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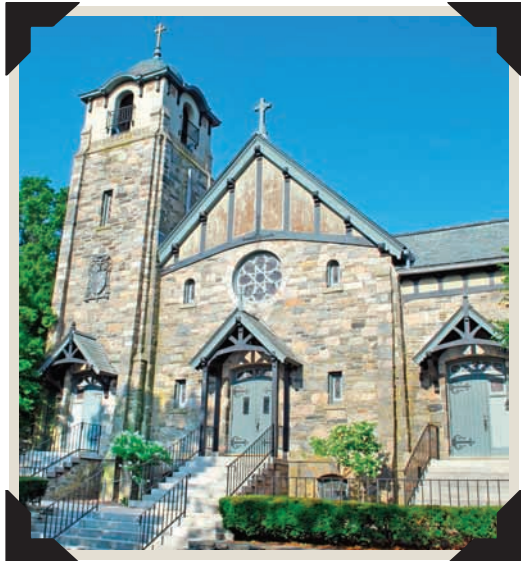
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**Masses**

**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 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### St. Francis Mass Intentions

#### 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*

#### Monday, July 24

7:00am †Steven Hunt  
*Requested by Jose & Venerina DaSilva*

#### Tuesday, July 25

7:00am †Lori Mello  
*Req. by parents, Bob & Dolores Mello*

#### Thursday, July 27

7:00am †Rev. Edward M. Raftery  
(4<sup>th</sup> Pastor)  
*103<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Remembrance*

#### Friday, July 28

7:00am †Rick Soltysiak  
*Requested by Family*

#### Saturday, July 29

4:30pm †Dan Pucella  
*Requested by Family*

#### Sunday, July 30

9:00am †James & Sarah Folcarelli  
*Requested by Family*  
11:00am †Kelli Zenick  
*Requested by O'Neill Consulting*

### St. Romuald Mass Intentions

#### 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*

#### Saturday, July 29

5:30pm †Jo-Ann Horton  
*Requested by her Beach Neighbors*

#### Sunday, July 30

8:00am †Ed & Mary Emmott  
*Requested by Family*  
10:00am †Cathy Fitzpatrick  
*Requested by Jim & Sylvia Ferry*

*The Lord invites us to persevere in love and charity.*

In today's Gospel we hear a parable (or parables) about the kingdom of God. In the parable about the weeds among the wheat, Jesus reminds us that in the present age, God allows his children to live alongside the children of the evil one until their day of judgment. In theory, we can all probably nod and think to ourselves that yes, this is good because God is love and God loves all people, including those people represented by the weeds, and he wills the salvation of all. Therefore, giving people more time for conversion, more time to turn away from sin, is a good thing.

But what is the implication of God's goodness and patience in our own lives? The wheat in the parable must grow and bear fruit despite the weeds that are growing alongside them and that are competing for resources from the same soil. Like this wheat, we, too, must persevere in giving good and abundant fruit, despite the variety of conditions in which we live: conditions that might be made easy by virtuous people, or more difficult by people around us who are unkind or thoughtless. It is easy to want *God* to love such people. It is not so easy for *us* to be loving and patient with them – especially with those who have hurt us or our loved ones.

How can we persevere in love and charity? How can we resist the urge to lash out, to lose our patience, to get back at those who have harmed us? Just as the wheat needs nutrients from the soil and rays from the sun to grow and produce fruit, we also need nutrients to grow and produce good fruit in our spiritual lives. And the great news is that the Lord offers these necessary goods to us freely and abundantly.

We know what these nutrients are: the sacraments. What greater and more powerful gift to strengthen us in charity than the Lord himself, present in the Eucharist? There is also the sacrament of reconciliation. Sometimes, with this sacrament, we focus exclusively on forgiveness of sins—something we all need, of course. But this sacrament also strengthens us to resist sin. Finally, there is prayer. As Paul reminds us, even at those times when we don't know what or how to pray, the Holy Spirit can pray for us, intercede for us – for what we need.

As we prepare to give thanks and praise to the Lord for all he has done for us, as we prepare to receive him, let us do so aware of our need for the help this sacrament offers us to persevere in love and charity.



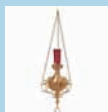
<b>Weekly Support</b>		<b>July 16</b>
Budget envelopes used (127)	-	\$3,771.50
Loose Donations	-	\$2,591.00
Online Giving (# of donors-79)	-	\$3,195.00
<b>Total Budget</b>	-	<b>\$9,557.50</b>

There is no second collection this week. Next week's second collection is for Ongoing Maintenance.

**Thank you for your continued generosity.**

JULY 23, 2023

**SANCTUARY LAMP**



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



**PRAYER SHAWLS**

The St. Francis of Assisi Prayer Shawl Group has many beautiful prayer shawls available. If you know of someone who could benefit from receiving a prayer shawl please contact Jean McGair at 401-783-1633.

**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.



**ATTENTION CRAFTERS!**

Our parish bazaar has been scheduled for Saturday November 18<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:gdandural@gmail.com) to receive a sign up form or stop by the parish office to pick up a hard copy.



**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 4: Self-Control**

Self-control is being able to control yourself so that you can act in a way that pleases God and others. There are so many different ways we can practice self-control, and one way is by controlling our behavior. The opposite of self-control is being out of control. When we don't practice self-control in our lives, or when we sin, our hearts become somewhat like a pop bottle that is ready to explode. *Think, how can you practice self-control in your*



# This Week

**Monday, July 24**

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

**Thursday, July 27**

6-7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

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



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Thank you for your continual donations to the Cent. Your blessed generosity sustains our clients. With perpetual gratitude, in Christ Jesus, *The Staff of Mother of Life Pregnancy Center.*



## 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 9 & 10:** Sale of Olive Wood Goods from Israel & Bethlehem
- September 29:** Pasta Dinner (5-7:00pm)
- October 2, 3 & 4:** St. Francis Triduum (6pm-Church)
- October 13:** Paint Night
- October 21:** Coat Distribution (9am-Noon)
- November 18:** Bazaar (9am-3pm)



## 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 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> 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.



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