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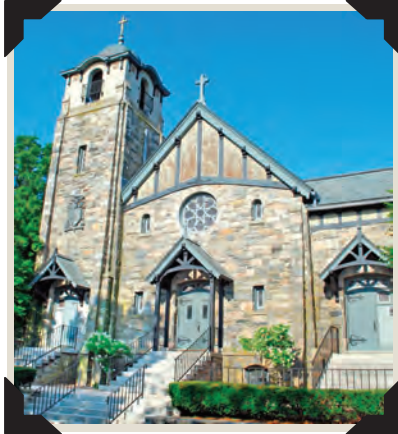


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Masses

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

FEAST OF
SAINT FRANCIS
OF ASSISI

THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Francis Mass Intentions



Saturday, September 30

4:30pm †James E. & Ted Sweet
Requested by Family

Sunday, October 1

9:00am †Michael Dufficy
(4th Anniversary Remembrance)
Requested by Wife & Family

11:00am †Dennis F. Gaffney
Requested by Jane Estes & Family

Monday, October 2

7:00am †Elaine Faucher Raitano
(1st Anniversary Remembrance)
Requested by Family

Tuesday, October 3

7:00am †Margaret Flynn
Requested by a Kathleen & Jeff

Thursday, October 5

7:00am †Angela Murdocco
(Anniversary Remembrance)
Requested by her Husband

Friday, October 6

7:00am Bremner Family
Special Intention

Saturday, October 7

4:30pm †Evelyn Rush & Domenic
Coppolino, Jr.
Requested by Family

Sunday, October 8

9:00am †Steven Hunt
Requested by May & Ben Ha
11:00am †Sister Madeline
Requested by the Tran Family

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Sunday, October 1

10:00am †Timothy Magee
Requested by Fran Fitzpatrick

Sunday, October 8

10:00am †Martha & Blanche McElkenny
Requested by Family

PROJECTS IN THE WORKS:

Looking at the current and future needs of our parish, it would be truly a blessing to have the kitchen renovated in Fr. Greenan Hall to make it a full commercial kitchen which would include a convection oven, new stove, more refrigeration, ansul system, dishwasher, dumb-waiter, along with more storage space. By renovating the kitchen, we will be able to easily support our parish dinners. Hopefully this will also increase the use of the Hall to hold more events in the future.

The Diocese of Providence facilities manager did come up to the Hall and has given us (our building commission) some guidance on how to proceed with this project and to let us know what we need to do to get their final approval. The blueprints have already been drawn up. The intention is to hold fundraisers for this project along with approaching possible donors as to eliminate or minimize the expense to the parish.

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society would like to move their “Friday Meal Program” from the Peace Dale Congregational Church to our Hall upon completion of this project. The increasing number of meals that they make, most of them being delivered to homes, is out-pacing their current capacity.

The lighting on the 2nd floor of the Hall also needs to be upgraded. The current lighting is inadequate. At some point, I would like to bring back the basketball hoops with the idea of having some sporting activities available to our youth along with all our parishioners.

We are waiting to get word on the final approval from the Diocese for the painting of the Church. The paint on the wood trim all along the church including the windows and doors is peeling off and will eventually expose the wood to the weather. The low bid for this project came in at \$105,000. The bell tower and the wrought iron fence (at the front and side of the church) also need to be painted. Hopefully these will be tended to in the spring of next year.

Our Parish Council and the Finance Council are in support of these projects. If you have any questions or you would like more details regarding any of these projects, please contact me directly and I will be happy to go over with you any current information I have at hand. I will keep you posted as we move along with these projects.

Your Pastor, *Fr. Ranallo*



Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (127)	-	September 24 \$3,736.50
Loose Donations	-	\$1,721.00
Online Giving (# of donors-77)	-	\$2,795.00
Total Budget	-	\$8,252.50

Second Collection (Ongoing Maintenance)

Budget envelopes used (90)	-	\$1,437.50
Loose Donations	-	\$ 478.00
Online Giving (# of donors-8)	-	\$ 125.00
Total	-	\$2,040.50

This week's second collection is for the Seminarians' Education. Next week's second collection is the Monthly Collection. **Thank you for your continued generosity.**

OCTOBER 1, 2023

SANCTUARY LAMP



This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Calvin Pepe, Jr.



