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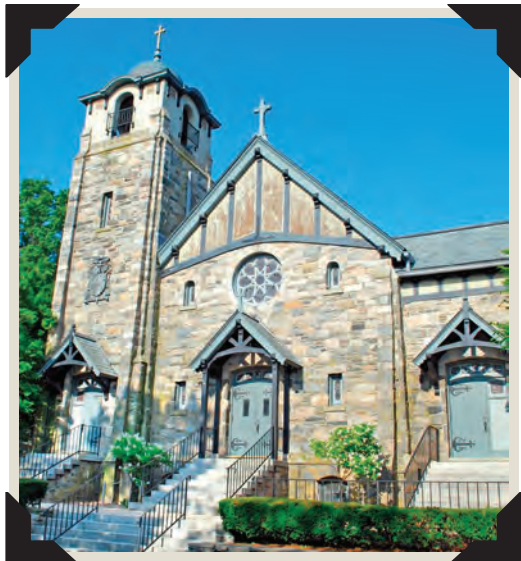
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Masses

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 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Francis Mass Intentions



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

Monday, August 28

7:00am †Lucy DiMarco
Requested by Henry DiMarco

Tuesday, August 29

7:00am †Norma Perkins
Requested by John & Patty Grimes

Thursday, August 31

7:00am †Joseph Manning

Friday, September 1

7:00am †Grace Gray
Requested by the Friday Dinner Table

Saturday, September 2

4:30pm †Michael A. Higgins
Requested by Jane Estes

Sunday, September 3

9:00am †Deceased Members of the Hunt & Caswell Families
Requested by Family

11:00am †Javier Marte-Coffey
Requested by Crystal Hamel

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

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

Saturday, September 2

5:30pm †Raymond Quirk, Sr.
Requested by Raymond & Kathy Quirk

Sunday, September 3

8:00am For the People
10:00am †Bill Harding
Requested by Ted Emmott

Jesus established the papacy with Peter as the first pope.

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Do you remember the first time your parents handed you the keys to their car? What a big responsibility they were entrusting you with! Or perhaps a neighbor handed you the keys to their house, trusting you to look after their cherished pet while they were away? Some of us may have a key to a safe or lock-box, containing important documents.

Keys can symbolize many things: responsibility, trust, safekeeping, and the guarding of important or valuable items. They also symbolize authority. In ancient times, carrying the keys to the palace meant a person was the official representative of the king. The king himself trusted the keeper of the keys (whose position was similar to a prime minister).

When the Lord gives Eliakim the keys of the palace, he is giving him complete authority to make decisions. The Lord, as the true king, can give this position to whomever he pleases. The Lord says of Eliakim: *He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah, and that when he opens, no one shall shut, when he shuts, no one shall open.*

These have clear parallels to the papacy and to today's Gospel. We heard Matthew describe Jesus giving Peter the keys to the kingdom. We recognize this as Jesus making Peter the first pope. Just as the holder of the palace keys could act with the authority of the king, the pope acts as the vicar of Christ.

Another parallel is that we call the pope the "Holy Father," for he is a spiritual father to us all. Peter's papal lineage continues as well, with more than 260 popes over 2,000 years.

The Church that Jesus established here on earth is infinitely more valuable than a car, a house, or social security card. He knew that the Church would need supernatural help, so the *gates of the netherworld shall not prevail.*

Evidence of that supernatural help comes from Peter's declaration. Jesus asks who others say that he is, and his disciples answer that some say he is John the Baptist, Elijah, or another prophet. But Peter announces that Jesus is the *Christ, the Son of the living God*. Jesus responds that it was the Father who revealed this to Peter. Surely God's help would continue to help Peter with the immense responsibility of being Christ's vicar on earth.

We can trust that God will always give us guidance through the Church and through the Holy Father. Jesus is the king and he has established a keeper of the keys in Peter and those who have followed in apostolic succession. We can trust that the gates of hell will never overcome the Church, or our king.



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| <b>Weekly Support</b>          |   | <b>August 20</b>  |
| Budget envelopes used (121)    | - | \$4,220.50        |
| Loose Donations                | - | \$2,025.00        |
| Online Giving (# of donors-75) | - | \$2,783.00        |
| <b>Total Budget</b>            | - | <b>\$9,028.50</b> |

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: \$1,173.00**

This week's second collection is for Ongoing Maintenance.  
Next week's second collection is the Monthly Collection.

**Thank you for your continued generosity.**

# AUGUST 27, 2023

## SANCTUARY LAMP



This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Michael Dufficy.



