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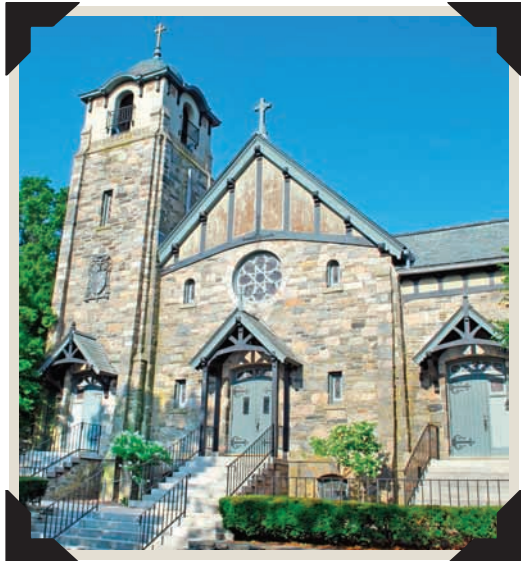
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**Masses**

**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.**

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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 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### St. Francis Mass Intentions

**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*

**Monday, July 31**

7:00am For the People

**Tuesday, August 1**

7:00am †Rosemary Walsh

*Requested by Jeff and Kathleen Carney*

**Thursday, August 3**

7:00am †Anthony Ciccone

*Requested by Family*

**Friday, August 4**

7:00am Bremner Family

*(Special Intention)*

**Saturday, August 5**

4:30pm †Dan Dwyer

*Requested by Family*

**Sunday, August 6**

9:00am †Kerri Bessette

*Requested by Mom, Dad & Scott*

11:00am †Mary & Nelson Burke

*Requested by Family*

### St. Romuald Mass Intentions

**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*

**Saturday, August 5**

5:30pm †Buckley Cooney

*Requested by Family*

**Sunday, August 6**

8:00am †Bill Harding

*Requested by Ted Emmott*

10:00am †Michael Maggiasco

*(Birthday Remembrance)*

*Requested by Family*

*The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field.*

This time of year is “wedding season.” So many young couples are starting a new phase of their lives together. We are also approaching the start of the academic year. Students are going off to college and beginning a new phase as young adults. New spouses, newly independent adults, and new empty nesters are blessed with incredible opportunity and tasked with great responsibility for this new stage of their lives.

Solomon was a mere youth when called by God to succeed his father David. He was given the great opportunity and responsibility to govern God’s people as their new king. In this new stage of his life, Solomon has big shoes to fill. Solomon admits to God: You made me king, but I don’t know how to do it – how to act, how to judge, how to live up to such great expectations. Just as importantly, Solomon asks for the Lord’s help.

We can relate to Solomon when we are called to new stages in our lives. We may wonder how we will live up to the tasks of marriage or parenthood; how we will handle ourselves as independent adults; how we will make the right decisions and meet expectations in our new ventures. Solomon asked, and God gave Solomon what he needed for his task: a wise and understanding heart for governing God’s people. God entrusted Solomon with the opportunity and responsibility to serve as king, and Solomon trusted God to provide him with exactly what he needed to succeed.

This relationship of trust is what Paul speaks of when writing to the Romans: *All things work for good for those who love God.* To love God is to be in a relationship of trust, as was Solomon. God entrusts Solomon with his purpose, and Solomon trusts God to provide for him, and ultimately to justify and glorify him. This is the love of God that we are called to. It is the love between God the Father and Christ his Son, and in Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit, we know this love.

When we know this love – this relationship of trust – we know the joy, the infinite value, of the kingdom of heaven of which Jesus speaks. We easily recognize it and nothing we have compares. It is like a buried treasure or pearl of great price that we find and sell all we have for it. It is like seeing a net full of fish and knowing exactly what the good stuff is. All we want is God’s love and nothing else will do.

As we enter new stages with great responsibilities, the one who loves us and entrusts us with these opportunities will provide us with what we need. Part of the joy of loving God and being in that relationship of trust with him is the assurance that all things work for the good of those who love him. We may sometimes forget this, sometimes feel fearful or overwhelmed, but when we return to God’s word and participate in the sacraments as we do today, we are reminded and reassured. God’s got this, and so, then, do we.



<b>Weekly Support</b>		<b>July 23</b>
Budget envelopes used (123)	-	\$6,031.00
Loose Donations	-	\$2,090.00
Online Giving (# of donors-75)	-	\$2,725.00
<b>Total Budget</b>	-	<b>\$10,846.00</b>

This week’s second collection is for Ongoing Maintenance.  
Next week’s second collection is for the Holy Father’s Peter’s Pence.

**Thank you for your continued generosity.**

JULY 30, 2023



**SANCTUARY LAMP**

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Dan Pucella.



**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.



**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 5: Hope**

To expect something good will happen, a confident expectation of good things to come. There are things in our world that we would like to change but sometimes feel like there is not hope. Sickness, war, crime, poverty. Often we don't act or do anything because we don't think we can make a difference and we lose hope. We think the problems are too big or impossible. Good news is there is always hope! Who is our hope? Jesus! Jesus can help us change the most impossible situations into great possibilities! The Bible says, "All things are possible with God!" *Mark 10:27* It also says: "For I know well the plans I have for you, says the Lord...plans to give you a future full of hope." *Jeremiah 29:11*



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**End-of-Summer Breakfast**

at the Community Field House, Matunuck

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2023**

**8:30AM TO 11:30AM**

**Adults: \$12.00—Children 6-12: \$7**

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**TABERNACLE TO BE PLACED IN BACK OF THE ALTAR**

With great enthusiasm and with the overwhelming support of our parishioners, I am officially announcing that Bishop Henning has granted permission to move the tabernacle to the back of the altar, it's original home. This is scheduled to take place after this weekend and the new carpet should already be in place where the altar is and at the entrance to the sanctuary in front of the pews. Clergy chairs will be placed in front on the left side of the altar. New chairs have been ordered but it will take a couple of weeks for them to be delivered. Also in the works, I am looking into the possibility of putting an electric votive candle stand in place at the side entrance of the church (where the tabernacle is now located) with a statue of a Saint Joseph above it. Keep you posted as we go along with this project.

Your Pastor, *Fr. Albert Ranallo*





# This Week

## Monday, July 31

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

6:30pm Men of St. Joseph

## Thursday, August 3

6-7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

*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.

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 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)



### ATTENTION CRAFTERS!

Our parish Christmas 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 [gdandura1@gmail.com](mailto:gdandura1@gmail.com) to receive a sign up form or stop by the parish office to pick up a hard copy.

### 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.



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