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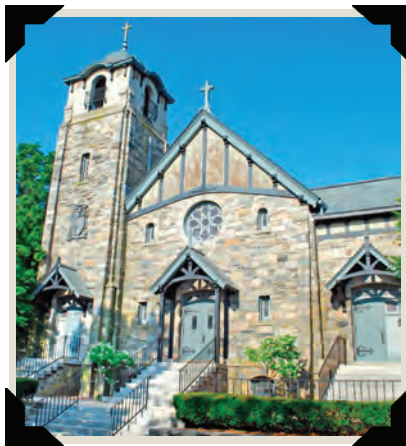
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Masses

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.

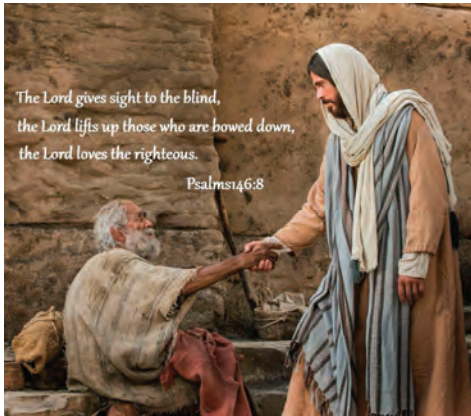
SACRAMENT OF THE SICK
Please call the rectory.



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

THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Francis Mass Intentions



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

Monday, September 26

7:00am For the People

Tuesday, September 27

7:00am †Rick Holland
Requested by a Friend

Thursday, September 29

7:00am †Francis Clossick
Requested by Dick & Betty Kuzmeski

Friday, September 30

7:00am †Francis Clossick
Requested by Mark & Diane Castro

Saturday, October 1

4:30pm †Corinne Bertrand
Requested by her daughter, Barbara

Sunday, October 2

9:00am †Michael Dufficy
(3rd Anniversary Remembrance)
Requested by Wife & Children

11:00am †Lee Mainelli
(7th Anniversary Remembrance)
Requested by Family

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Sunday, September 25

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

Sunday, October 2

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

With the appointment of Father Ranallo as pastor effective October 1, this will be my last weekend as temporary administrator at St. Francis of Assisi parish. I have enjoyed getting to know so many of you during this very short time at this wonderful parish. Thank you for all your kind support and understanding over the past month and a half.

It occurs to me that over the past decade or so, this parish has gone from two full-time priests to a full-time pastor and part-time associate, to just a full-time pastor, and now Father Ranallo will be pastor while continuing to coordinate pastoral ministry for the healthcare facilities (all of the hospitals and nursing homes, etc.) in the Diocese of Providence. This has become the trend with fewer and fewer priests (and fewer people in the pews). On my first weekend here in August, I had a commitment that couldn't be changed and had to find a priest to cover one Mass. It took calls/emails to ten priests to find someone to cover for that one Mass. This is the reality that the Church in the Diocese of Providence faces.

The decrease in the number of priests is indicative of the decrease in the practice of faith in our society and a call to be ever more dedicated to prayer and evangelization, to be intentional disciples, to work together recognizing that we are part of one parish, one diocese, one Church—one Body of Christ, in the words of St. Paul—and to invite others to a relationship with Jesus within His Church. We evangelize not because we want to simply get the number of people in the church/chapel up in order to justify having Sunday Masses every hour on the hour, but because we desire to have more souls know Jesus and be saved through Him. Let's share the Good News of Jesus with all!

Be assured of my prayers for you and I humbly ask you to pray for me and my ministries at URI, Prout, and Post-Ordination Formation of Priests.

God bless,
Fr. Fisetto



Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (117)	-	\$3,354.00
Loose Donations	-	\$1,215.00
Online Giving (# of donors-86)	-	\$3,128.00
Total Budget	-	\$7,697.00

September 18

Budget envelopes used (101)	-	\$3,201.00
Loose Donations	-	\$1,214.00
Online Giving (# of donors-3)	-	\$ 115.00
Total	-	\$4,530.00

Second Collection (Priest's Retirement)

Budget envelopes used (101)	-	\$3,201.00
Loose Donations	-	\$1,214.00
Online Giving (# of donors-3)	-	\$ 115.00
Total	-	\$4,530.00

This week's second collection is for Ongoing Maintenance. Next week's second collection is for the Seminarians' Education.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Carmella Ford.



