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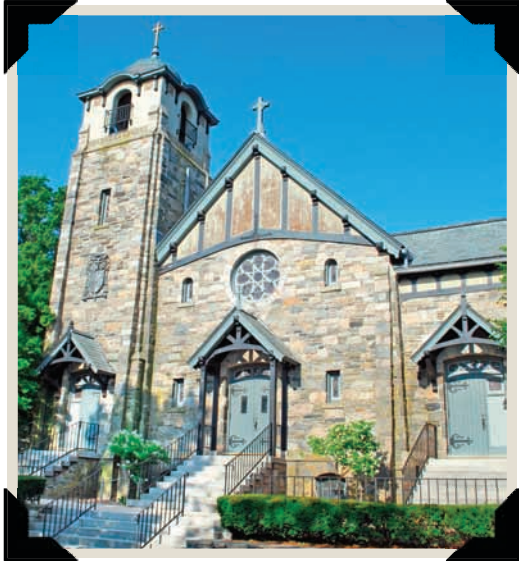
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Masses

SAINT FRANCIS CHURCH

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday ----- 7:00 am
Saturday ----- 4:30 pm
Sunday ----- 9:00 am and 11:00 am

SAINT ROMUALD CHAPEL / Summer Schedule

Saturday ----- 5:30 pm
Sunday ----- 8:00 am and 10:00 am

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES OF RI/WASHINGTON COUNTY & ST. GABRIEL'S CALL.

Washington County Office / Contact: -----Melanie Monteiro
----- 401-783-3149
Tuesday ----- 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

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401-871-8936

Sacraments

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 3:30 - 4:00 pm in Saint Francis Church or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

First Sunday of each month.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Please call the rectory at least one year in advance to speak with Father Young. Due to the reduction in priests we can no longer accommodate Sunday weddings.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please call the rectory.

welcome

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Friday From 9:00 am—12:30 pm

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Francis Mass Intentions



Saturday, September 18

4:30pm †Arlene F. Robinson
Requested by Family

Sunday, September 19

9:00am †Joseph Hung Ba Tran
Requested by Family

11:00am †Thomas Burke
Requested by Barbara McIntosh

Monday, September 20

7:00am For the People

Tuesday, September 21

7:00am †Mary Costanza
Requested by Family

Thursday, September 23

7:00am †Ricky Murphy
Requested by Mary & Louie

Friday, September 24

7:00am †Richard Fossa
Requested by a Friend

Saturday, September 25

4:30pm †Marsha Signorelli
Requested by Family

Sunday, September 26

9:00am †James McNulty
Requested by a Friend

11:00am For the People

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Sunday, September 19

10:00am †Frank Dupuis
Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Oliverio

Sunday, September 26

10:00am †Jane Patrice Grimley
Requested by her Father

In Christ,

Summer is drawing to a close...but I'm refusing to give up on the beautiful weather. I am trying to soak in as much sun and fresh air as I can!

One of the most common things I've heard since beginning as pastor on July 1st has been: "We're so happy that there is a young priest here who is going to bring back the youth and young families!" While I greatly appreciate the sentiment (and being called young!), I wholeheartedly reject the premise!

I was thinking back on all the people who have influenced my life and my vocation, and none of them were "young"; My grandparents, my CCD teachers, priests...and in fact, the priest who influenced me the most to consider the priesthood when I was 14 years old was in his 80's!

Youth and young people are attracted to a parish that is welcoming (not just on paper but in practice), reverent in worship, outward focused, and committed. People of any age can contribute to this type of atmosphere! As people are beginning to trickle back to Mass these days, let's make sure that we reach out, introduce ourselves, greet new faces, etc. Then I PROMISE you will begin to see more young people!

Fr. Young



Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (110)	-	\$5,358.50
Loose Donations	-	\$1,505.00
Online Giving (# of donors-78)	-	\$2,472.00
Total Budget	-	\$9,335.50

September 12

Second Collection (Haiti)

Loose Donations	-	\$1,784.00
Total	-	\$1,784.00

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

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021



SANCTUARY LAMP

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

**Pasta Dinner: Friday, October 1st
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



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.



