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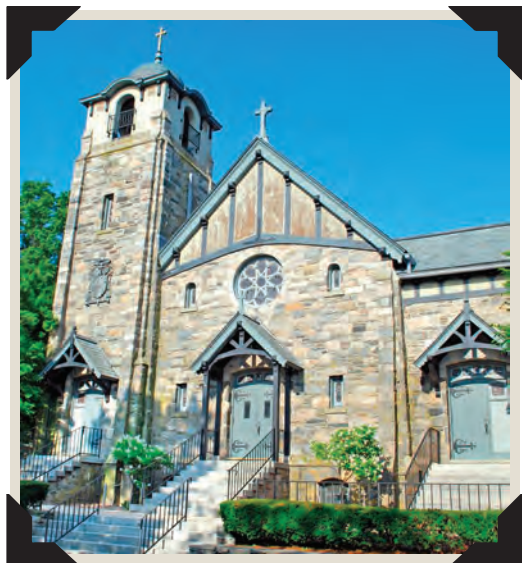
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Masses

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.



Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Friday From 9:00 am—12:30 pm

THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Francis Mass Intentions

The Lord is kind
and merciful,
slow to anger,
and rich in
compassion



Saturday, September 16

4:30pm †Louis & Amelia DiSalvo
Requested by Family

Sunday, September 17

9:00am †Hung Tran & Conan
Requested by Family

11:00am †Rick Soltysiak
Requested by Family

Monday, September 18

7:00am †Robert Turcotte
Requested by Jim & Susan Meehan

Tuesday, September 19

7:00am †Mary Costanza
Requested by Family

Thursday, September 21

7:00am †Rev. Clifford Cabral
Requested by Karen & Jerry Shepherd

Friday, September 22

7:00am †George Mulvaney
Requested by Susan & Jim Meehan

Saturday, September 23

4:30pm †Marsha Signorelli
Requested by her Husband

Sunday, September 24

9:00am †Edward & Bill Carney
Requested by Jeff & Kathleen

11:00am †Maryellen Goodwin
Requested by Jane Estes

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Sunday, September 17

10:00am †Jane P. Grimley
Requested by her Father

Sunday, September 24

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

In the community of God's covenant, mercy is shared.

There are two ways to play dominoes. One is to divide the tiles and start with one in the middle. Players take turns matching up tiles, adding on to the growing configuration. Another way is to stand the dominoes up in a row, then tip the first to cause them to fall, one by one, in a chain reaction. It is captivating to watch them fall in a wave, especially if there are curves and loops. But if they are not lined up just right, or if there are gaps, the chain reaction stops and the rest will not fall.

Stopping up a chain reaction of mercy is what the debtor does in today's Gospel parable. The debtor owes his master a huge amount, so much so that the master orders the debtor, his family, and all his property to be sold off in payment of the debt. The debtor begs his master for patience. The master is moved to compassion and forgives him the entirety of his huge debt. Having experienced that much mercy, we might think that the debtor would show such mercy to others. Instead, the debtor imprisons a fellow servant who owes him a much smaller amount. Other servants see this and are deeply disturbed; probably they are in debt as well. They report the debtor's merciless behavior to the master. The master calls the debtor back, scolds him, and hands him over to torturers until he pays back his whole debt.

Had the debtor shared the same mercy he received from the master with his fellow debtors, how different a story this could have been! Such a great show of mercy could have affected one debtor after another, allowing a wave of forgiveness to fall across the entire community. There could have been forgiveness not seven times but seventy-seven times, as Jesus calls for. But rather than a chain reaction of forgiveness and compassion, there is anger, imprisonment, and torture.

Jesus' parable illustrates the Old Testament wisdom of Sirach. How can we expect pardon and healing for ourselves, yet nourish vengeance and refuse mercy to others? We are all the same flesh: fellow sinners, servants and debtors, and we have all been shown God's mercy. As sung in the psalm, God has redeemed our lives from destruction; he has crowned us with compassion. We cannot claim forgiveness only for ourselves. Like dominoes lined up for a chain reaction, God's mercy is a wave that falls across us all.

In the community of God's covenant, mercy is shared. Like the intricate configuration of a domino game, God's mercy touches and connects us all. No one lives or dies for oneself; we are the Lord's, redeemed together in his mercy and love. We celebrate this in the Eucharist, the memorial of his great love and mercy.



Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (132)	-	<u>\$4,987.00</u>
Loose Donations	-	<u>\$2,421.00</u>
Online Giving (# of donors-83)	-	<u>\$3,206.00</u>
Total Budget	-	\$10,614.00

September 10

This week's second collection is for the Priests' Retirement.
Next week's second collection is for Ongoing Maintenance.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

SANCTUARY LAMP



This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Louis & Amelia DiSalvo.



**Pasta Dinner:
Friday, September 29th
5:00—7:00 PM
Fr. Greenan Parish Center**

**Cost: \$15 Adults
\$10 Take-Out (does not include drink or dessert)
\$8 children (ages 6 to 12)
Children under 6, FREE**

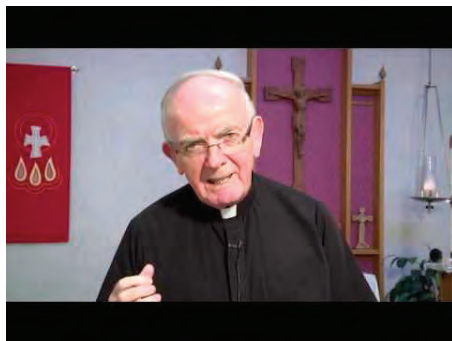
If you would like to help serve or help with clean-up please contact Jean at 783-1633 or Ellen at 789-7707.



*Please be sure to return your raffle tickets either by placing them in the collection basket, send by mail or drop them off at the rectory. Donations for the baskets need to be returned no later than **THIS Monday, September 18.***



Be sure to join us for this fun evening. What a wonderful way to support your parish. Come eat good food and enjoy good company!



2023 Priest Retirement Funds: This Weekend, September 16 and 17

Catholics throughout the Diocese have a unique opportunity to make a real difference in the lives of our senior priests. This week's second collection will benefit the Senior Priest Retirement Fund, a significant source of support for priests that provides for basic need such as food, housing, transportation and medical care. Please consider your generous support of this important effort that benefits those who have selflessly served the faithful for decades. For more information about the senior priest retirement fund, or to donate online, please visit www.srpriestri.com.

Thank you and God bless you for your generous support of this worthy endeavor!



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**CATECHETICAL SUNDAY
September 17th
9AM Mass Commissioning of
Catechists**



**"Come to me all you who labor and are burdened"
Matthew 11:28**

This year's theme reminds us of the invitation we receive from the Lord Jesus to follow Him and the promise that He doesn't want to add to our burdens; he wants to lighten them.

**SUNDAY RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION CLASSES BEGIN
TODAY**

Families with children in Grades 1-6 will meet after the 9am Mass in Fr. Greenan Hall for class assignment. Dismissal will be in Fr. Greenan at 10:50.

CONFIRMATION I & II

Grades 7 & 8 Parent/Student Orientation Meeting: Monday, September 25th on the second floor in FGC at 6:30pm. Parents and students are expected to attend.

This Week

Monday, September 18

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

6:30pm Men of St. Joseph

Tuesday, September 19

7:00pm SVDP Meeting (HBH)

Wednesday, September 20

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

6:00pm Prayer Meeting (HBH)

Thursday, September 21

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.



FEAST DAY OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

This year we will be celebrating the feast day of our patron saint with a **triduum**—a period of three days of prayer that precedes a Roman Catholic feast. Starting 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. Planning for the Triduum is ongoing. 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! **(NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4)**

BLESSING TO TAKE PLACE AT THE CEMETERY

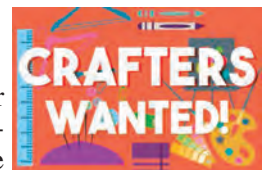
THIS SUNDAY, September 17th following the 11am Mass, Father Ranallo will be blessing our new gates, flagpole and shrubbery that have been installed at St. Francis cemetery. These wonderful additions to our cemetery were donated by three very generous and special people who wish to remain anonymous. We 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 29:** Pasta Dinner (5-7:00pm)
- 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
- October 21:** Coat Distribution (10am-Noon)
- November 18:** Bazaar (9am-3pm)

ATTENTION CRAFTERS!



Our parish Christmas Bazaar has been scheduled for Saturday November 18th. 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 to receive a sign up form or stop by the parish office to pick up a hard copy.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

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 6:30 throughout the month of October. All are welcome!



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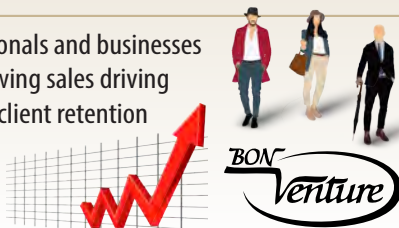
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