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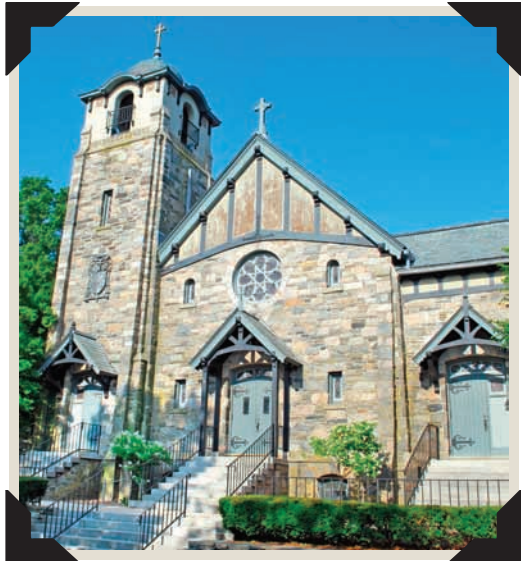
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Masses

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 TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Francis Mass Intentions



Saturday, August 19

4:30pm †Ralph & Rose Calitri
Requested by Family

Sunday, August 20

9:00am †Dec. Members of the Pierce & Jaquish Families
Requested by Family

11:00am †Mary Peterson
Requested by Family

Monday, August 21

7:00am †For the Deceased Members of the Behie & O'Rourke Families

Tuesday, August 22

7:00am †Laura Webb
Requested by Family

Thursday, August 24

7:00am †Rick Soltysiak
Requested by Family

Friday, August 25

7:00am †Edward Sylvia, Jr.
Requested by Kathy & Ray Quirk

Saturday, August 26

4:30pm †Marguerite Dowd
Requested by Family

Sunday, August 27

9:00am †Steve Hunt
Requested by Jean Fenaughty

11:00am †Claire L. Pollard
Requested by Jeanne & Dan Thompson

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 19

5:30pm †Edward J. Collins
(1st Anniversary Remembrance)
Requested by Family

Sunday, August 20

8:00am †Donald Richard Dodson
Requested by the Marciniak Family
10:00am †Martha & Blanche McElkenny
Requested by Family

Saturday, August 26

5:30pm †Frederick Fernsler
Requested by Jeanne & Dan Thompson

Sunday, August 27

8:00am †Mary Ann Maciocio
Requested by Family
10:00am †Barney Fenaughty
(Anniversary Remembrance)
Requested by Family

Joyously proclaim God's salvation among all nations.



Our readings today resound with the joy that God's love brings to all. In the first reading, God tells the prophet Isaiah, *all who keep the sabbath free from profanation and hold to my covenant, them I will bring to my holy mountain and make joyful in my house of prayer.* The Lord is announcing that anyone, Jewish or not, who desires the goodness, justice, and love of the covenant, he will consider as his people. He will accept their offerings; he will receive their gratitude for his love, and he will welcome their prayers and sacrifices.

The joyful praise of the nations for God's blessings is found also in today's psalm. It resounds with the delight of the worshiping people in the presence of a loving God: *O God, let all the nations praise you!... may your way be known upon earth; among all nations, your salvation.*

Paul's message in his letter to the community in Rome echoes, in a way, that of the psalm. Paul is addressing a mix of both Gentile and Jewish Christians – that is, a microcosm of "people of all nations." In the part of the letter we heard today, his words convey that everything they are experiencing as a growing Church is part of God's design. The outpouring of God's mercy is for all.

A clear example of this is found in today's Gospel. A Canaanite woman approaches Jesus and asks for healing for her daughter. This is culturally and religiously shocking because she is an outsider and a woman. The Lord does not immediately give her satisfaction, but upon her expression of confidence and faith he commends her for it. *Let it be done for you as you wish,* he says, and her daughter is healed.

On one level, this is a beautiful story of the healing of an individual. But on a more profound level, following our other readings for the day, we see that it also points to the healing that God desires for all of his people. It is the grounds and justification for us to reach out in love to one another accordingly.

Where do we more deeply experience our oneness than in the body of Christ? Today, let us give thanks for the real presence of Christ and the salvation he brings for all, that we may go forth and joyously proclaim it to the world.



Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (114)	-	August 13 \$3,130.00
Loose Donations	-	\$2,619.00
Online Giving (# of donors-80)	-	\$2,850.00
Total Budget	-	\$8,599.00

Second Collection (Monthly Collection)

Budget envelopes used (85)	-	\$1,373.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 592.00
Online Giving (# of donors-4)	-	\$ 76.00
Total	-	\$2,041.00

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

Thank you for your continued generosity.

