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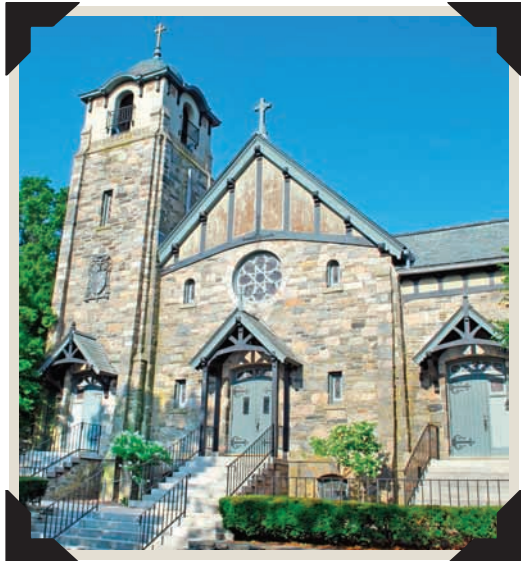
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Masses

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)

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Sacraments

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Third 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 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Francis Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 15

4:30pm †Fred & Arlene Robinson
Requested by Family

Sunday, July 16

9:00am †Steve Hunt
(Birthday Remembrance)
Requested by Family

11:00am †Myra Connor
Requested by Family

Monday, July 17

7:00am †Rick Soltysiak
Requested by the Boyle Family

Tuesday, July 18

7:00am †Grace Gray
Requested by the Event Committee

Thursday, July 20

7:00am †Grace Gray
Requested by Jean

Friday, July 21

7:00am For the People

Saturday, July 22

4:30pm †John & Marie Champion
Requested by Family

Sunday, July 23

9:00am †Ann Coleman Stadtler
(Anniversary Remembrance)
Requested by Family

11:00am †Deceased Members of the
Corner Family
Requested by Family

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 15

5:30pm †Joseph Bianco
(7th Anniversary Remembrance)
Requested by wife, Joan & Family

Sunday, July 16

8:00am †Michaela Keough
Requested by Barbara Dwyer
10:00am †Raymond Meloche, Jr.
Requested by Family

Saturday, July 22

5:30pm †Fred & Arlene Robinson
Requested by Family

Sunday, July 23

8:00am †Jim Abreu
Requested by Ted Emmott
10:00am †Martha & Blanche McElkenny
Requested by Family

*Have a heart of wonder & attentiveness so as to receive
God's fruitful word.*

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Have you ever watched a seed grow? Remember that childhood educational activity, where a seed is placed in a clear bag and taped to a window so everyone can marvel at the breaking open and bursting forth of new life?

There's a deep anticipation to it, and then, almost miraculously, the seed begins its work, sending out a root searching for water, sending up a small shoot seeking the light.

This powerful image runs through our readings today: God's creative power, poured out to bring forth fruit, nourishment, life. And this is the image Jesus offers us for the creative work he wants to do in our lives. In these readings, God is both sower and seed, the one who gives water and light, the one who calls forth growth, and the one who yields great fruit.

Can we see this work God wants to carry out in our lives? Can we hear his fruitful word?

Just as from the heavens, the rain and snow come down and water the earth; so, too, the word has been sent to us. All of creation awaits with eager expectation, groaning in labor pains. And, in this moment of anticipation, *we have the firstfruits of the Spirit.*

Can we see the Spirit moving like the wind over the water? Can we hear the Spirit's voice calling us to growth?

Perhaps that image of the seed can call us to see more clearly, to listen more carefully. This seeing and hearing requires a posture of wonder, a posture of careful attentiveness. Like children at the window, can we slow down and marvel, watching with anticipation to see what God will do?

Our God speaks. But God does not usually yell. We are given true freedom to hear and to see. If we are to bear fruit, we must make the choice to receive this grace. We must choose silence, we must choose to set down distractions, we must choose to be attentively present.

Perhaps we can pause today to ask for the light of the Holy Spirit to shine on what might impede our capacity to see and to hear Christ. We may also consider our responses in the light of Jesus' warnings. If we are facing tribulations or persecutions, are we sinking our roots deeply into the water of the sacraments? In the face of worldly anxieties, are we seeking the light through meditation on God's word and reception of the Eucharist?

Today, may we be nourished for the profound work of seeing and hearing God's word. May this Eucharist draw us to wonder and attentiveness. May God call us in this Mass to enter into the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven and send us forth to bear great fruit for his kingdom.

Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (128)	-	\$4,175.00
Loose Donations	-	\$2,740.00
Online Giving (# of donors-84)	-	\$3,396.00
Total Budget	-	\$10,311.00

Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (139)	-	\$4,410.00
Loose Donations	-	\$2,456.00
Online Giving (# of donors-85)	-	\$3,401.00
Total Budget	-	\$10,267.00

Second Collection (Propagation of Faith/Mission Coop)-July 2

Budget envelopes used (85)	-	\$1,717.00
Loose Donations	-	\$3,430.00
Online Giving (# of donors-8)	-	\$ 135.00
Total	-	\$5,282.00

Second Collection (Monthly Collection)-July 9

Budget envelopes used (101)	-	\$1,696.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 466.00
Online Giving (# of donors-15)	-	\$ 473.00
Total	-	\$2,635.00

There is no second collection this week or next week.
Thank you for your continued generosity.

JULY 16, 2023

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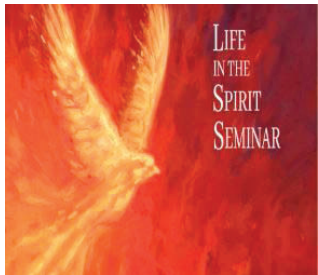


This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Selma Gallo.



