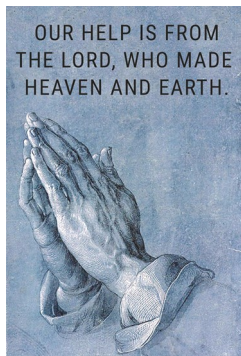


THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Francis Mass Intentions



Saturday, October 19

4:30pm †Jack Orton
Requested by Kristina Moore

Sunday, October 20

8:00am †Clementina Birch
Requested by Family

10:00am †Timothy Maher
Requested by the O'Rourke Family

12:00nn

Monday, October 21

7:00am Special Intention
Requested by Kathleen Carney

Tuesday, October 22

7:00am †Carol Meenan & Helen Sandmeier
Requested by Viola

Thursday, October 24

7:00am Mass for the People

Friday, October 25

7:00am †William & Frederick Cloos
Requested by Jim & Susan Meehan

Saturday, October 26

4:30pm †Concetta Wilson
(Anniversary Remembrance)
Requested by Jean McGair

Sunday, October 27

8:00am †John MacLane
Requested by Kathleen & Jeff Carney

10:00am †Michael Dufficy
Requested by Ed & Kathleen Puchalla

12:00nn †Joseph & Marion Cappuccio
Requested by Family

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Sunday, October 20

10:00am †Tara Higgins
(Birthday Remembrance)
Requested by Family

Sunday, October 27

10:00am †Teresa Reilly
Requested by Luke Reilly



SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Thu Chi Tran & John Thanh Ha.

ALL SOUL'S MASS OF REMEMBRANCE SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2 AT 11:00AM

Won't you consider joining us as we observe All Soul's Day? **Saturday, November 2** is All Soul's Day, a day set aside for special prayers and Masses for the deceased. Consider participating in *our annual Mass of Remembrance at 11:00am* at St. Francis Church when we will honor our parishioners who passed away over the past year. A candle will be given in their memory to their family to take home. Every parishioner at St. Francis and St. Romuald is welcome to participate. There is no better gift we can offer our deceased loved ones than our prayers. Please join us!

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

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS (Holy Day of Obligation)

Friday, November 1st we commemorate the great multitude of those chosen by God to be special bearers of grace in this world. All Saints Day, November 1st, is the day we honor our "big brothers and sisters" in Christ



who have gone on before us. They pray for us, watch over us, and offer a heroic example for us to follow! **Mass times will be 7:00am and Noon at the Church and 6:30pm at the Chapel.** St. Francis of Assisi and St. Romuald, **pray for us!**

Parish Giving

Weekly Support		October 13
Budget envelopes	-	\$6,009.00
Loose Donations	-	\$1,618.00
Online Giving (# of donors-)	-	\$1,801.00
Total Budget	-	\$9,428.00
Second Collection (Monthly Collection)		
Budget envelopes	-	\$1,637.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 521.00
Total	-	\$2,158.00

This week's second collection is for Mission Sunday. Next week's second collection is for Ongoing Maintenance.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

OCTOBER 20, 2019

Coming Home!

As mentioned in last weeks' bulletin I have officially been assigned to St. Francis of Assisi as Deacon Assistant. I am delighted and eager to get started in assisting Father Bodah in serving and ministering to the people of our parish.

When I received the official letter this past week and saw St. Francis of Assisi as my assignment and new parish, it also reminded me that this too was my old parish.

It was almost 17 years ago that my wife Cathy and I first arrived here. We were searching for a new parish after spending over 20 years at another St. Francis community. One which we had served at as lay people and Cathy as DRE for many years. It was a close knit and loving community but we strongly believed God was calling us elsewhere.

From the moment we came through doors of the St. Francis of Assisi Cathy and I felt more than just welcomed, we felt we had found a new home, a new parish family and this is where God had led us. While we were here I felt a calling to serve God as a Deacon and it was through your love, support and prayers that I was able complete my discernment and training and was ordained on February 3, 2013.

For the last six and a half years I was assigned as Deacon Assistant at Our Lady of Mercy parish and also to St. Elizabeth's Nursing home in East Greenwich. God could never have chosen a better first assignment, as again we were welcomed, loved and supported by both clergy and parishioners. I made a lot of mistakes, but learned so much more. It will always hold a special place in my heart.

Once again however God led us to make another change and it was time to move once more. This past May we downsized and moved to Wakefield. For a few months we were not certain to which parish God would lead us. Now we believe God has led us home. We are back where this journey started, home again at St Francis.

Cathy and I look forward to rekindling old relationships and developing new ones, always remembering there is no place like home.

God bless,
Deacon Dowd



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
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Sunday, October 20th

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

10:00am Mass-Children's Liturgy of the Word

12:00 Mass Mass of Petition for Confirmation II students

Monday, October 21st

Confirmation interviews 3-5pm and 7-8pm at the Rectory

Wednesday, October 23rd

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

NO CLASS Grades 7, 8 and 9

Confirmation interviews 3-5pm and 7-8pm at the Rectory

Thursday, October 24th

Confirmation interviews 3-5pm and 7-8pm at the Rectory

**Next Sunday, October 27th at 10:00am—
Mass of Belonging for our First Eucharist class and their families.**



This Week

Monday, October 21

7:00pm Pastoral Council Meeting (MCCR)

Tuesday, October 22

6:00pm Social Outreach Committee (HBH)

6:30pm Bible Study (↓FGC)

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Church Loft)

Thursday, October 24

7:30am Adoration (Church)

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

6:00pm Opening the Word (FGC)

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

7:00pm RCIA (Rectory)

Friday, October 25

7:00 Parenting Group (FGC)



SAVE THE DATE!

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

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

There is an information flyer at the main entrance of the church & at the chapel about the flu vaccine as well as a consent form that you can prepare prior to attending the clinic.



WORLD MISSION: THIS SUNDAY

Be Baptized and Sent!
Our Mission in the

World! Today, World Mission Sunday, in this Extraordinary Missionary Month, we are called to personal encounter with Jesus Christ alive in the Church, and to offer, through this Eucharistic celebration, our prayers and our generous financial support, through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, to continue the mission of Jesus. Today we are "sent" out to witness to Mission in the world through our prayers and personal sacrifices for our brothers and sisters around the world. **As little as: \$25 helps support a catechist for a month in remote Latin America; \$75 provides for the work of religious Sisters caring for orphaned children in Africa; \$100 assists poor children in boarding schools in Asia.** As always, your prayers are your most treasured gift to the Missions. Your prayers and financial help, offered today, **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**, support mission priests, religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay catechists who are Christ's witnesses to a world so in need of His healing, love, and peace.

We would like to congratulate
Sean Michael Comtois &
Abigail Avery Dandurand who
were recently married at St.
Francis Church. May God bless
you!



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE 2019



The Social Outreach Committee is sponsoring the Parish Thanksgiving Food Drive to benefit The Jonnycake Center of Peacedale. The food drive will run for two weekends, October 26 & 27 and November 2 & 3.

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!



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
ENDS ON
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3.
REMEMBER TO SET YOUR
CLOCKS BACK BEFORE
GOING TO BED ON
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER, 2.**

**THE PROUT SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE
This Sunday, October 20 from 1-4pm and
November 5 from 6-8pm**

Discover the Prout advantage! Prout is the only high school in Rhode Island to offer the prestigious International Baccalaureate (IB) Program. We offer rigorous academics, a strong Catholic identity, amazing theatre, music and dance programs, competitive athletic teams, and numerous clubs and extracurricular activities.

For more information, please call Admissions Director Sharon DeLuca at 789-9262, Ext 514 or go to www.theproutschool.org.