AUGUST 20, 2023

SANCTUARY LAMP



This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Margaret Flynn.



SAVE THE DATE: SEPTEMBER 9 & 10; SALE OF OLIVE WOOD GOODS FROM ISRAEL & BETHLEHEM

Samer Awwad representing the Bethlehem Christian Families; a nonprofit organization through Land of Peace will be with us speaking about the Christian situation in the Holy Land and selling Crucifixes, religious artwork, and rosaries-all made of olive wood which is native to

Israel and Bethlehem. Since tourism has greatly depleted, Christian families in the holy land, who depend on tourists, have been greatly affected. The goal of this mission is to help many organizations and churches in the Middle East. Sale of these goods will help them very much and also give you the opportunity to have "something" authentic from the holy land. Please browse and buy some articles. It is for a good cause and also a help to your personal devotion



SAVE THE DATE!

End-of-Summer Breakfast

at the Community Field House, Matunuck

NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2023

8:30AM TO 11:30AM

Adults: \$12.00—Children 6-12: \$7

Children 5 and under: FREE

Tickets can be purchased at the breakfast!

BAKERS & SERVERS ARE NEEDED. IF YOU CAN HELP PLEASE CALL ELLEN SCHWAB AT 789-7707, JEAN AT 773-1633 OR GERRI AT 783-2369.

Come join us for good company and wonderful food !



GIVE BLOOD

St. Romuald Chapel

Save the date: Sunday, September 3, 2023

8:30am to Noon

For Reservations go to:

Www.ribc.org/drives Sponsor Code 2487

(walk-ins will be welcomed if availability permits at time of arrival)

Remember to eat, hydrate, bring identification with you.



FAITH FORMATION (401) 792-8684



O Mary, loving Mother of Jesus, and our Mother, pray to Jesus for our family, for all the families of the world, to guard the cradle of the newborn, the schools of the young and their vocations.

Blessed Saint Joseph, holy guardian of Jesus and Mary, assist us by your prayers in all the necessities of life.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Catechetical Sunday is September 17th! Grades 1-6 will begin classes on the 17th. Who needs to register for Religious Ed Classes?

- ◆ Those families new to the parish and families with children entering First Grade **must** register for classes.
- ◆ Catholic school students in Grade 2, 7 & 8 **must** register for classes for First Holy Communion and Confirmation.
- ◆ It is not necessary to re-register those children who were active in the program last year.
- ◆ Registration forms may be found at the entrances to the church as well as online <http://stfranciswakefield.com/religious-education/>
- ◆ RE class schedules and statements will be mailed in late August.

This Week

Monday, August 21

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

6:30pm Men of St. Joseph

Wednesday, August 23

6:00pm Prayer Meeting (HBH)

Thursday, August 24

6-7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

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



LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR TO HOLD SUMMER SOIRÉE

PAWTUCKET—The Little Sisters of the Poor of Pawtucket will hold a Summer Soirée on Wednesday, August 23, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Jeanne Jugan Residence, 964 Main St., Pawtucket. Tickets are \$50 per person and include wine and craft beer as well as small bites from area restaurants. The event will take place outdoors in the residence's garden. Mystery wine bags will also be available for purchase, with all proceeds supporting the Little Sisters' mission of caring for the elderly poor.

Tickets must be purchased in advance and are available online at littlesistersofthepoorpawtucket.org.

For more information on the Summer Soirée:

email pwdevelopment@littlesistersofthepoor.org or call 401-305-4001.

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!

SAVE THE DATE

- 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)



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Office of Marriage Preparation & Enrichment is sponsoring the annual Wedding Anniversary Celebration honoring couples of the Diocese of Providence who will be observing their 25th, 40th, 50th, and OVER 50 years wedding anniversaries in 2023.

The celebration will be held on Sunday, **October 22, 2023, 1:00pm at the Cathedral of SS. Peter & Paul, Providence**. It will include Mass, renewal of marriage vows, a personalized certificate for each couple and a reception for the couples and their families. Bishop Richard Henning will be the main celebrant and homilist.

Following are points regarding participation:

- ◆ The celebration is for couples observing their 25th, 40th, 50th and OVER 50 years wedding anniversary in 2023.
- ◆ One or both of the spouses need to be Catholic, with the marriage recognized by the Church.
- ◆ The celebration is for couples; if it is not possible for both to be present, a certificate can be forwarded directly to the couple.

Please contact the parish office at 783-4411 to register for this special celebration. **Registration deadline is September 15.**



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