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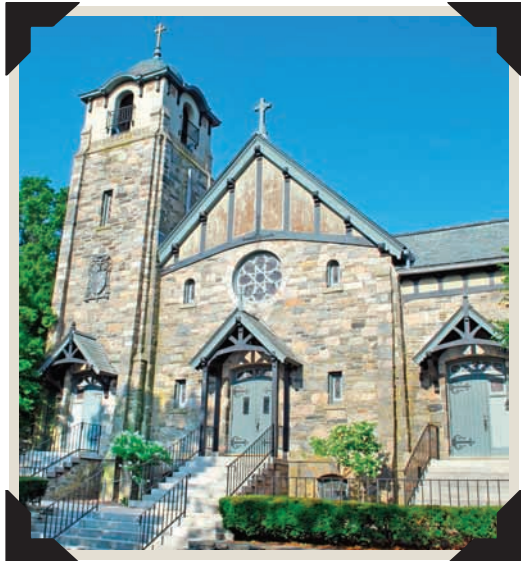
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Masses

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 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Francis Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 8

4:30pm †Mr. & Mrs. Francis Ludovic
Requested by Family

Sunday, July 9

9:00am †Olga Chmura
Requested by Family

11:00am †Rick Soltysiak
Requested by Family

Monday, July 10

7:00am †Joseph Lefoley
(7th Anniversary Remembrance)
Requested by Patrick & Phyllis Lefoley

Tuesday, July 11

7:00am †Karen Clark
(Birthday Remembrance)
Requested by Family

Thursday, July 13

7:00am †Joyce Shiels
(Anniversary Remembrance)
Requested by Family

Friday, July 14

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

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

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 8

5:30pm †Eileen Rooney
Requested by Family

Sunday, July 9

8:00am †Dec. Members of the
Torello Family
Requested by Raymond Torello

10:00am †Dec. Members of the
McDade, Hayes & Cote
Families
Requested by Family

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

*When we surrender to God with a humble heart, we
find our burdens are lighter.*

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Freedom, strength, leadership...these words can sometimes seem completely in opposition to meekness and humility.

The Jews, who were expecting a strong military type of messiah, may have been disappointed by Jesus who came riding into Jerusalem on a donkey instead of a warhorse—the one who submitted to a violent execution, not one who fomented a violent revolution.

But imagine the strength found in the meekness of Christ! The strength in the humility of the saints and martyrs! Those whose wills are so perfectly united to that of the Father are more free than any of us who have struggled and battled internally.

And how incredible it is that we can look to Christ as an example. If we take up his yoke, we lighten our burden because he shares it with us. When our will is conformed to Christ, we are motivated by love and truth itself.

It may be difficult to overcome temptations, and all of us have our own battles. But as we become more free from these passions, the burdens become lighter. The yoke of Christ is easy because it is Christ who carries it with us.

Christian strength and freedom may seem opposed to the ideas of meekness and humility. But instead consider that great strength, and finding real freedom in Christ, can only happen when our hearts are meek and humble, and we surrender fully to God.



**DUE TO THE HOLIDAY AND AN EARLY  
TRANSMITTAL OF THE BULLETIN THE  
COLLECTION FOR JULY 2 WAS NOT AVAILABLE.  
THAT INFORMATION WILL BE SHOWN IN NEXT  
WEEK'S BULLETIN.**

This week's second collection is the Monthly Collection. There is no second collection next week.

**CC Appeal Goal \$104,595. 5/17. Amount pledged:  
\$107,830.00!! Went over our Goal!!**

**Thank you for your continued generosity.**

JULY 9, 2023

**SANCTUARY LAMP**



This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Branden J. DeLuca.



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

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



**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.

**ADORATION ADORERS**

Jesus asked His Apostles to spend some time with Him as He prayed before His death. Today, He is also asking us to pray before Him in the Blessed Sacrament. Here at St. Francis you can do just that! Each Monday morning from 7:30 until 11:00 our Lord is exposed in the Monstrance. This gives parishioners and others in the community the opportunity to come visit Jesus on a more personal level, for quiet prayer and reflection. Father concludes Adoration with Benediction. This is a wonderful way to bring spiritual growth to oneself and the Parish as a whole.



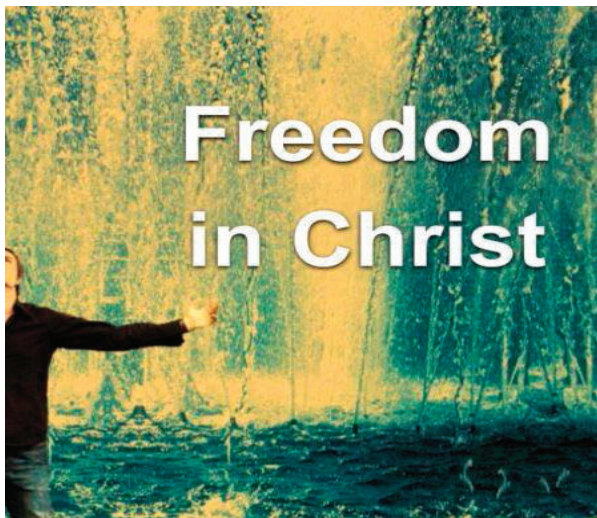
If you can come for an hour or even a half-hour, we would love to have you!! If you have any questions or would like to be an Adorer of the Blessed Sacrament, please feel free to email Liz Soltysiak at: [lizsoltysiak@gmail.com](mailto:lizsoltysiak@gmail.com).

"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 2: Gratitude**

An attitude of thankfulness, showing appreciation, being grateful for what you have. In life we can focus on negative things or we can be grateful for the many blessings we have. Even in hard times, there is always something to be grateful for.



**Dear Lord,  
Thank You for everything  
You've done for me and  
my family.  
Amen.**

# This Week

## Monday, July 10

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

6:30pm Men of St. Joseph

## Thursday, July 13

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!



### LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR TO SPEAK JULY 15/16

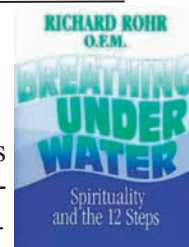
Please join us in welcoming the Little Sisters of the Poor to our parish next weekend, the weekend of July 15 & 16. They are extending a heartfelt invitation to our parish to share in their work through our financial support and the support of our prayer.

The Little Sisters of the Poor first arrived in Providence in 1881 when seven Little Sisters arrived from France to begin their work of caring for the needy Elderly. The foundation of this Home was the generous support of the community upon which it was built as were those that followed, including their present home, Jeanne Jugan Residence. This great network of sharing continues to this very day. Today at Jeanne Jugan Residence their mission continues and they offer hospitality and care for 100 needy elderly men and women. The Little Sisters continue to count on the community and their continued and generous support. To learn more about the mission of the Little Sisters of the Poor see their website at [www.littlesistersofthepoorpawtucket.org](http://www.littlesistersofthepoorpawtucket.org). The Little Sisters look forward to sharing their work with you.

## 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 will be Wednesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> 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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