

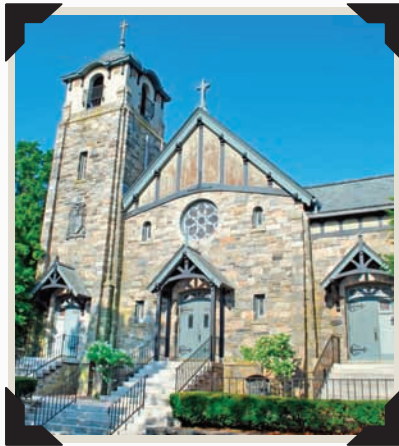
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Listen to him!"

-Mark 9:7

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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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### 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 TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

## St. Francis Mass Intentions

**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*

**Monday, August 7**

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

**Tuesday, August 8**

7:00am †Brother Henry Dillemath  
*Requested by Lisa Bambino*

**Thursday, August 10**

7:00am †Marsha Signorelli  
(Anniversary Remembrance)  
*Requested by her Husband*

**Friday, August 11**

7:00am †Marie & John Champion  
*Requested by Family*

**Saturday, August 12**

4:30pm †Jeannette DeLuca  
*Requested by Family*

**Sunday, August 13**

9:00am †Margaret Flynn  
*Requested by Kathleen & Jeff Carney*

11:00am †Dolores Ramirez  
*Requested by Family*

## St. Romuald Mass Intentions

**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*

**Saturday, August 12**

5:30pm †Jim Abreu  
*Requested by Ted Emmott*

**Sunday, August 13**

8:00am †Deceased Members of the  
Marchand & Marsocci Families

*Requested by Al & Gerri Marsocci*

10:00am †Anna & Arthur Hornberger  
*Requested by Daughter*

*Through the transfiguration of Jesus, we can come to better know our Triune God.*



The Transfiguration was clearly a frightening event for the disciples present. For us, though, hearing the story and placing it into the larger salvation story with which we are familiar can help us understand more about our Triune God. We see the divine person of the Son transfigured into the glorified body he will have at his resurrection; the same transfiguration that will occur at our own rising with Christ in our glorified bodies.

At the same time we hear a voice – named in this Scripture passage as just a voice but whom we know as the divine person of the Father – calling out from the cloud. In everything that Jesus does and in all that he is, he is calling us to know the Father as he knows the Father. What do we know from what Jesus has taught us?

Jesus has revealed that God is love. Some can perhaps misinterpret this with a deficient understanding of love, imagining that the Father is soft, passive, and tolerant of everything that happens in the world. But that sort of interpretation of God turns him into an apathetic Father who pays little attention to his children's lives. This could not be further from the truth. The Transfiguration makes clear that the Father is calling us to listen to Jesus, to follow him, and to gain eternal life through him.

Because God is love, his power is never used to intimidate or scare us into serving him. Our first reading today describes a vision of God's throne that appears awfully intimidating without the context of complete self-giving love that is God. The passage from Daniel reads, *His throne was flames of fire, with wheels of burning fire. A surging stream of fire flowed out from where he sat. Thousands upon thousands were ministering to him, and myriads upon myriads attended him.* If we read that description without the knowledge of God as love, it sounds like the Father created us to cower before his power for all eternity.

But God is not an insecure dictator who needs the worship of others in order to feel powerful. When Scripture is read within the context of the complete story of salvation, we see that the Father desires all people to turn away from evil and be brought into eternal life through Jesus Christ. This is the eternal, self-sacrificing love of the Father who wants to save his children from death.

Today's Gospel tells us that, when the disciples heard the voice of the Father, they were very much afraid. But then Jesus came and touched them, saying, *Rise, and do not be afraid.* When the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus. If we want to know God the Father, we need only to look at Jesus. He is God's perfect and final revelation of himself; he is God's love manifested and dwelling among us.

Therefore, let us not misinterpret the power and love of God. As we receive Jesus in the Eucharist today, let us heed and trust in the Father's words to us: *This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.*



<u>Weekly Support</u>	<u>July 30</u>
Budget envelopes used (128)	\$3,924.00
Loose Donations	\$2,278.00
Online Giving (# of donors-76)	\$2,576.00
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$8,778.00</b>

<u>Second Collection (Ongoing Maintenance)</u>	
Budget envelopes used (93)	\$1,628.00
Loose Donations	\$ 673.00
Online Giving (# of donors-14)	\$ 300.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,601.00</b>

This week's second collection is for the Holy Father's Peter's Pence. Next week's second collection is the Monthly Collection.

**Thank you for your continued generosity.**

AUGUST 6, 2023

SANCTUARY LAMP



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



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

**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!*

The annual St. Francis Parish End of Summer Breakfast in Matunuck is rapidly approaching. The date is August 27<sup>th</sup> at the Community House. To this end, an organizational meeting will be held on Wednesday evening, August 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at the Community House. As many "hands" are needed to make this a successful event, we urge and encourage you to attend and help us out!!! Participation is needed in setup/breakdown, serving and Baking **BAKERS & SERVERS ARE NEEDED. IF YOU CAN HELP PLEASE CALL ELLEN SCHWAB AT 789-7707.**

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There is a time for everything, a season for every activity under heaven.

Summer is a time for ice cream cones, driveway basketball games, neighborhood swimming, and lazy afternoons.

May the joyous season of summer reflect God's loving care for our children.

Let us enjoy our times of sun, relaxation and leisure with our friends and family.

Yes, summer is still with us but the start of our Faith Formation Classes is a month and a half away. Here's what you need to know:

- ◆ Children enrolled in the program last year are automatically promoted to the next grade.
- ◆ Those families NEW to the parish and families with children entering First Grade must register their child/ren.
- ◆ If your child attends Catholic school and is in 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade, you must register your child for First Holy Communion classes and Confirmation classes. (Confirmation classes begin in 7<sup>th</sup> grade with the sacrament of Confirmation received in 8<sup>th</sup> grade.)
- ◆ **Registration forms** may be found online at [stfranciswakefield.com](http://stfranciswakefield.com) or you may call Bar-bette at 792-8684 to register.



## This Week

### Monday, August 7

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

6:30pm Men of St. Joseph

### Wednesday, August 9

6:00pm Prayer Meeting (HBH)

### Thursday, August 10

6-7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

### MONDAY, AUGUST 14

**HOLIDAY-NO ADORATION; OFFICES CLOSED**

*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

**Next Weekend, 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.



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**September 3, 2023**  
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**More Information will be coming soon!**  
**Remember to eat, hydrate, bring identification with you.**

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