ATTENTION CRAFTERS!

Our parish bazaar has been scheduled for Saturday November 18th. We have some improvements this year including: extended hours (9am-3pm), more signage to attract shoppers, and we are moving upstairs in the hall so that we can have more vendors. Table rentals are 40 dollars. If you are interested in renting a table, please email Gail Dandurand at gdandural@gmail.com to receive a sign up form or stop by the parish office to pick up a hard copy.



TRI-PARISH TENT REVIVAL
"Living in the Spirit"

The parishes of St. Pius X, St. Mary's/St. James Chapel and St. Francis of Assisi/St. Romuald Chapel are hosting a three-night Tent Revival, *"Living in the Spirit"*.

In 1959 Pope St. John XXIII is quoted by saying, "Throw open the windows of the church and let the fresh air of the spirit blow through".

Spirit flowing through the windows of the church and the windows of our hearts. Come join us on July 24th, 25th and 26th from 6:00pm-8:00pm at St. James Chapel, located at 2079 Matunuck School House Rd., Charlestown, RI. Each night will begin with praise and worship music led by Christian artist Jon Polce, followed by teaching/witness talks on opening ourselves to allow the Spirit of God to live within us. The third night concludes opening with speaker and Evangelist, Walter Burke, Jr. of the "Burke Family Singers" fame, as he prepares us all with a deeper understanding of how to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

BASKETS NEEDED FOR PASTA DINNER

Do you have baskets you would like to donate? We are looking for clean, good size baskets to use for our basket raffle.

To donate, please drop them off at the rectory during office hours.



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

The Religious Education Office will be closed for the month of July.

"Our Christian communities must become genuine schools of prayer... by opening our heart to the love of God it also opens it to the love of our brothers and sisters, and makes us capable of shaping history according to God's plan." St. John Paul II

Each day of VBS we learned about a different virtue and how to practice that virtue in our lives...over the next few weeks we will share those virtues.

Virtue Day 3: Perseverance

Not giving up, trying again, determination. In life it takes hard work and perseverance to reach our goals. How can we practice perseverance each day? God wants to help you work through your challenges and achieve your goals. As Christians, our main goal is to get to heaven! It takes a lot of perseverance to live out our faith and to pray every day.



This Week

Monday, July 17

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

6:30pm Event Committee Meeting (FGC)

Thursday, July 20

6-7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

Friday, July 21

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

6:30-8:00pm Men of St. Joseph

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

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FOOD DONATIONS FOR THE JONNYCAKE CENTER: JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER



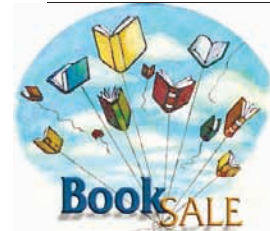
Please remember we are always in need of nonperishable food items (no glass or outdated items). Your donations may be placed in the baskets located at St. Francis or St. Romuald. These items will be donated to the Jonnycake Food Pantry in Peace Dale. Thank you for your generosity.

The work of the St. Francis of Assisi Conference of St. Vincent de Paul is supported by parish donations. Donation boxes are in the Church and Chapel. There is a SVDP option on the parish online giving site.



If you need financial assistance or would like to volunteer, leave your contact information on the Conference phone, 401-871-8936.

New members are most welcome!



MOTHER OF MERCY CATHOLIC CENTER/BOOK SALE

August 12 & 13 before and after all Masses

There will be a display of a broad selection of Catholic books, DVDs, and CDs for sale, for children as well as adults, in the Helen Bouchard Hall (lower church) before and after all the Masses on the weekend of Aug. 12 & 13. Please take advantage of this opportunity to grow in the knowledge and understanding of our Faith.

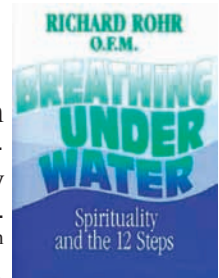
Summer is a great time for spiritual reading!

SAVE THE DATE

- August 12/13:** Catholic Books, DVDs & CDs (adults & children) to be sold after Masses in HBH
- August 27:** Parish Breakfast in Matunuck (8:30-11:30am)
- September 3:** Blood Drive at Chapel (8:30-Noon)
- September 29:** Pasta Dinner (5-7:00pm)
- October 2, 3 & 4:** St. Francis Triduum (6pm-Church)
- October 13:** Paint Night
- November 18:** Bazaar (9am-3pm)

ADDICTION RECOVERY MINISTRY

Christ the King Catholic Church is happy to introduce their newest program entitled, "Recovery Ministry". Our inaugural meeting began Wednesday, July 12th from 6:30-7:30pm in the church hall. The meeting will be designed to help all who suffer from addiction.



They will use Richard Rohr's book, "Breathing Under Water, Spirituality and the Twelve Steps". Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be the focal point of the Ministry.

Whether you or someone you know is in recovery, (or ought to be) and you are Catholic or not, this group will welcome you. This book will help you understand the underlying miracles of recovery. You no longer need to suffer from addiction.

Many of us have discovered freedom from our problem by the practice of the "twelve steps of recovery" and the power and grace of Jesus Christ. More importantly, Fr. Rohr will help you see the Twelve Steps more clearly in the light of Christ.

Jesus invites us to "Come and See!" Please do, you don't have to live this way anymore. Let us help you as we help each other.

This program does practice total anonymity. If you have any questions please contact Harry at 401-651-1517 or the Church office at 401-788-7459.



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