The work of our St. Francis of Assisi Conference of St. Vincent de Paul is supported by parish donations. Donation boxes are in the Church and Chapel; the parish online giving site has a SVDP option. Grocery store gift cards are welcome. Our Conference assists neighbors in need in our area and supports the Dinner Table Program providing free meals for pick up or delivery. Call 401-588-4192 if you or a neighbor could use cooked meals, available Wednesdays & Fridays, or if you would like to volunteer with the Dinner Table. To request financial aid, leave information on the Conference phone, 401-871-8936. New SVDP members are most welcome! There are several levels of participation and time commitments.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
NEXT SUNDAY, 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.

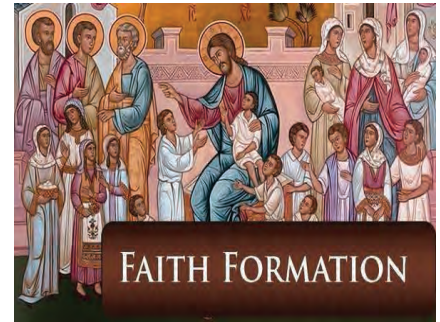


NEW PASTOR NAMED

We are pleased to announce that Bishop Tobin has appointed Father Albert Ranallo as pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Parish while continuing as Coordinator for Pastoral Care of Healthcare Facilities in the Diocese of Providence effective October 1st. Father Ranallo has been ordained for 15 years and currently serves as the pastor of St. Ann Church. Let us pray for Father Ranallo as he prepares to begin his ministry here at St. Francis of Assisi Parish.



FAITH FORMATION
(401) 792-8684



Sunday, September 25th

9:55-10:50am GRADES 1-6 (FGC)

Pray: *Jesus, help me to act selflessly and treat others as you would. I will work with others and with you, so that everyone can receive what is good during this lifetime and beyond. Amen.*



NOTICE TO OUR FAMILIES
IN FAITH FORMATION
CLASSES

Each year in response to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' charter for the protection of children and young people, we have a program for the safe environment education of children and young people. This program is called **Circle of Grace**. It is meant to supplement and be integrated into our program for the formation of children and young people. This program helps our youth to understand their own (and other's) dignity in mind and spirit.

The Circle of Grace lesson, which is specific for each grade, will be implemented in each grade of our religious education program within the first few months of classes.

If a child is absent on the day that the lesson is given, the Circle of Grace material will be mailed home for the parents to teach.

Please call Barbette Cullen at the Rel. Ed Office, 792-8684, if you have any questions or want more information regarding the Circle of Grace program.

This Week

Monday, September 26

7:30-11:00am Adoration (Church)
6:30pm Event Committee Meeting (FGC)

Wednesday, September 28

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

Thursday, September 29

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: NEXT 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 **THIS** 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)



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!



A SPECIAL THANK YOU

We would like to take this time to give a special thank you to Kathy Lindvall who over the past years has taken the time and care to beautify the church with her gift of arranging the flowers in the church. With various other commitments she has had to step down from this ministry.

Thank you Kathy for all that you have done to keep our church beautiful! God bless.

BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG

Make a gift affirming the sanctity of human life. At the end of our Masses on Oct. 8/9 we will be distributing baby bottles. We are asking that you take a bottle home to place your coins, cash or a check (**Please make checks out to RI Right to Life**) and return it to the church the following week-end, Oct 15/16. The Baby Bottle Boomerang is used to fund Right to Life Services, a ministry of RI Right to Life that helps pregnant women, newborns and toddlers throughout RI. There will be collection baskets located at all the entrances of the church & chapel for when you return the bottles.





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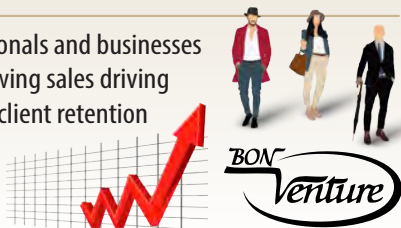
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