

THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Francis Mass Intentions



Saturday, September 14
 4:30pm †Shirley Lewis
Requested by Family

Sunday, September 15
 8:00am †Bill Carney
Requested by Jeff & Kathleen Carney
 10:00am Patti Hampton
 (Living Intention)
Requested by Lester & Barbara Silva
 12:00nn †Shirley Lewis
Requested by the Evans Family

Monday, September 16
 7:00am †Donald R. Jasinski, Jr.
Requested by Kathy & Fran Fitzpatrick

Tuesday, September 17
 7:00am †Mary Costanza
Requested by Family

Thursday, September 19
 7:00am

Friday, September 20
 7:00am Mass for the People

Saturday, September 21
 4:30pm †Shirley Lewis

Sunday, September 22
 8:00am †Edward Carney
Requested by Kathleen & Jeff Carney
 10:00am
 12:00nn

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Sunday, September 15
 10:00am †Jeanne Dorie Marvin
Requested by Kathleen Dwyer

Sunday, September 22
 10:00am †Jane P. Grimley
Requested by her Dad

Pasta Dinner
Friday, October 11th
5:00—7:30 PM
Fr. Greenan Parish Center
 Cost: \$12 Adults



\$8 Take-Out (does not include drink or dessert)
 \$6 children (ages 6 to 12) Children under 6, FREE
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Don't forget to return your raffle tickets either by mail, placing them in collection basket or dropping them off at the rectory. Additional raffle tickets are available at the rectory. Tickets are \$1 each or (6) for \$5.

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Donations for the raffle baskets should be dropped off or placed in the containers at the church and chapel no later than **Friday, September 27**. **Donations of cash or gift cards should either be placed in the collection basket or dropped off at the rectory.** We can also use donations of large wicker baskets.



Come and try your luck at winning any of our great theme baskets: Work out/Family Fitness, Holiday Entertaining, Golf all Year, Christmas is Coming, and many more...and don't forget the ever popular money tree loaded with lottery tickets! 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!

Weekly Support		September 8
Budget envelopes used (199)	-	\$5,568.50
Loose Donations	-	\$1,703.00
Online Giving (# of donors-63)	-	\$2,036.00
Total Budget	-	\$9,307.50

This week's second is for the Priest's Retirement. Next week's second collection is for Ongoing Maintenance.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

From the Pastor,

Well, the work on the interior of the church is pretty much finished; it remains only to tweak the lighting, especially over the altar and across the step at the head of the aisle. It would be nice to have the lights on dimmer switches because now we're able to darken the church for special events only by turning off some of the lights. We'll see what can be done in that direction.

Of course, all this work cost money and thanks to the generosity of nearly 300 households of the parish we have been able to reap the success of the Grateful for God's Providence campaign of the diocese. As you know, 40% of the goal of \$626,000 and 60% of the \$200,000 we raised over goal will return to the parish. If you have not had a chance to participate in this effort, it's not too late. Please contact me for further information.

This raises the issue of support for the parish. Each month, I am asked to give permission to have anywhere from \$50,000 to \$60,000 transferred from savings to checking so that we can pay our bills. A cursory glance at the bulletin will show that we don't get enough on the weekends to cover our expenses. Thanks be to God that we have some money in endowments from which we can draw some of the interest. The fact remains that only around 300 households (out of 1700) give through the budget envelopes or through on-line giving. The majority of people registered as parishioners give pretty much nothing. (By the way, the fees for Religious Education cover only about 25% of that particular program.)

Sooner or later, we Catholics of New England are going to have to decide whether we want a local parish or not. If you do, then please do your part to make it financially feasible. The equivalent of one hour's wage for every 40 hours of work would be one quarter of what everyone is obliged by the law of God to give to charity from one's means. When you plan your financial giving for the year, please do not forget your parish. God bless all who do their part to continue the work begun here in South Kingstown 1879!

Fr. Bodah



Eucharistic Adoration will resume on Thursday, October 3rd right after the 7:00am Mass and will end with benediction at noon. Please note, the change in day (previously held on Mondays) will be permanent and Adoration will now be held every Thursday morning. St. Francis Church has had Eucharistic Adoration once a week for over 10 years now and we are hoping more people will come to spend some quiet time in prayer with our Lord. If you are interested in adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament weekly, bi-weekly or even once a month, please contact Joe and Sharon Clossick at 401-932-8477.

