

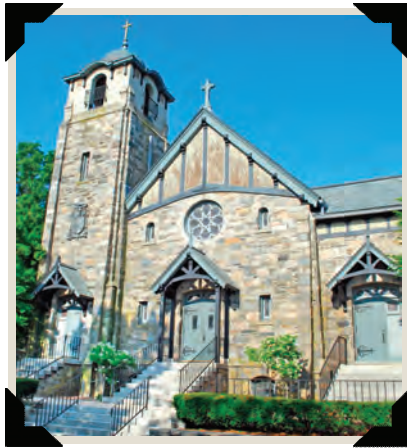
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Masses

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
Saturday----- 5:30 pm*
Sunday----- 8:00 am* and 10:00 am
*Summer only (Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day Weekend)

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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 a priest. Due to the reduction in priests we can no longer accommodate Sunday weddings.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK
Please call the rectory.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

—John 3:17

welcome

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

THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Francis Mass Intentions



Saturday, September 10

4:30pm †Marie Champion
Requested by Family

Sunday, September 11

9:00am †Edward & Bill Carney
Requested by James & Kathleen Carney

11:00am †Leo & Mary Faucher
Requested by the Family

Monday, September 12

7:00am †Dorothy Mathews
Requested by Jim & Susan Meehan

Tuesday, September 13

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

Thursday, September 15

7:00am †Ross Paasche
Requested by Wilfred Cayer

Friday, September 16

7:00am †Bill & Edward Carney
Requested by Kathleen & Jeff Carney

Saturday, September 17

4:30pm †William & Mary Apicerno
Requested by Family

Sunday, September 18

9:00am †Joseph Hung Tran & Conan
Requested by Family

11:00am †Mary Mondillo
Requested by George & Gail Dandurand

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Sunday, September 11

10:00am †Martha & Blanche McElkenny
Requested by Family

Sunday, September 18

10:00am †Martha & Blanche McElkenny
Requested by Family

FROM THE SEPTEMBER MAGNIFICAT

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Pharisees and scribes complain about Jesus, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.” Yet God showed mercy even after their own ancestors at the base of Mount Sinai had “become depraved” and had turned aside from the way that God pointed out to them. God uses the experience of our being lost like the sheep, the coin, and the son to demonstrate compellingly that “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.” Christ welcomes sinners and eats with them because only that closeness with Christ’s human presence changes sinners into saints. To this Saint Paul attests: “I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and arrogant, but I have been mercifully treated. The grace of our Lord has been abundant, along with faith and love.”



Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (144)	-	\$7,620.00
Loose Donations	-	\$1,993.00
Online Giving (# of donors-93)	-	\$4,034.00
Total Budget	-	\$13,647.00

September 4

Second Collection (Monthly Collection)

Budget envelopes used (83)	-	\$1,504.50
Loose Donations	-	\$ 687.00
Online Giving (# of donors-9)	-	\$ 177.00
Total	-	\$2,368.50

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

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Renee Vachon.



Our Friday Dinner Table, sponsored by SVDP St. Francis Conference, has now served more than 14,000 meals since January 2021. Weekly requests have recently increased to nearly 190 meals. Our parish donors and more than 70 volunteers continue to make this program possible.

August was a busy month for our SVDP Conference. We assisted nine families and our neighbors in need. The main requests for financial aid continue to be for rent and utilities; two families were assisted with rent and four families with overdue electric and gas bills. Several of these payments prevented electrical shut offs. Unexpected medical expenses can deplete finances for families managing paycheck to paycheck. A family with three children had a premature baby with an extended NICU stay, and the head of the household sustained a disabling injury in a motor vehicle accident. They were assisted with utility bills. A single parent of a young child with emotional problems who was being bullied was helped to relocate to another apartment. Storage fees were paid to prevent the sale of belongings for a neighbor who had lost a job he had held for 25 years and was beginning a new job at much lower pay. Two neighbors whose employment required a car were assisted with the cost of repairs.

We remind our grateful recipients that our support comes from generous parishioners. We thank the donors who use the poor boxes in the Church and Chapel in addition to the many online donations that make this work possible. If any parishioner would like to learn more about joining the St. Francis of Assisi Conference in this most rewarding work leave your contact information on the SVDP phone, 401-871-8936.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
OCTOBER 2



Blessing of the animals will take place Sunday, October 2 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!



