

THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Francis Mass Intentions



Saturday, September 7

4:30pm †Louis & Amelia DiSalvo
Requested by Family

Sunday, September 8

8:00am †The Caswell & Hunt Families
Requested by Family

10:00am †Nancy Pearce
Requested by the Grimes Family

12:00nn †Jean G. Boisse
Requested by Family

Monday, September 9

7:00am †Annie Cooney
Requested by Family

Tuesday, September 10

7:00am †Alfred & Beatrice Bonin
Requested by Viola Card

Thursday, September 12

7:00am Mass for the People

Friday, September 13

7:00am †Margaret & James Stickley
Requested by Margot Ferry

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

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Sunday, September 8

10:00am †Helen & Mary Coffey
Requested by the Dwyer Cousins

Sunday, September 15

10:00am †Jeanne Dorie Marvin
Requested by Kathleen Dwyer



PRIEST'S RETIREMENT FUND: WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 14/15

After decades of faithful service, many retired priests continue to serve where they are needed, while others require assisted living, or nursing home care. Since priests are paid a very modest wage, they cannot rely upon Social Security to make ends meet. No longer able to rely upon parishes for basic living needs, senior priests depend on support from this fund. Your generosity will make a difference in the lives of many who have served faithfully for many years in ministry—some of whom continue to serve well after their 'retirement.' The collection is also our way of saying "thank you" for that service.

At Masses on September 14 & 15, there will be a special second collection in support of the Senior Priest Retirement Fund. Please consider a generous donation in support of our senior priests. *Thank you!* To learn how this fund benefits senior priests or to make an online donation, please visit www.srpriestri.org. *Thank you for your support!*

Parish Giving

<u>Weekly Support</u>		<u>September 1</u>
Budget envelopes	-	\$5,005.50
Loose Donations	-	\$2,678.00
Online Giving (# of donors—60)	-	\$1,881.00
Total Budget	-	\$9,564.50

<u>Second Collection (Monthly Collection)</u>		
Budget envelopes	-	\$1,850.50
Loose Donations	-	\$ 911.00
Total	-	\$2,761.50

There is no second collection this week. Next week's second is for the Priest's Retirement.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

From the Pastor,

As we have just observed Labor Day, here are a couple of snippets from The Catechism of the Catholic Church on the two major economic systems in the modern world:

2424 *A theory that makes profit the exclusive norm and ultimate end of economic activity is morally unacceptable. The disordered desire for money cannot but produce perverse effects. It is one of the causes of the many conflicts which disturb the social order. A system that "subordinates the basic rights of individuals and of groups to the collective organization of production" is contrary to human dignity. Every practice that reduces persons to nothing more than a means of profit enslaves man, leads to idolizing money, and contributes to the spread of atheism. "You cannot serve God and mammon." (Mark 6:24)*

2425 *The Church has rejected the totalitarian and atheistic ideologies associated in modern times with "communism" or "socialism." She has likewise refused to accept, in the practice of "capitalism," individualism and the absolute primacy of the law of the marketplace over human labor. Regulating the economy solely by centralized planning perverts the basis of social bonds; regulating it solely by the law of the marketplace fails social justice, for "there are many human needs which cannot be satisfied by the market" (John Paul II's encyclical Centesimus annus). Reasonable regulation of the marketplace and economic initiatives, in keeping with a just hierarchy of values and a view to the common good, is to be commended.*

So the Catholic teaching warns against two extremes: Communism and Laissez-faire Capitalism. There is much more on economic justice in the Catechism and I can recommend taking a look at it.

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 10 at the rectory starting at 7pm. Please pass the word to anyone you know who may be interested in joining us. It would be helpful for planning purposes that if you plan to attend please contact us via the e-mail address or phone numbers below. 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
(401) 792-8684



Catechetical Sunday Theme for 2019 is *Stay With Us*

We will celebrate **Catechetical Sunday** next **Sunday, September 15th** at the 10:00AM Mass at St Francis of Assisi. On this day, catechists are formally commissioned for ministry to the community. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each baptized person plays in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith. Catechists, Aides and Children's Liturgy of the Word presenters, please make every effort to attend the commissioning of catechists on the 15th.



Our Religious Education classes begin on **Catechetical Sunday, September 15th**. **Grades K-6** families are to meet in the church after the 8am Mass at 8:50 for class assignments.

On Wednesday, **September 18th** we will meet in the church for class assignments for Grades 3-6 and Grades 7, 8 & 9 will come to a parent/child meeting at 6:30pm in FGC on the 18th.

The Religious Education mailing was sent out the third week of August. If you have not received this information or you have yet to register your child, please call Barbette or David at the Religious Ed Office at 792-8684.

Children's Liturgy of the Word will begin on Sunday, September 22nd during the 10am Mass.



Our Catechists are a key component of our Religious Education program. Their unselfish generosity of time and talent is a gift to the young parishioners of St. Francis Parish. **Why not you?** We are in need of catechists for grades 7-9. Maybe you will be more inclined to teach if you team teach with a fellow parishioner or friend, invite someone to join you or ask us to pair you up with someone! If interested or for more information call the RE Office at 792-8684 or email Barbette at: Cullen_stfrancis@verizon.net or David at: david.cuellar@stfranciswakefield.com

This Week

Monday, September 9

6:30pm Ministry Weekend Meeting w/ Leaders (HBH)

Tuesday, September 10

6:30pm Bible Study (JFGC)

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Church Loft)

Thursday, September 12

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

6:00pm Opening the Word (FGC)

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



ST. FRANCIS BIBLE STUDY TO RESUME: SEPTEMBER 10

St. Francis Bible Study will resume this Tuesday, September 10, 2019. They will meet from 6:30pm to 8pm. The topic of study is Romans.

All are welcome to join them downstairs in Father Greenan Center. If you have any questions or are interested in joining please contact Vicky Montani at Montanivicky@gmail.com.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



The blessing of the animals will take place Sunday, September 29 at 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!



St. Vincent DePaul Society

Just a reminder that our St. Vincent de Paul chapter here at St. Francis needs your help. They ask your help by using their poor boxes located in the church and chapel so that they can assist those in need in our area. **Keep them in your prayers!**



FOOD DONATIONS FOR THE JONNYCAKE CENTER: JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER



Please remember we are always in need of nonperishable food items (no glass or outdated items). Your donations may be placed in the baskets located at St. Francis or St. Romuald. These items will be donated to the Jonnycake Food Pantry in Peace Dale. Thank you for your generosity.

FEED THE HUNGRY

OCTOBER DEVOTIONS



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!



MINISTRY WEEKENDS

Next weekend, September 14/15 at St. Francis Church and the weekend of 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.