Our parish has been blessed with vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and religious life since we have begun Eucharistic Adoration. We continue to pray for the sick of the parish as well as our personal intentions. Please consider stopping in to thank God for all His blessings on each of us and our parish family.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
(401) 792-8684



**SUNDAY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES BEGIN TODAY
CATECHETICAL SUNDAY**

8:55am Grades 1-6 will meet in church for class assignment, pick up will be in FGC at **9:50am**

10:00am Mass Commissioning of Catechists
Catechists, Aides and Children's Liturgy of the Word presenters please make every effort to attend.

**WEDNESDAY CLASSES
SEPTEMBER 18th**

4:15-5:15pm Grades 3-6 we will begin in church for class assignment-pick up in FGC.

6:30pm Grades 7, 8 & 9 at Parent/Student Orientation Mtg. in FGC. *All parents and children must attend.* If you are unable to attend, please contact David in the Rel. Ed. Office at 792-8684.



Children's Liturgy of the Word will take place during the 10:00AM Mass at St. Francis of Assisi Church starting NEXT Sunday, September 22nd. At the conclusion of the opening prayer, but before the first reading is proclaimed, Father will call the children, age 4-2nd grade, to come forward, they will stand in front of the altar for a blessing, then they will proceed downstairs accompanied by the adult presenter. Parents are always welcome to accompany their child. The children will join the rest of the congregation at the offertory, in time for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

CLW Dates are as follows:

- September:** 22, 29
- October:** 6, 20, 27
- November:** 3, 17, 24
- December:** 8, 15
- January:** 5, 12, 26
- February:** 2, 9, 23
- March:** 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
- April:** 5, 26



No CLW on holiday weekends, school vacation or Sundays with First Communion Liturgies

This Week

Tuesday, September 17

6:30pm Bible Study (↓FGC)
6:30pm Event Committee Meeting (HBH)
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Church Loft)
7:00pm SVD Meeting (↑FGC)

Thursday, September 19

6:00pm Opening the Word (FGC)
7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (FGC)

Friday, September 19

6:15pm Marriage Prep (FGC)

Saturday, September 20

8:00am Marriage Prep (FGC)

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL UPDATE

The most recent SVDP collection is continued evidence of the extent of our parish's depth of charity and generosity. Thank you for your financial support for our neighbors in need? With your help we are definitely "at the table" of community agencies assisting the needy in our area. They are referring cases to us, we coordinate with them, and our presence has been most welcomed. These interactions have certainly provided a positive message from St. Francis of Assisi Parish & for Catholicism in South Kingstown!

Our conference has now provided financial assistance to over 40 families. In visiting families in person and listening to their difficulties, we attempt to provide hope as well as compassion and aid. We recently assisted two homeless families who had been sleeping in their cars. One family with two young children needed financial assistance to be able to travel to the home of a family member in another state where a job was available. The other family of three with teenaged and adult disabled sons was helped to obtain temporary housing while awaiting more permanent shelter. We have been advised by other community agencies that we will see an increase in homelessness with current insufficient affordable housing and shelter. Rent and car repair assistance continue to be frequent requests. We helped restore electrical power after a shut off and prevented a family's stored belongings from being auctioned.

We welcome new members! If you would like to learn more about SVDP, a member would be glad to meet with you and/or arrange for you to attend a meeting. Leave your contact information on the SVDP phone, 401-871-8936. There are several levels of involvement in addition to full membership. An associate member could attend meetings and help with fund raising projects or home visits with an experienced member depending on your availability.

Our members would love to share with you the many benefits of being a Vincentian—the satisfaction of providing hope, member fellowship and our own individual spiritual growth.



We would like to congratulate
*Michael Thomas Kenny &
Julia Victoria Demoranville* who
were recently married at
St. Romuald Chapel. May God
bless you!



PRIEST'S RETIREMENT FUND: THIS WEEKEND, SEPTEMBER 14/15

This week's second collection supports the Senior Priest Retirement Fund. If you forgot to make a donation and would like to support this effort that provides critical resources for priests in their retirement years, please visit www.srpriestri.org to make an online donation using a secure server or mail your offering to Sr. Priest Retirement Fund, Office of Stewardship & Development, One Cathedral Square, Providence, RI 02903.

Thank you for your support of this critical effort to provide for senior priests in their retirement years—years many priests continue to spend very active in ministry.



MINISTRY WEEKENDS

This weekend, September 14/15 at St. Francis Church and next weekend, September 21/22 at St. Romuald Chapel have been designated ministry weekends for our Parish. Check out the tables set up outside after each Mass and speak with representatives from the various ministries and clubs in our parish. All are looking for a little more help. Can you help? Can you give an hour or two once or twice a month? Many hands make light work. We are St. Francis Church ... a parish family. It is up to us to ensure that Fr. Bodah has the help he needs. So don't just walk by those tables...stop, have some coffee, and see what we do and how you might be able to help.