don Murray

Requested by Jerusalem neighbors

Sunday, September 8

10:00am Billie Holland

Requested by Agnes C. Young

Saturday, September 14

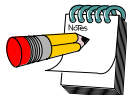
5:30pm Ann Doyle

Requested by the Hood family

Sunday, September 15

10:00am Monaghan & Thayer families

Requested by family



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Ralph Calitri. The sanctuary lamp at St. Romuald Chapel burns in memory of John "Jack" Monahan.

20 WEEK CLUB DINNER & FINAL DRAWING

Saturday, October 5TH, 5:30pm in Father Greenan Parish Center with a wonderful meal provided by Ginger from Belmont's Catering. All PAID 20 Week Club membership ticket holders can attend the evening at no charge; Guests-\$25. Please be sure to let your team captains know if you plan on attending this wonderful event. Anyone who bought a ticket outside of the church or chapel can call the parish office (783-4411) to RSVP.

20 Week Club Winners:

Week 16 Winners:

#44— MSGR. THEROUX

#210 — YVONNE FANNING

CONGRATULATIONS!

SENIOR PRIEST RETIREMENT FUND

Catholics throughout the diocese have a unique opportunity to make a real difference in the lives of our senior priests. Next weekend's second collection will benefit the Senior Priest Retirement Fund, a significant source of support for priests which provides for basic needs such as food, housing, transportation and medical care. Please consider your generous support of this important effort that benefits those who have selflessly served the faithful for decades. For more information about the Senior Priest Retirement Fund, or to make a donation online, please visit www.srpriestri.org.

PARISH SUPPORT— September 1

Weekly Support

		<u>September 1</u>
Budget envelopes used (343)	-	\$5,752.00
Loose Donations	-	\$2,432.00
Online Giving (# of donors 28)	-	<u>\$ 625.00</u>
Total Budget	-	\$8,809.00

Monthly

Budget envelopes used (209)	-	\$ 2,299.00
Other Donations	-	<u>\$ 936.00</u>
Total Monthly	-	\$ 3,235.00

This weekend's second offering is the ongoing maintenance fund offering for September. Next weekend's second offering is the Senior Priests' Retirement Fund.
As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

SEPTEMBER 8, 2013

From the Pastor...

This weekend's second collection is our "Ongoing Maintenance" collection. You may well wonder where the money goes. Although all of our parish buildings have been updated or renovated in the past ten years, we always have needs that arise and, as you know from your experience in your own homes, repairs are costly and in larger buildings the cost is even greater. I thought I would tell you about some of the bigger expenses that we have had recently.

During the spring and early summer we had a couple of problems with the heat/AC system in the church. First an electronic control had to be replaced and later a leaking valve in the air conditioning unit had to be replaced necessitating a recharge of the system. These repairs cost a total of \$5,404.

Other recent expenses have been in the rectory. When the new addition was built and the rectory was renovated about ten years ago, nothing was done to the old steam oil heating system. Radiators throughout the residence had electronic valves to regulate the heat, but the valves were beginning to fail and are no longer available for replacement. The system was noisy (think clanging pipes and pounding radiators), often in need of repair and it was generally very inefficient. With the approval of the finance council, we sought bids to replace the system and over the summer Atlantic Control Systems has installed a new gas-fired forced hot air system. The high-efficiency equipment and the conversion to gas should provide ongoing savings while the zoning arrangement should make the heat more manageable and comfortable. We have also converted from an oil hot water heater to a gas, high-efficiency tankless system. While they were zoning the heat, we were also able to make the air conditioning more efficient as well. We still are not fully operational because we are waiting for National Grid to install a new gas line, but that should be done soon. The total cost of this project was about \$30,000, but we are expecting rebates from National Grid as well as ongoing savings that will help us in the long run.

Another rectory issue was the windows. The residence side of the building is very old and over the years there has been some settling, resulting in slanting floors and crooked window frames. The windows that were installed ten years ago may have been good at the time, but were very drafty today. The finance council agreed that it would be pointless to invest in an efficient heating system if the windows are not tight, so we have installed efficient new windows at a cost of about \$18,000.

The next project will be better lighting in the parking lot behind the church. We are presently working with a lighting contractor and I hope that by winter we will have new lights to make the property more secure and safer for all who participate in our many parish activities. We are also getting bids to do some patchwork in the parking lot and reseal the surface.

Not to forget the chapel in Matunuck, earlier in the summer we had the building washed to remove mildew caused by the dampness and since then a high-quality sealer has been applied. The cost for this project was quite low thanks to some very generous volunteers. Also at the chapel, one of the furnaces has failed, so we are presently seeking bids to replace.

