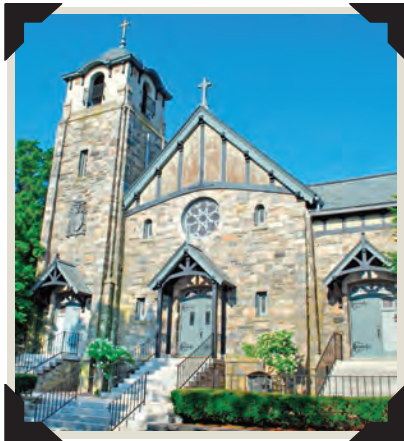


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Masses

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.

Therefore, my
dear brothers and
sisters, stand firm.
Let nothing move
you. Always give
yourselves fully to
the work of the
Lord, because you
know that your
labor in the Lord
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1 Corinthians 15:58

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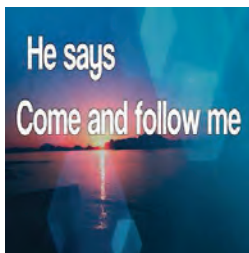
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LABOR DAY



THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Francis Mass Intentions



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

Monday, September 4

7:00am †Bill Harding

Requested by Jim & Susan Meehan

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

Tuesday, September 5

7:00am †Rev. Jerome E. Daly
(10th Pastor)

38th Anniversary Remembrance

Thursday, September 7

7:00am †Pat Shanley

Requested by Family

Friday, September 8

7:00am †Rick Soltysiak

Requested by Family

Saturday, September 9

4:30pm †Marie & John Champion

Requested by Family

Sunday, September 10

9:00am †Steve Hunt

Requested by Ed & Diane Rudegeair

11:00am †Anne Whaley

Requested by Ted Emmott

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

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

Sunday, September 10

Please note that this weekend we begin the winter schedule at the Chapel: 10am Mass only

10:00am †Louise Carey

Requested by Fran Fitzpatrick

God calls us to follow him to the fullness of life.

How do we think as God does? To think with the mind of God requires us to reject so much of what the world proclaims. Not that the world is bad – after all the Lord created it and all that is in it, and declared it good. But the goodness of the world is still marred by sin and temptation, and those are what call to us.

For example, we are surrounded by a desire to make all things comfortable and without suffering: “Buy this and your life will be easier,” we are told. We are encouraged to “do what makes you feel good, take care of you.” This kind of “idolatry of comfort” makes loving another look like it is simply doing whatever helps *others* to be comfortable. If I care about you, I won’t do anything that might make you feel uncomfortable.

This idolatry has led us to misery. Our avoidance of discomfort has led to a society where striving is often feared, where the risk of deep relationship is often avoided, and where we, as human beings, are starving for meaning and purpose.

In the face of the lure of comfort, Jesus calls us to seek the goodness we long for by taking up our cross, denying ourselves, and losing our lives for Christ.

Anyone who has ever sacrificed for something truly good knows the truth of Jesus’ paradoxical call. If we have worked hard in school, poured ourselves out in love for another, shared generously with another, we have experienced this truth. We know the truth of Jesus’ invitation here, and if we step back and reflect on the times when we have truly followed Christ, we know the lifegiving power of such self-sacrifice.

The *cross* is our hope, not the false god of comfort. God, who enters into all of our suffering, who meets us in the pain of authentic love, who held nothing back but offered himself completely for our salvation, is the only good that will ever satisfy our deepest longings.

And so, like Jeremiah, let us speak God’s name in the face of the idols that might tempt us. Let us offer ourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God. May God, in this liturgy, speak to us and transform us by the renewal of our mind – that we may think as God does. As we are invited to pour out our lives in service to God and others, may we be filled with the life given to us at this sacred table.



Weekly Support

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| Budget envelopes used (110) | - | \$3,562.50 |
| Loose Donations | - | \$2,117.00 |
| Online Giving (# of donors-78) | - | \$2,728.00 |
| Total Budget | - | \$8,407.50 |

August 27

Second Collection (Ongoing Maintenance)

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| Budget envelopes used (94) | - | \$1,584.50 |
| Loose Donations | - | \$ 496.00 |
| Online Giving (# of donors-3) | - | \$ 70.00 |
| Total | - | \$2,150.50 |

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

Thank you for your continued generosity.

SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

SANCTUARY LAMP



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



SAVE THE DATE: NEXT WEEKEND: 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



GIVE BLOOD

St. Romuald Chapel

THIS SUNDAY, September 3, 2023

8:30am to Noon

Reservations should have been made in advance.

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

Remember to eat, hydrate, bring identification with you.



As the saying goes "it takes a village"—that was proven with our very successful, enjoyable Parish breakfast last Sunday. Many, many thanks to all our volunteers who cleaned up/setup; baked; kitchen brigade; grillers; baristas; florist; ticket sellers and our very cordial servers!!! AND—thank you to all who came and enjoyed the delightful menu!!! The true spirit of St. Francis was shining brightly on a beautiful morning in Matunuck. See you all next year!!!!

The Breakfast Committee



FAITH FORMATION (401) 792-8684



Faith Formation Classes

2023-2024

- ◆ **Classes for Grades 1-6** begin in two weeks on **Catechetical Sunday, September 17th**. Catholic school students in Grade 2, 7 & 8 **must** register for classes for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Registration forms may be found on the parish website. It is not necessary to re-register those children who were **active** in the program last year.
- ◆ **Class assignments:** On the 17th families will meet in FGC after the 9am Mass for class assignments.
- ◆ **Confirmation Classes for grades 7 & 8** will begin with a **Parent/Student Orientation** meeting on **Monday, September 25th** at 6:30 in FGC.
- ◆ Our Faith Formation start up newsletter and calendar were mailed on August 23rd. If you have not received it, please contact Barbette at: cullen_stfrancis@verizon.net

This Week

Monday, September 4

Holiday—there will be no Adoration/Office Closed

Tuesday, September 5

6-7:00pm Social Outreach Committee Meeting (HBH)

7:00pm SVDP Meeting (HBH)

Wednesday, September 6

10:30am Women's Prayer Group (FGC)

6:00pm Prayer Meeting (HBH)

Thursday, September 7

6-7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

6:30pm Choir Practice (HBH)

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!

BLESSING TO TAKE PLACE AT THE CEMETERY

On Sunday September 17th 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.



SAVE THE DATE

- 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 1:** Blessing of Animals (Noon-Church Parking Lot)
- October 2, 3 & 4:** St. Francis Triduum (6pm-Church)
- October 13:** Paint Night
- October 21:** Coat Distribution (9am-Noon)
- November 18:** Bazaar (9am-3pm)

Wildfire Relief: Help families recover from fires on the Island of Maui

As of Monday, August 21, at least 114 people have died and more than 800 people remain missing from fires that ravaged the Hawaiian island of Maui. Catholic Charities USA is actively providing lifesaving resources and relief on the ground.

If you wish to contribute to the relief effort, donations can be made online directly to CCUSA at the shortcut: <http://provd.io/maui> or scanning the QR code below. Monetary donations are the best resource and 100% of donations will go directly to disaster relief.



WOMEN'S PRAYER/FAITH SHARING GROUP



We are excited to invite you to join a new women's prayer/faith sharing group *starting September 6th. 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.



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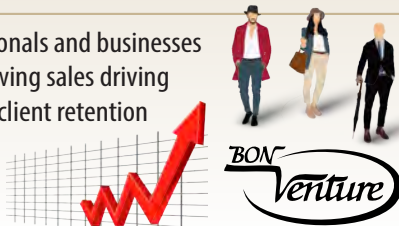
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