Donations for the raffle baskets should be dropped off or placed in the containers at the church and chapel no later than **THIS Monday, September 20.** **Donations of cash or gift cards should either be placed in the collection basket or dropped off at the rectory.** **Do you have baskets you would like to donate?** If you have good size wicker baskets at home that you are not using please consider donating them. They will be used to assemble some of the beautiful gift baskets that will be raffled at the pasta dinner. **Come and try your luck at winning any of our great theme baskets: Holiday Entertaining, Fore the Love of Golf, Spa & Beauty, and many more...and the ever popular money tree loaded with lottery tickets! Tickets for the baskets will be sold only at the dinner.**



If you would like to help serve or help with clean-up please contact Jean at 783-1633 or Ellen at 789-7707.

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!



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS OCTOBER 3

Blessing of the animals will take place Sunday, October 3 around 12:15pm 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 Young!



FAITH FORMATION (401) 792-8684



This year, the Church will celebrate **Catechetical Sunday on September 19, 2021**, and the theme is: "Say the Word and My Soul Shall be Healed." Those who the parish community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry.

This image by the famed artist, El Greco (Domenikos Theotokopoulos), illustrates the Gospel account of Christ healing a blind man by anointing his eyes.

The past year has highlighted the urgent need for healing--physical, spiritual, emotional--in ourselves and in our world. As our world struggles to heal, complete healing is not possible without Jesus as the Divine Physician. When our souls heal, all heals, despite our suffering.

The words we pray at Mass, "Say the Word and My Soul Shall be Healed", have the power to remind us of, and open our eyes to, the healing that Jesus offers us in the Eucharist which is essential, eternal, and ever open to us. We humbly ask him to say the word, and with that prayer, we have faith that, with the fantastic and improbable prospect of Jesus entering under our roof, our souls shall be healed.

SUNDAY FAITH FORMATION CLASSES BEGIN TODAY CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

Parents and children in grades 1-6 will meet after the 9am Mass in church for class assignment. Pick up will be in Fr. Greenan at 10:50.



R.C.I.A. INFORMATIONAL EVENING

Do you have a spouse, a friend, a relative, a neighbor who might be interested in becoming Catholic? Do you or someone you know feel called to receive Holy Communion for the first time or be Confirmed?

Consider coming to an RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) informational meeting on **October 21st at 7PM in the Rectory office.** No strings, no commitments! We are here to help you discern God's will in your life. Feel free to RSVP or ask questions by contacting Pat Lefoley at plefoley1@cox.net or Fr. Young at pastor@stfranciswakefield.com. You may also call the rectory office at 401-783-4411.

This Week

Monday, September 20

7:30-11:00am Adoration (Church)

Tuesday, September 21

7:00pm Choir (Church)

7:00pm SVD Meeting (HBH)

Wednesday, September 22

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

Thursday, September 23

6:00pm Opening the Word/Bible Study (FGC)

6:00pm Prayer Group Meeting (HBH)

The parish office is open 9am to 4pm Monday through Thursday and 9am to 12:30 on Friday.

Thank you!

for Helping Someone Else

RI Blood Center

St. Romuald Chapel

Your blood drive had **23** presenting donors.

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INSTALLATION OF FR. ADAM YOUNG AS THE 17TH PASTOR OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

On October 2nd at the 4:30pm Mass we welcome Bishop Evans, Auxiliary Bishop of Providence, to install Fr. Young as pastor. While he officially became pastor on July 1, it is an important liturgical ceremony. All are welcome to attend and support Fr. Young for his Profession of Faith and Oath of



October 1 (5-7): Pasta Dinner

October 2 (4:30): Installation for Fr. Young at Mass followed by a reception

October 3 (12:15): Blessing of the Animals

October 9: Distribution of baby bottles (Baby Bottle Boomerang)

October 23-31: Social Outreach Food Drive to benefit the Jonnycake Center

Oct. 29 (6:30-9pm): Paint Night with Diane Costanza

November 6 (9-2): Church Bazaar

November 26 (9-12): Coat Drive

November 27: Giving Tree to be placed in church

Month of January: Baby Shower

As always, as events draw near there will be more detailed information in the bulletin!



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.

“TO THE PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN:

- ◆ Relax! God put the wiggle in children. Don't feel like you have to suppress it in God's house.
- ◆ Sit towards the front where it's easier for your little ones to see and hear what's going on. They tire of seeing the backs of heads.
- ◆ Quietly explain the parts of the Mass.
- ◆ Sing, pray, and voice responses. Children learn by copying your involvement!
- ◆ If you have to leave Mass with your child, feel free to do so, but come back! As Jesus said, “let the little children come to me.”
- ◆ Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home here.

TO THE MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION:

The presence of children is a gift to the Church and a reminder that our parish is growing. Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents!”



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