Maintenance is an ongoing concern. The "Maintenance Collection" paid for part of these improvements and fortunately we had some generous bequests that helped to pay the balance. We have fine parish facilities and it is important that we maintain them properly. Your ongoing support is essential and I work closely with the finance council to ensure that the funds entrusted to us are used carefully. Thanks again for your presence and generosity!

Msgr. Theroux



Religious Education

CLASSES BEGIN TODAY:

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

Monday, Sept. 9th Confirmation II student and parent meeting 7- 8:30pm in FGC

Wednesday, Sept. 11th Grades 3-6 4:00-5:00 begin in church- pick up at FGC

Grade 7 & 8 Religious Education students and parents: Due to the open house at Curtis Corner Middle School on Wednesday September 11, our Parent/Student meeting has been rescheduled for **Wednesday, September 18** at 7pm in Fr. Greenan Parish Center.

NEED OF CATECHISTS for Grade 5 (on Sundays), Grade 7 & 8 on Wednesday evenings and Grade 9 on Monday evenings. Call the Religious Ed office if you are able to teach. Training will be provided.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMEN

Confirmation registration is required for Catholic High School students who are currently in **grade 9** and attended Msgr. Clarke School (or any other Catholic middle school) last year. You can call the religious education office at 792-8684.



This Week

Sunday, September 8

8:50-11:50am Rel Ed Classes (see above)
5:30-7pm Praise Rehearsal (FGC)
7:00pm AA (HBH)

Monday, September 9

7:00pm Confirmation Class

Tuesday, September 10

7:45am Finance Council Mtg. (MCCR)
6:30pm Jesus of Nazareth Study (FGC)
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (loft)

Wednesday, September 11

4-5pm Grades 3-6 Religious Ed Classes

Thursday, September 12

1:30pm Mass at South Bay Manor
7:00pm Divine Mercy Cenacle (SRC)
7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (FGC Library)

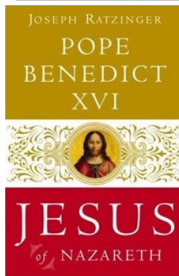


FAMILY LITURGY: Open the Door of Faith

Please join us next Sunday, September 15, at the 10AM Mass in Saint Francis for the first Family Liturgy of the 2013-2014 season! A special homily will be geared toward the children, although adults will learn something as well! We will reflect together on the importance of *passing on* our faith to our young people and we will also commission our parish catechists. The Year of Faith will conclude in just a few short months. Join us as we consider what it means to continue "opening the door of faith" in our day-to-day lives.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

NET Ministries, a national evangelization team consisting of 12 young adults will be leading our Confirmation Retreats again this year. Our parish is responsible for providing lodging during their stay in Rhode Island on October 25-30. Team members travel with their own sleeping bag so they are just looking for floor space, hot showers and a meal. If you are interested in hosting some of them, please contact Diane Castro at our Religious Education Office by phone (792-8684) or email (castro_stfrancis@verizon.net). Thank you.



JESUS OF NAZARETH

Father Joe's book study on Pope Benedict XVI's JESUS OF NAZARETH starts this Tuesday, September 10 and will continue: September 17, 24 and October 8, 15, 22 & 29.

6:30pm-7:00pm Refreshments & Social (Optional)
7-8:30pm Presentation with Question/Answers

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Office of Life and Family will offer the *Our Lady of Sorrows* Bereavement Support Group at St. Francis on Wednesdays, Oct. 9—Dec. 11 (except Oct. 30 & Nov. 27). Time: 7-8:30pm. There is no cost to attend. For registration/information, contact: Peter A. Magnotta at 421-7833, ext. 217.



***Sing praises to our God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises!***
~Ps. 47:6

*A new **choir season** is upon us!
A new season to raise our song of praise,
honor & glory to God!*

Tuesday, Sept. 10th, 7pm, in the choir loft!

He who sings prays twice! Is this the season you try praying twice with our joyful choir? Come check out a rehearsal; it is relaxed, yet filled with the music of the Holy Spirit! Bring a friend :) No experience needed... any questions, just stop up to the loft after Mass to chat or call me, Mimi Battey, at 792-8301.

***Welcome back, returning choir ministers!
Looking forward to a wonderful year of
song, fellowship, ministry, and praise to
the Lord!! See YOU in the loft!***

Church Cleanup



St. Francis Church Cleaning Team would like to add some new members.

Please consider volunteering to help keep our church looking beautiful! You will be assigned to a team and will only be scheduled about once every four to five weeks. The cleaning normally takes place on Saturday mornings.

Please call the parish office (783-4411) or Cleaning Team Coordinator Jean McGair at 783-1633 or email her at jean@mcgair.com if you'd like more information. Thank you.