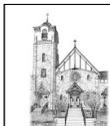
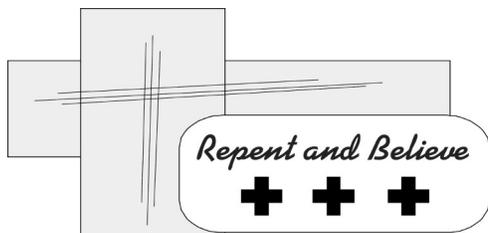


THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions



Saturday, September 30

4:30 pm †Norman, Dolores & Stephen Iacuele

Requested by Family

Sunday, October 1

8:00am

10:00am †Arthur Colby

Requested by Barbara Tuohy

12:00nn †George DeWolf

Requested by Family

Monday, October 2

7:00am †Judith Gardner

Requested by Family

Tuesday, October 3

7:00am Special Intention

Wednesday, October 4

7:00am †Angela Murdocco

Requested by Family

Thursday, October 5

7:00am Mass for the People

Friday, October 6

7:00am †Teresa & Michael Posillo

Requested by Family

Saturday, October 7

4:30

Sunday, October 8

8:00am †Laura Webb

10:00am

12:00nn †Jack Fallon

Requested by Mother



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, October 1

10:00am †Elizabeth Young-Whipple/
Gerry Holmes

Requested by Mary C. Young

Sunday, October 8

10:00am †Elizabeth Young-Whipple/
Gerry Holmes

Requested by Mary C. Young



For Your Information

This Friday, October 6th

5:00—7:30 PM

Fr. Greenan Parish Center

Cost: \$10 Adults;

\$7 Take-Out (does not include drink or dessert)

\$5 children over 5 years*

Children under 5, FREE



Don't forget to return your raffle tickets either by mail, place in collection basket or drop by the rectory. Additional raffle tickets are available at the rectory.

Tickets are \$1 each or (6) for \$5.



Prizes are: \$1,500, \$500 and (4) \$250.

Come and try your luck at winning any of our great baskets: Italian, Liquor, Halloween, Spa, Gift Certificates, & much more. New this year—American Girl Doll, “Nanea”. Tickets for the baskets will be sold only at the dinner.

Be sure to join us for this fun evening. What a wonderful way to support your parish. Come eat good food and enjoy good company!

BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG



Make a gift affirming the sanctity of human life. At the end of our Masses on **October 14/15** we will be distributing baby bottles. We are asking that you take them home, fill them with coins, cash or checks and return them to the church **the following weekend,**

October 21/22. The Baby Bottle Boomerang Campaign is used to fund Right to Life Services, a ministry of Rhode Island Right to Life that helps pregnant women, newborns and toddlers throughout R.I., with material needs, referrals, emergency baby food/formula, and with Ancora, a free mobile ultrasound pregnancy center. There will be a collection basket(s) located in the **entrance** of the church for when you return the bottles.



PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly Support

	<u>September 24</u>
Budget envelopes used (251)	\$6,376.00
Loose Donations	\$2,222.00
Online Giving (# of donors—59)	\$1,561.00
Total Budget	\$10,159.00

Second Collection (Victim's of Hurricane Harvey)

Donations	\$5,844.00
Total	\$5,844.00

This week's second collection is the Monthly Collection. Next week's second collection is for the Seminarians' Education.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

From the Pastor,

1. Last week I mentioned how parishes are not in a position to provide many home services to those in need. On Sunday afternoon I got an email from one of our faithful parishioners, a member of the St. Romuald's worship community. Here's a piece of what she wrote: In today's bulletin you addressed the problems with providing various services for those in need. There is an organization here in South County that does just that. It is called Southern RI Volunteers and is located at the Charlestown Community Center in Ninigret Park (401 552-7661). They work with the Johnny Cake Center and Habitat for Humanity, but they also facilitate medical transports, grocery shopping, "friendly visitors", etc. for individuals. A person signs up with the agency and makes his or her requests; the agency then coordinates the request with an available volunteer. They provide insurance to the volunteer.
2. As you can read elsewhere in this bulletin, we have welcomed Emily Cuellar, a young lady from Salve Regina University, a member of St. Patrick's parish in Providence, as a youth minister. Emily is going to try to develop a program for the young people of St. Francis and St. Thomas More parishes, focusing on leadership and growth in Christian life. Because she's a fulltime college student, she'll be in our area only perhaps 10 hours a month, but please pray that her time with us is enjoyable and successful in forming our young people in following Christ.
3. The first weekend of our adult coffee hour for religious education parents went very well. Any number of people stopped by after dropping their children off for CCD, either during the 9-10 o'clock or the 11-12 o'clock time slot. Thanks to the O'Briens, the Sabos and the McQuarries for organizing this. God bless the work! October is the Month of the Holy Rosary and the rosary will be recited every weeknight at 6:30 in St. Romuald's chapel. This Monday evening only, we'll include Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament the rosary will be offered for those affected by the recent hurricanes and earthquakes.

Fr. Bodah

RCIA INFORMATION NIGHT AT ST FRANCIS

If you know someone—a spouse, relative, friend, neighbor who might be interested in becoming a Catholic, or is a Catholic but has not received all the sacraments of initiation, please let them know that our parish will be starting a Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program. Before we formally begin the RCIA program, we will hold an information night for all interested.