FEAST DAY OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

This week we will be celebrating the feast day of our patron saint with a **Triduum**—a period of three days of prayer and celebration. Beginning on Monday, October 2 and running through October 4 we will gather from 6-7pm in St. Francis Church. The first two nights we will have talks with adoration and the last night there will be a Mass which will incorporate evening prayer. Fr. Nick Smith will lead the first evening and Fr. Nathan Ricci the second evening. Fr. Ranallo, assisted by Deacon Dowd will celebrate Mass on the evening of our patronal feast day, Wednesday, October 4th. Join us in praying to our patron saint! There will be light refreshments following each night's event in Helen Bouchard Hall.

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.



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.

ST. PATRICK ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, October 4, 2023/4-7pm

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Sunday, October 1st

9:55-10:50am GRADES 1-6
(FGC)

10:00am First Eucharist Parent
Meeting in HBH (lower church)

Pray: Jesus, help us to hear
what you want us to know
and to say yes to you. Amen.



This Week

Monday, October 2

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

6:00pm Triduum

Tuesday, October 3

6:00pm Triduum

Wednesday, October 4

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

6:00pm Triduum

Thursday, October 5

6-7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

7:00pm Choir Practice (HBH)

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

St. Vincent DePaul Society

Most people know that the St Vincent de Paul Society is a Catholic organization that focuses on helping neighbors in need and crisis. Each month our SVDP Conference at St Francis of Assisi visits the homes of about a dozen families in our area that have called us about a financial crisis they are facing.

What people may not realize about the SVDP society is that it is actually a vocation for its members to increase in holiness as they serve the poor. When we visit families in need, we are Christ to our neighbors, and they are Christ to us. To learn more about this unique path to holiness, call Buzz Corner at 248-4324 to explore if a Vincentian vocation would be a good fit for you.



**SAINT FRANCIS COAT
DRIVE
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21
(10AM-NOON)**

The date of the annual St. Francis of Assisi Coat Drive this year is Saturday, October 21st. We will be accepting new and gently used coats (**coats only please**) *with an emphasis on children's coats.*

Donations are accepted in the lower church Monday, October 16th through Friday, October 20th from 9:30am to 3:30pm and Saturday, October 21st by 9am. (*Cash donations will be accepted to help supplement inventory. Please make checks out to "St. Francis of Assisi"*).



Anyone who needs a coat is welcome to pick one up October 21st from 10:00am until noon in the lower church.

SAVE THE DATE

- October 1:** Blessing of Animals (Noon-Church Parking Lot)
- 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 (6:30-9pm) FGC
- October 21:** Coat Distribution (10am-Noon)
- November 18:** Bazaar (9am-3pm)



PAINT & VINO NIGHT WITH DIANE

Join us for a night of fun and artistic expression! Leave with your own painted tote bag decorated with a light house.

WHEN: Friday, October 13 (6:30-9pm)

WHERE: Father Greenan Hall (lower level)

COST: \$40 (to be paid in advance); spots are limited (includes all supplies and snacks)

To sign up contact Diane at 783-5710 or Jacki at the rectory at 783-4411



**BLESSING OF THE
ANIMALS
THIS SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 1**



Blessing of the animals will take place Sunday, October 1 at noon by the statue of St. Francis of Assisi on the side of the church.

Bring your dogs, cats, hamsters, gerbils, birds, fish, ferrets, chickens, turtles, etc. for a special St. Francis blessing!

**ROSARY AT ST. ROMUALD CHAPEL
WEEKNIGHTS DURING THE MONTH
OF OCTOBER**



October is one of Our Lady's months. All are invited to pray the rosary and Litany of Our Lady at St. Romuald Chapel weeknights at 6:30pm throughout the month of October. All are welcome!



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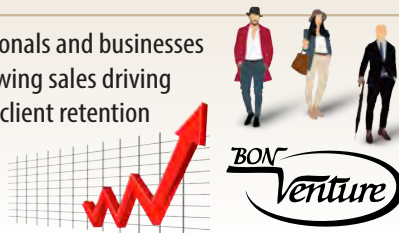
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(For private recitation on ordinary rosary beads)

Our Father ... , Hail Mary ... , The Apostles' Creed.

Then, on the **OUR FATHER BEADS** you will say the following words:

Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

On the **HAIL MARY BEADS** you will say the following words:

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion have mercy on us and on the whole world.

In conclusion **THREE TIMES** you will recite these words:

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

From the Diary of the Servant of God Sr. Faustina - Note Book I, p 197

IMPRIMATUR: + Joseph F. Maguire
November 17, 1979 Bishop of Springfield, Mass.



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