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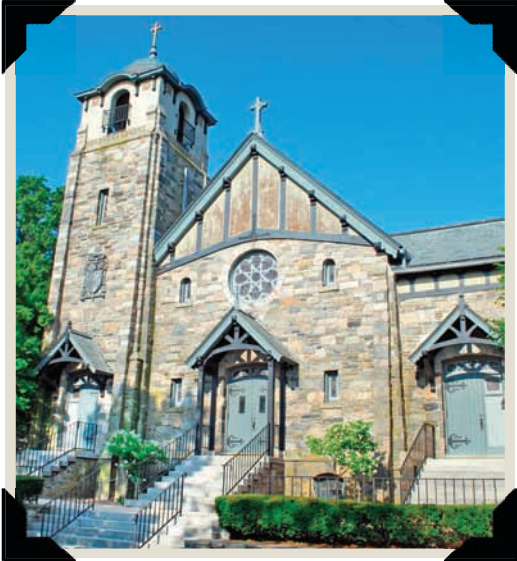
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Masses

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

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

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 a priest. 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 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

Monday, September 19

7:00am †Francis Patrick Clossick
Requested by Jim & Susan Meehan

Tuesday, September 20

7:00am †Dorothy Markowski
(Birthday Remembrance)
Requested by Family

Thursday, September 22

7:00am †Francis Clossick
Requested by Eric & Sharon Rose

Friday, September 23

7:00am †Dec. Members of the Behie,
O'Rourke, Palamidessi & Geiling Families

Saturday, September 24

4:30pm †Nick & Angie Fandetti
Requested by Family

Sunday, September 25

9:00am †The Hunt and Caswell Families
Requested by Family

11:00am †James E. O'Connor
Requested by Family

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Sunday, September 18

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

Sunday, September 25

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

Taken From September *Magnificat*

What is humility? True humility is to know that, of myself, I am nothing. But with God, I am able to do anything. In the Prayer of Saint Francis we say: Lord, make me an instrument of your love.

God is a very warm-hearted and jealous lover. He loves us much more than to let us go astray. If we are foolish enough to deceive ourselves, he will shake us up once in a while to show us who we really are. He gives us an experience of our own littleness. I will see that I am not as great as I thought I was. We can have two kinds of reactions when we see our littleness. We can say, "Oh well, that's just how I am," or "Everybody is against me, nobody understands me!" Or we can realize that God is trying to show us how little we are and how much we need to depend on him.

We do not want to run on our own fuel-power. We want to live by faith, to look out for his will. Humbly tell our Lord: "Thank you, Lord. Thank you for showing me to me as I am. I beg your help because I need your help so badly." This is what humility is: to accept, to ask, to depend on him and on his help. God is very willing to give us his all: just think of the love of our Lord, of redemption, or the Mass!

Jesus died, he gave himself to the heavenly Father. But that was his sacrifice; how does this become my sacrifice? What can make it mine? He became man; he wanted to share the nature I have. He became our brother, looked like us, spoke our language. He established the Church, his Mystical Body, so that we are not only brothers but his members. When we are in the state of grace, Christ's Spirit is our own spirit? He established the Holy Eucharist. He wanted to be food for our body and soul. He hid himself in the bread. He invites us to Mass, which is going on every day and minute all over the world. And he made his sacrifice mine. Bow down before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Thank him very wholeheartedly for his all-giving love. Ask him sincerely to open your eyes to see the great reality that is himself, and yourself. Ask him to me your heart meek and humble according to his own heart.—Sister Ida Peterfy

Sister Ida Peterfy: (†2000), originally from Hungary, founded the Society Devoted to the Sacred Heart. She developed a dynamic teaching method that continues to influence religious education in the United States and other countries.



Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (100)	-	September 11 \$3,035.00
Loose Donations	-	\$1,646.00
Online Giving (# of donors-92)	-	\$3,465.00
Total Budget	-	\$8,146.00

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 18, 2022

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Ralph Calitri.



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!



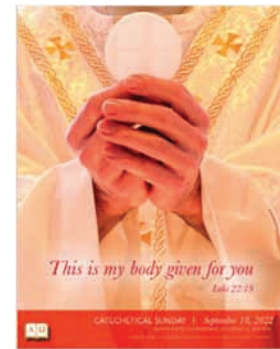
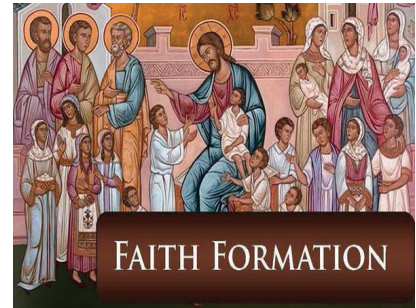
FUNERAL ASSISTANCE



We are looking for assistance with funerals during the week (and an occasional Saturday). 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.



**FAITH
FORMATION
(401) 792-8684**



**CATECHETICAL SUNDAY,
September 18th**

9AM Mass Commissioning of Catechists

**SUNDAY RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION CLASSES BEGIN
TODAY**

Grades 1-6 will meet at 9:55 in church for class assignment, pick up will be in FGC at **10:50**

Pray: Lord, we pray that you will help us treat each other with honesty and faithfulness. I ask for your help as my responsibilities grow larger this year. Amen.

Wednesday, October 5th

Grades 7 & 8 Parent/Student Orientation Mtg. in FGC at 6:30pm. Parents and students are expected to attend.

This Week

Monday, September 19

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

Tuesday, September 20

7:00pm SVDP Meeting (HBH)

Wednesday, September 21

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

Thursday, September 22

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.

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.



**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)

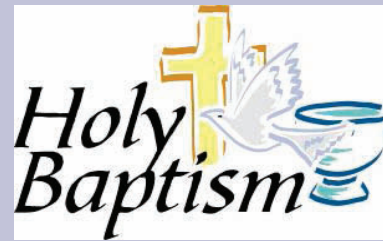
October 7: Pasta Dinner (5:00-7:00pm)

October 8 & 9: Baby Bottle Boomerang

October 22-30: Food Drive

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

November 25: Coat Drive (10am-Noon)



Congratulations to the proud parents and godparents of Declan Kai Daly who was baptized on September 4 by Fr. Fisetto. *Your parish family rejoices with you!*

We would like to congratulate Stanley Hermanowski & Katelyn Veyera who were recently married at St. Francis. May God bless you!



OCTOBER DEVOTIONS AT THE CHAPEL EACH WEEKNIGHT DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER



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!



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