### 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

**THIS 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!*

**Come join us for good company and wonderful food !**

## GIVE BLOOD

**St. Romuald Chapel**

**Next Sunday, September 3, 2023**

**8:30am to Noon**

**For Reservations go to:**

**[Www.ribc.org/drives](http://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.***

## POPE SAINT JOHN XXIII NATIONAL SEMINARY

### Consider a Priestly Call!

Take a risk for God! Enter the mission field where bold action meets lasting outcomes. Over 750 priest alumni discerned a sacred call later in life. Maturity with God's grace can move mountains. Can you leave it all to follow Christ? Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary, Weston, MA is offering the latest in its “First Friday Visits” program on September 1, 2023 at 5:00 pm. Holy Hour and Evening Prayer. Option to attend in person or virtually. In person includes dinner with the seminarians and a tour. Virtual includes a Zoom visit following Holy Hour. Make a resolution to be courageous. Consider a priestly call. Contact: [msgr.fay@psjs.edu](mailto:msgr.fay@psjs.edu) or 781.899.5500 ext. 134. [www.psjs.edu](http://www.psjs.edu).



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**Catechetical Sunday is September 17<sup>th</sup>!** Grades 1-6 will begin classes on the 17<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**Catechist Needed for First Grade**  
Is God calling you?

We are very blessed to have almost all of our catechists return again this year but we are in need of a catechist for our **First Graders**.

Please pray about this opportunity to share and teach our young students about our Catholic faith. Parents, Grandparents, Young Adults and Confirmed youth are welcome and encouraged to step forward and say yes! When you decide to say 'yes' please contact Barbette at 792-8684 or [cullen.stfrancis@verizon.net](mailto:cullen.stfrancis@verizon.net).



# This Week

## Monday, August 28

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

6:30pm Men of St. Joseph

## Wednesday, August 30

6:00pm Prayer Meeting (HBH)

## Thursday, August 31

6-7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

## Monday, September 4

*Holiday—there will be no Adoration/Office Closed*

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

**Congratulations** to the proud parents and godparents of Tyler Gregory Fogarty who was baptized on August 20 by Fr. Ranallo.

*Your parish family rejoices with you!*



### BLESSING TO TAKE PLACE AT THE CEMETERY

On Sunday September 17<sup>th</sup> following the 11am Mass, Father Ranallo will be blessing our new gates, flagpole and shrubbery that have been installed at St. Francis cemetery. These wonderful additions to our cemetery were donated by three very generous and special people who wish to remain anonymous. We at St. Francis are so blessed to have such wonderful cemetery patrons who help us create a well maintained and holy cemetery where our loved ones can rest in eternal peace. Thank you to all who were involved in these endeavors, and we hope you can join us for this very special occasion.



### WOMEN'S PRAYER/FAITH SHARING GROUP

We are excited to invite you to join a new women's prayer/faith sharing group *starting September 6<sup>th</sup>. We will meet Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am in Fr. Greenan Center.* We have a wonderful community of Catholic women committed to fostering friendship, offering prayer and support for each other, and building a deeper relationship with Jesus.

This ministry is open to any woman representing various ages and stages of life. The facilitators are parishioners, like yourselves, looking to connect and grow with others and Christ – together, sharing our lives and faith journey.

## SAVE THE DATE

**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)

**Month of October:** Rosary at the Chapel week nights at 6:30pm

**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 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 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 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> 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.**

### You are Invited to Mother of Life Pregnancy Center's Rose Gala!

Friday, September 15, 6:00 p.m., at scenic Quidnessett Country Club in North Kingstown. Enjoy an indoor/outdoor cocktail hour with appetizers, brief & heartwarming client testimonies, a delicious sit-down dinner, a paddle raise, and dancing. Tickets are \$75 per adult and \$50 per full-time student with student ID. Gather your friends & family to fill a table of 10. To reserve your seats by September 1, visit [motheroflife.org/donate](http://motheroflife.org/donate) and select Rose Gala 2023. To purchase tickets by mail, view the menu options at the online ticket purchase page, and then send a check with your list of guests and their meal choices (and food allergies) to Mother of Life Pregnancy Center, 400 Atwells Avenue, Providence, RI 02909; or, call Gail at 401-421-0821.



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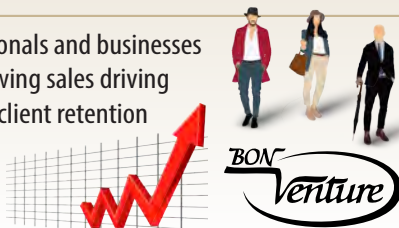
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