Our parish RCIA Information Night will be held Thursday, October 12th at the rectory starting at 7pm. Please pass the word to anyone you know who may be interested in joining us. If anyone would like further information please contact Pat Lefoley at plefoley1@cox.net or 401-339-3858. You may also call the parish office at 401-783-4411.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Sunday, October 1st

8:55-9:50am Grades Kdg, 1 & 2 (FGC)
8:55-9:50 Grade 7 (FGC-Library)
9:00 First Eucharist Parent Meeting (HBH)
10:00 Mass Children's Liturgy
10:55-11:50 Grades 3-6 (FGC)
10:55-11:50 Grade 8 (FGC-Library)

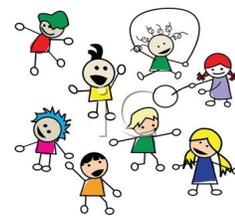
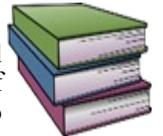
Wednesday, October 4th

4:15--5:15 Grades 3-6 (FGC)
7:00-8:15 Grades 7 & 8 (FGC)

No Religious Education Classes next Sunday, October 8th Columbus Day weekend.

October Book Sale

on the weekend of **October 14th and 15th** after all Masses at St. Francis of Assisi Church. Come downstairs to **Helen Bouchard Hall** after any Mass that weekend and browse the selection of books offered by **Mother of Mercy Catholic Center**. 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 and parenting.* Something for everyone!



St. Francis' Little Friends is looking for volunteers to help provide child care during the 10am Mass for our little ones. We have one Mom that has offered to help once a month but we are looking for a few other caregivers. You would be responsible for one or two Sundays a month depending on your availability. If you can help with child care please call or email Barbette at 792-8684 or Cullen_stfrancis@verizon.net.

ADULT COFFEE HOUR

There will be an Adult Coffee Hour for all parents of religious education students during class times on Sunday mornings. This is a social event intended to give parents an opportunity to chat with other parents. If you're dropping your child off at the Father Greenan Center for religious education, please stay and have a cup of coffee!



This Week

Monday, October 2

7:30am Adoration (SF)

Tuesday, October 3

6:00 Social Outreach Committee Meeting (FGC)

7:00pm Bible Study (JFGC)

Thursday, October 5

9:00am Event Committee to begin preparation for Pasta Dinner (FGC)

5:45pm Opening the Word (JFGC-Foyer)

6:30pm NO PRAYER SHAWL MEETING

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

Monday, October 9

HOLIDAY—OFFICE CLOSED-NO ADORATION



GET YOUR FLU VACCINE! Flu Clinics take place:

This Sunday, October 1

11:00am-1:00pm at St. Romuald Chapel

Next Sunday, October 8

9:00am-1:00pm at St. Francis Church in Helen Bouchard Hall



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS TODAY!



Blessing of the animals will take place this Sunday around 1:15pm by the statue of St. Francis of Assisi on the side of the church. Bring your

dogs, cats, hamsters, gerbils, birds, fish, ferrets, chickens, turtles, etc. for a special St. Francis blessing by Father Bodah!



OCTOBER DEVOTIONS BEGIN THIS MONDAY, OCTOBER 2

October is one of our Lady's months. All are invited to pray the rosary and Litany of Our Lady at St. Romuald Chapel weeknights at 6:30pm throughout the month of October. All are welcome!



The October issue of *Word Among Us* is available at the entrances of the church! Please take one.

Admissions Open House at Msgr. Clarke School October 22nd from 12-2pm. Its' not too late to transfer, or come check us out for next year. Come see the school that's been providing Faith Based Academic Excellence for 50 years!

Contact Sara Marshall, Advancement Director:
smarchall@monsignorclarkeschool.org

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PRAYER SHAWLS



The St. Francis of Assisi Prayer Shawl Group has many beautiful prayer shawls available. If you know of someone that could benefit from receiving a prayer shawl please contact Jean McGair at 401-783-1633.

On Tuesday, October 10, 7 PM, Immaculée Iibagiza, will speak at McVinney Auditorium, 43 Dave Gavitt Way, Providence, RI. Immaculée is a survivor of the 1994 Rwandan genocide and best-selling author of *Left to Tell* and *Led by Faith*. She is an internationally known speaker and retreat leader. St. Patrick Academy and its discipleship Club 3107 are sponsoring the event. Immaculée's message of reconciliation is unforgettable. If you are interested in purchasing tickets, you may do so by visiting www.saintpatrickchurch.net/lefttotell, or by calling 401-421-7070.

LET'S WELCOME OUR NEW YOUTH MINISTER!

Hi Everyone! My name is Emily Cuellar. I am so excited to become part of the Saint Francis and Thomas Moore family as your Youth Minister! Here's a little bit about myself: I am a Senior Music, Philosophy, and Psychology major at Salve Regina, but I live in Providence. I am the second oldest of 7



kids (so you can imagine how crazy my house gets)! I love soccer and actually played for Salve my first two years. I also play guitar, piano, bass, and sing. I'm hoping to find some awesome musicians and athletes down on this side of RI who I can jam out with and compete against. Most importantly, I love being Catholic! That may seem strange since being Catholic is supposed to be boring right?.. Haha well I grew up with an amazing, fun, and life changing youth group, and I hope to bring some of that experience to all you teens out there! Please don't hesitate to say hi if you see me around. God bless and I'm looking forward to meeting you all.