

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Francis Mass Intentions



Saturday, September 21
 4:30pm †Shirley Lewis

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

Monday, September 23
 7:00am Mass for the People

Tuesday, September 24
 7:00am †Edward & Bill Carney
Requested by Kathleen & Jeff Carney

Thursday, September 26
 7:00am

Friday, September 27
 7:00am †Rita & Tom O'Rourke & Warren Behie
Requested by Family

Saturday, September 28
 4:30pm †The Feeny & Robinson Families
Requested by Family

Sunday, September 29
 8:00am †Hazel Cayer
Requested by Family
 10:00am †Audrey Scuncio
Requested by Family
 12:00nn †George DeWolfe
 (Birthday Remembrance)
Requested by the Villanis Family

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

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

Sunday, September 29
 10:00am †Chris Harris
Requested by Jean Fenaughty



SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Edward & Bill Carney.

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!



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
ST. JOHN VIANNEY CHURCH
3609 DIAMOND HILL RD, CUMBERLAND
7-9PM

Glorify includes Praise and Worship Music with the Glorify Band, a presentation, Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction, and an opportunity for Reconciliation. The evening will conclude with refreshments.

Weekly Support		September 15
Budget envelopes used (195)	-	\$4,649.50
Loose Donations	-	\$1,743.00
Online Giving (# of donors-60)	-	\$2,061.00
Total Budget	-	\$8,453.50
Second Collection (Priest's Retirement)		
Budget envelopes used (157)	-	\$3,854.00
Loose Donations	-	\$1,797.00
Total	-	\$5,651.00

This week's second is for Ongoing Maintenance. There is no second collection next week.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

From the Pastor,

The 81st anniversary of the hurricane of September 21, 1938 makes us more aware of the suffering of the people, like those of Barbados, whose lives are turned upside down by natural disasters. At the same time, we are grateful that we have not had so destructive a storm in our area since then, although hurricane Carol in 1954 was certainly a very violent and harmful event. Even St. Thomas Aquinas was not sure how much God directly caused the phenomena of nature; he thought that some things were the result of the movement of the stars or the current sign of the Zodiac. Traditional Islamic theology does not recognize secondary causes: Allah causes everything directly. If you hold a stick in the fire, Allah lights the stick. Christian theology accepts secondary causes. While the existence of God makes all movements and other causes possible, God is not the direct cause of all things. When you hold a stick in the fire, the fire lights the stick. So we can believe that the forces of nature operate according to their own laws while at the same time we can hold that God is the ultimate Uncaused Cause that makes all things possible. Still, the death and resurrection of Christ give us an insight as to how God can operate in events that seems like disasters at the time. But this is often hidden from our view. "We walk by faith, not by sight," said St. Paul. "Now we see indistinctly as in mirror; one day we shall see face to face."

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, September 22nd

8:55-9:50am GRADES 1st - 6th (FGC)

Children's Liturgy will take place *during the 10:00am Mass beginning today* for children age 4-2nd grade. Parents are always welcome to accompany their child to the lower church for children's liturgy.

Wednesday, Sept. 25th

4:15--5:15pm Grades 3-6 (FGC)

6:30-8:00pm Grades 7th, 8th and 9th (FGC)

Saturday, September 28th

10:00-12:00 Candidate Sponsor Meeting (FGC)



NOTICE TO OUR RELIGIOUS ED. FAMILIES

Each year in response to the U.S. 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. This program is called **Circle of Grace**. It is meant to supplement and be integrated into our program for the formation of children and young people. This program helps our youth to understand their own (and other's) dignity in mind and spirit.

The Circle of Grace lesson, which is specific for each grade, will be implemented in each grade of our religious education program within the first few months of classes.

If a child is absent on the day that the lesson is given, the Circle of Grace material will be mailed home for the parents to teach.

Please call Barbette Cullen or David Cuellar at the Rel. Ed. Office, 792-8684, if you have any questions or want more information regarding the Circle of Grace program.



This Week

Tuesday, September 24

6:30pm Bible Study (JFGC)

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Church Loft)

Thursday, September 26

9-10:30am Parish Staff Meeting (*Parish office closed during this time*)

6:00pm Opening the Word (FGC)

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



The Office of Marriage Preparation & Enrichment sponsored their Annual Wedding Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, September 15 at the Cathedral of SS Peter and Paul in Providence. Couples who were celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th or over 50 years wedding anniversary in 2019 were honored at the Mass with Bishop Thomas J. Tobin as main celebrant.

We would like to congratulate the following couples from our parish who were honored :

Albert & Ann Marie Scartabello	55 years
Thomas & Stephany Smith	50 years

Congratulations and God bless!



A DAY OF REFLECTION FOR MEN AND WOMEN
Tuesday, October 8 from 9:00am to 3:00pm
Christian Brothers Center
636 Ocean Road, Narragansett

*The Mysteries of Light: Reflections on the Luminous
Mysteries of the Rosary and the Sacramental Life
With Rev. Nathan Ricci*

Cost: \$50 includes Coffee An' and a Hot Lunch, Fr. Ricci's Presentation, Confession, Recitation of the Rosary, and Holy Mass. All are welcome!

Reservations & payment at the office of St. Thomas More Parish. Sponsored by Our Lady's Guild of St. Thomas More Parish.



SAVE THE DATES!

We will be offering flu clinics again this year for ages 3 and up. Following are the dates:

October 13 at St. Romuald Chapel from 11am to 1pm

October 20 at St. Francis Church in Helen Bouchard Hall from 9am to Noon

More information will be provided at a later date.

HELP FOR GOOD SHEPARD HOME

One of our parishioners, Eily Clossick is raising funds to help rebuild Good Shepard Home for the Missionaries of the Poor, a Catholic community of religious brothers and sisters founded by Fr. Richard Ho Lung in 1981. . Their motto sums up their mission quite simply: "Joyful service to the poor with Christ on the Cross." For more information or if you would like to donate, please go to <https://www.gofundme.com/f/rebuild-good-shepherd-home>. Eily asks you to please pray for the Missionaries of the Poor and their residents, and would like to thank you in advance for any contribution you generously choose to give.



MINISTRY WEEKEND AT THE CHAPEL

This Sunday at St. Romuald Chapel has been designated ministry weekend for our Parish. Check out the tables set up outside after 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. 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.