FAITH
FORMATION
(401) 792-8684

SUNDAY FAITH FORMATION
CLASSES BEGIN NEXT
SUNDAY/CATECHETICAL
SUNDAY

St Francis of Assisi will celebrate Catechetical Sunday at the 9:00AM Mass on Sept. 18th. All catechists are invited to this Mass.

Our grade 1-6 families will meet after the 9am Mass in church for class assignment. Dismissal will be in Fr. Greenan at 10:50.



"This is my body given for you"
Luke 22:19

Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 18, 2022, and the theme is: "This is my body given for you". Those who the parish community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. May this Catechetical Sunday be an opportunity for all of us to re-commit ourselves and to encourage others to deepen our relationship with the Lord through vibrant and engaging faith formation!

Catechists are still needed in 1st Grade and a co-teacher for our Grade 4/5 split class. Is God calling you? Call the Faith Formation Office at 792-8684 or email Barbette at:

Cullen_stfrancis@verizon.net

This Week

Monday, September 12

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

Wednesday, September 14

6:30pm Men of St. Joseph (FGC)

Thursday, September 15

6-7:00pm Bible Study-Book of Revelation (HBH)

6:30pm Choir Rehearsal (Church)

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

FUNERAL ASSISTANCE

Rest in Peace

We are looking for assistance with funerals during the week/weekends. Duties include setting up, serving the Mass, reading when needed, and clean-up afterward. No experience necessary; we will train! Please contact the rectory office if you feel called to assist in this important ministry.



Pasta Dinner: Friday, October 7th

5:00—7:00 PM

Fr. Greenan Parish Center

Cost: \$15 Adults

\$10 Take-Out (does not include drink or dessert)

\$8 children (ages 6 to 12)

Children under 6, FREE

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

Please be sure to return your raffle tickets either by placing them in the collection basket, send by mail or drop them off at the rectory.



Donations for the baskets need to be returned by Monday, September 26.



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!

SAVE THE DATE

October 2: Blessing of the Animals (Noon)

October 7: Pasta Dinner (5:00-7:00pm)

October 8 & 9: Baby Bottle Boomerang

October 22-30: Food Drive

November 5: Church Bazaar (9am-1pm)

November 25: Coat Drive (10am-Noon)



2022 Priest Retirement Funds: Next weekend, September 17 and 18

The Priest Retirement Fund is the primary means by which those Catholic Priests who have served for decades in the Diocese of Providence are cared for in their later years—years that are spent in *active ministry*.

For years after parish and other assignments, priests in the Diocese of Providence continue to serve Christ and the faithful through many selfless efforts. Many may not realize that our diocesan priests live independently in retirement. After active ministry, they no longer rely upon their parishes for support. In other words, with retirement the room and board stops. And since they were paid a very modest wage, they receive a minimal Social Security benefit. So, to help retired priests meet everyday needs like food, housing, transportation, and health care, our diocese established the Senior Priest Retirement Fund in the mid-nineteen-sixties.

As with other retirement benefit programs—such as Social Security—the Fund is challenged by increasing current and projected costs that exceed its income. That's because, like the general population, priests are living longer, more active lives, placing a greater demand on retirement resources.

The Senior Priest Retirement Fund receives revenue from five sources: the Catholic Charity Appeal; the Diocesan General Fund; gifts and bequests; the annual Our Lady Queen of the Clergy parish/agency assessment based on each active priest; and the upcoming annual diocesan collection. **This fund's strength is important not just for those who depend on it today, but also for those who will rely upon it in the years ahead.** There are increasing challenges that this fund will need to meet in the near future.

Thank you and God bless you for your generous support!



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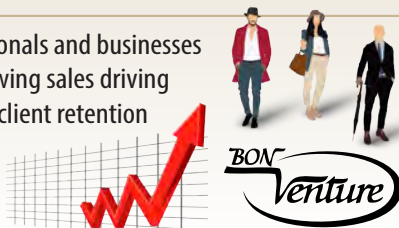
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