

THE THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Francis Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 2



11:00am Mass of Remembrance

- 4:30pm †Shirley Lewis
Requested by Family
- Sunday, November 3**
8:00am †Mr. & Mrs. Thu Chi Tran & John
Than Ha & Hung Ba Tran
Requested by Family
- 10:00am John Viselli
(Special Intention)
Requested by the Marcotte Family
- 12:00nn
Monday, November 4
7:00am †John Meehan
Requested by Jim & Susan Meehan
- Tuesday, November 5**
7:00am Patricia Cimalore
(Special Living Intention)
- Thursday, November 7**
7:00am Mass for the People
- Friday, November 8**
7:00am †The Flynn & Carney Families
Requested by Kathleen & Jeff Carney
- Saturday, November 9**
4:30pm †William & Genevieve Wajda
Requested by Family
- Sunday, November 10**
8:00am †Louis Maggio
Requested by Family
- 10:00am †Patrick Sullivan Dufficy
(Anniversary Remembrance)
Requested by Mom & Family
- 12:00nn

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

- Sunday, November 3**
10:00am †Jack Harris
Requested by Jean Fenaughty
- Sunday, November 10**
10:00am †Theresa Marie Joyce
Requested by Jim & Cindy



SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Dr. Domenic Coppolino.



At that time, Jesus came to Jericho and intended to pass through the town. Now a man there named Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector and also a wealthy man, was seeking to see who Jesus was; but he could not see him because of the crowd, for he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree in order to see Jesus, who was about to pass that way. When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." And he came down quickly and received him with joy. When they all saw this, they began to grumble, saying, "He has gone to stay at the house of a sinner." But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham. For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost."— A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

Parish Giving

Weekly Support		October 27
Budget envelopes used (192)	-	\$6,472.00
Loose Donations	-	\$2,182.00
Online Giving (# of donors-58)	-	\$1,606.00
Total Budget	-	\$10,260.00
Second Collection (Ongoing Maintenance)		
Budget envelopes used (134)	-	\$1,731.50
Loose Donations	-	\$ 577.50
Total	-	\$2,309.00

This week's second collection is for Archdiocese/Military Service. Next week's second collection is for Ongoing Maintenance.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

NOVEMBER 3, 2019

From the Pastor,

I would draw your attention to the financial report in this week's bulletin. It's difficult to get the whole financial picture of the parish without seeing the full report, but this summary will give you a glimpse into our financial state. I am happy to report that for the present we are in good shape and should remain so for the near future. Like every parish here in the Northeast, we could wonder what the not-too-distant future holds since so many people seem to lack any real interest in practicing any religion on a day-to-day or even week-to-week basis. (I saw in the *Providence Journal* that the Cambodian Buddhist community in Providence is experiencing the same lack of loyalty from the younger generation.) I cannot tell you how much I admire the younger parents of the parish who come to Mass, volunteer to help with ministries and events, and support us financially. At one time this would have been unremarkable; now it makes them heroic. God bless them!

Here are some facts from the RI Catholic newspaper that show another side to Catholic life in Rhode Island: *Since 2010 hundreds of men have had a safe, warm place to sleep at the Emmanuel House Homeless Shelter. The shelter provides meals and other services including addiction recovery, counseling, employment resources and much more.*

Since 2005, \$3.35 million has been raised...for "Keep the Heat On," a diocesan assistance program, 14,089 families and individuals have been provided heating assistance through the program. (The regional office for this program is in our lower church.)

As of 2018, there are approximately 450 men and women religious within the Diocese of Providence, who build up the Kingdom of God by their witness to prayer and service.

As of 2018, there are 102 permanent deacons incardinated in the Diocese of Providence, who assist faithfully in their ministries in the diocese, parishes and institutions. (Our parishioner Joe Clossick is in the training program and, please God, will be ordained next fall to the permanent diaconate.)

Next week I can add more to this picture of what the Catholic community is doing for the good of the world.

