

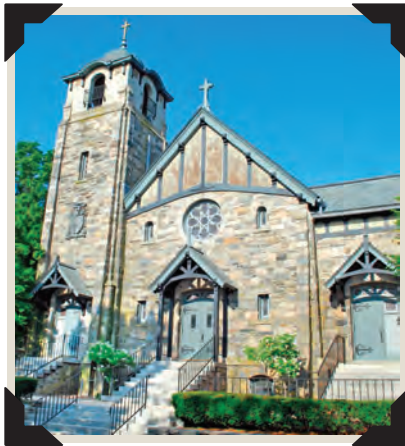


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**FEAST
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**Saints
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Masses

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

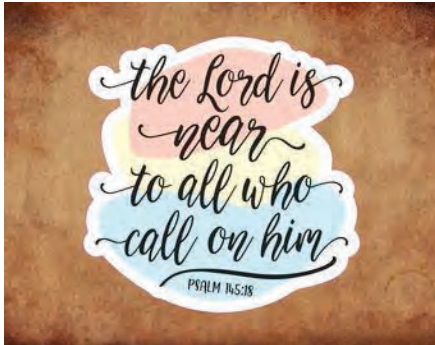
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Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Friday From 9:00 am—12:30 pm

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Francis Mass Intentions



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

Monday, September 25

7:00am †Sister Madeline

Requested by Joyce

Tuesday, September 26

7:00am †Rick Holland

Requested by a Friend

Thursday, September 28

7:00am †Theodore Scripsack

Requested by Patty Grimes

Friday, September 29

7:00am †Ron Kane

Requested by Mary & Louie Pavao

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

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Sunday, September 24

10:00am †Martha & Blanche McElkenny

Requested by Family

Sunday, October 1

10:00am †Timothy Magee

Requested by Fran Fitzpatrick

We are recipients of the Lord's abundant mercy & generosity.

The moral of today's Gospel parable seems so blatantly unfair. The workers who put in a whole day's work and sweat receive the same wage as those who were there for only one hour? It makes us want to ask, "Jesus, what's going on here?"

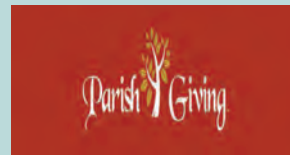
And then we remember that envy and discontentment say everything about us, and nothing about what God is doing here. So what is happening in this parable? First, it's helpful to key in on Jesus' use of the phrase, *usual daily wage*. This was not a great sum by any stretch of the imagination, but subsistence money. It was just enough to live on.

All of the workers, then, needed that wage in order to supply their families with food for the day. Whether they were fortunate enough to get work first thing in the day or later in the day, the amount of money the hired workers had to earn in a day in order to survive did not change. The last group in today's parable must have thought that God answered their fervent prayers that someone, somewhere, would at least give them work before the day was through. They probably expected to receive only pennies for their labor. What a shock to get a "living wage" with which to return to their families!

The point then, it seems, is not about our sense of fairness or justice, but about the behavior of the landowner. He does not act like most owners; his generosity is...well, scandalous. He offers a living wage to all who work for him, even the one-hour laborers. He understands what it takes for these workers to be able to subsist: to care for their families, eat, pay taxes, and have the self-respect and dignity of work.

When we understand that the landowner is representative of the kingdom of heaven, it starts to make sense. We get a glimpse of the good Lord who offers salvation. It is salvation available to anyone who enters the vineyard, at any time, and is not diminished for one by its distribution to another. The Lord does not offer "partial" salvation, and it is certainly not salvation that we "deserve."

No, he offers the salvation that he knows we need and desire. We are recipients of the Lord's abundant mercy and generosity. His mercy is so outstanding that we can hope only to know, love, and serve him all the days of our life. And whenever someone wakes up to his offer, they are blessed. We have no cause to be envious of the good fortune of another, for ours is equal in measure and justice. Rather, we can praise God for his continuous mercy to us. After all, serving in his kingdom is not drudgery; it is love and grace—all that we could ever hope for—all the days of our life.



Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (119)	-	\$3,614.50
Loose Donations	-	\$1,341.00
Online Giving (# of donors-75)	-	\$2,683.00
Total Budget	-	\$7,638.50

Second Collection (Priests' Retirement)

Budget envelopes used (112)	-	\$3,768.50
Loose Donations	-	\$ 820.00
Online Giving (# of donors-6)	-	\$ 365.00
Total	-	\$4,953.50

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

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

SANCTUARY LAMP



This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Edward, Bill & Ted Carney.



Pasta Dinner:
THIS 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, drop them off at the rectory or you can bring them the night of the dinner. If you are interested additional tickets will be available to purchase at the dinner.



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!

We would like to congratulate Nick Cooney & Paige Harrington who were recently married at St. Romuald Chapel. May God bless you!



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 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!

(NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4)



**FAITH
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(401) 792-8684**

Sunday, September 24th

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

Pray: Dear Jesus, show us how to put others first. Remind us that you love all of us and you want us to love one another. Amen.

Monday, September 25th

6:30pm Confirmation I & II Parent Student Meeting in FGC 2nd floor.



**NOTICE TO OUR
FAMILIES IN FAITH
FORMATION
CLASSES**

Each year in response to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' charter for the protection of children and young people, we have a program for the safe environment education of children and young people. This program is called **Circle of Grace**. It is meant to supplement and be integrated into our program for the formation of children and young people. This program helps our youth to understand their own (and other's) dignity in mind and spirit.

The Circle of Grace lesson, which is specific for each grade, will be implemented in each grade of our religious education program within the first few months of classes.

If a child is absent on the day that the lesson is given, the Circle of Grace material will be mailed home for the parents to teach.

Please call Barbette Cullen at the Religious Education Office, 792-8684, if you have any questions or want more information regarding the Circle of Grace program.

This Week

Monday, September 25

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

6:30pm Men of St. Joseph

6:30pm Event Committee Meeting (HBH)

Wednesday, September 27

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

6:00pm Prayer Meeting (HBH)

Thursday, September 28

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.

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!



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.

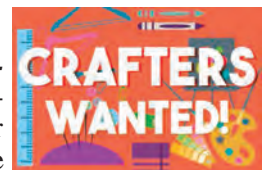


SAVE THE DATE

- 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
October 21: Coat Distribution (10am-Noon)
November 18: Bazaar (9am-3pm)

ATTENTION CRAFTERS!

Tables rentals are still available! 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 NEXT 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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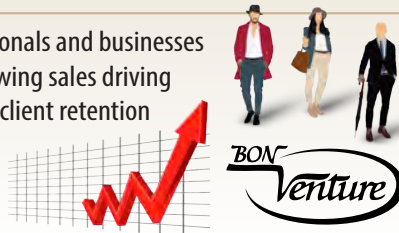


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THE CHAPLET OF THE DIVINE MERCY

(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

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