Fr. Bodah

Shadow of the Wall, an original musical production composed by St. Francis parishioner Enrico Garzilli, will make its stage debut at the Courthouse Center for the Arts on Friday & Saturday, November 8th & 9th at 7:30pm, and on Sunday, November 10th at 3:00pm. Jen Bernard and Vinnie Joyce, members of our music ministry, are among the cast.

The ticket price is \$25. There will be an open dress rehearsal on Thursday, November 7th at 7:30pm for \$10.

Tickets can be purchased at <http://courthousearts.org/> or at the door if available.

MONSIGNOR CLARKE SCHOOL IS LOOKING FOR HELP IN THE EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM!

Looking for individuals who would enjoy this highly energized after school program for 3 and 4 year old children. Monday thru Friday 2:30 pm-4:30 pm. Selected days is also possible. Candidates must be 18 years of age and are subject to passing all background checks.

Call the main office 401-789-0860 or
email Mrs. Tougas at btougas@monsignorclarkeschool.org



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
(401) 792-8684



Sunday, November 3rd

8:55-9:50am GRADES K-6 (FGC)

Circle of Grace Lesson

10:00am Mass Come dressed as a Saint!

Join us for our All Saints Day Celebration at 11:00 in FGC

Wednesday, November 6th

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

Circle of Grace Lesson

6:30-7:45pm Grades 7, 8 & 9 (FGC)

Circle of Grace Lesson

Next Sunday Nov. 10th Veteran's Day
Holiday **No Classes/No CLW**

Jesus
loves me
THIS I know
for the BIBLE
tells ME SO

This Week

Monday, November 4

6:30pm Event Committee (FGC)

Tuesday, November 5

6:30pm Bible Study (↓FGC)

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Church Loft)

7:00pm SVD Meeting (FGC)

Thursday, November 7

7:30am Adoration (Church)

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

6:30pm Prayer Shawl Committee (Rectory)

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

Monday, November 11

Parish Offices Closed for Veterans Day

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE 2019



FEED THE HUNGRY

The Social Outreach Committee is sponsoring the Parish Thanksgiving Food Drive to benefit The Jonnycake Center of Peacedale. **This is the final weekend for this drive.**

The foods being requested are: stuffing mixes, box or bag; gravy, can or package; cranberry sauce, canned; Quick Bread mixes or any cake mix, pie crust mixes and canned pumpkin or any other fruit pie filling. **NO GLASS CONTAINERS, PLEASE.** Please place food items in receptacles by the St. Francis statue in the church and by the entrance to St. Romuald Chapel.

Each year during the holidays the Jonnycake Center distributes food to hundreds of families benefitting thousands of individuals. The need continues to be great. Our St. Francis of Assisi parish family has always been generous when called upon to help those in need. Thank you for your continued generosity!



ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES, USA: SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

The second collection this weekend is for the Archdiocese For The Military Services, USA. The AMS is responsible for providing the full range of pastoral ministries to those serving in the United States Armed Services, enrolled in U.S. Military Academies, undergoing treatment at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers, or working for the U.S. Government in foreign countries. The Archdiocese for Military Affairs receives no funding from the U.S. Government or the U.S. Military and must rely principally on private donations to fund an annual operating budget of over \$8.2 million. The collection is only taken up every three years. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



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 (Gift cards are accepted). **Keep them in your prayers!**

Just a reminder that the remembrance book is in front of the statue of St. Francis. All are welcome to enter the names of their deceased loved ones. They will be remembered during the month of November.

Always & Forever



COLLECTION OF DR. SEUSS BOOKS FOR MEXICO

Maureen Rooney, a parishioner who is living in Mexico again for this year helping local English teachers, would like to continue the work started by her son, Luke Meyer, last year by collecting Dr. Seuss book for school children in her Mexican town. These books would be used in the Yucatan school system where many of the students are Mayan and very poor. The books can be new or gently used. The simpler Dr. Seuss books work best, as the level of English of the students is low. Boxes will be placed at the entrances to the church/chapel. Donations need to be in by December 23rd. Thank you very much for your donations!

RCIA

There is still time to join. 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 has started a Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program.

Becoming Catholic Through

RCIA
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We will be meeting on Thursday evenings at 7pm in the rectory. 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.