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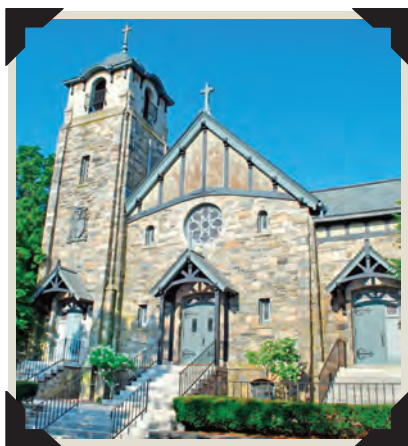
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### Masses

#### 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

# THE THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## St. Francis Mass Intentions



### Saturday, November 4

4:30pm †Albert & Eileen Ranallo  
*Requested by Fr. Ranallo*

### Sunday, November 5

9:00am †Patrick Dufficy  
(39<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Remembrance)  
*Requested by Family*

11:00am †Mary Evans  
*Requested by Obeline Plante*

### Monday, November 6

7:00am For the People

### Tuesday, November 7

7:00am †Rick Soltysiak  
*Requested by Family*

### Thursday, November 9

7:00am †John V. & Josephine Passaretti  
(Anniversary Remembrance)  
*Requested by Family*

### Friday, November 10

7:00am †Robert Zambuco  
*Requested by the Doubrava Family*

### Saturday, November 11

4:30pm †Marcia Signorelli  
*Requested by Family*

### Sunday, November 12

9:00am †James Flynn  
*Requested by Kathleen Carney*  
11:00am †Albert & Joan Montani  
*Requested by Family*

## St. Romuald Mass Intentions

### Sunday, November 5

10:00am †John Blair  
*Requested by Family*

### Sunday, November 12

10:00am †Michaela Keough  
*Requested by the Dwyer & Quigley Families*

*True leadership is exercised through  
sacrificial gift of self.*

*The greatest among you must be your servant.* This comes from the greatest servant leader, Jesus Christ, who showed us that true leadership is demonstrated through service, through the laying down of one's life on behalf of another. His gift of self, epitomized on the cross, raises each of us up to new life.

The scribes and Pharisees of Jesus' day failed to understand this kind of leadership. They were more concerned with the outward appearance of power – being called “rabbi,” for instance – than serving their people in love. In elevating themselves over others, they struggled to recognize the shared humanity of those they led.

Paul reminds the Thessalonians how Christ's disciples led them, *Working night and day in order not to burden any of you, we proclaimed to you the gospel of God.* In his Letter to the Thessalonian Church, Paul likens himself not to a ruler or rabbi – the ones with the seeming authority – but to a nursing mother. Gentle, affectionate, and selflessly giving of themselves for the common good in Christ's holy name.

Jesus shows leadership perfected all throughout the Gospel. He didn't simply point a finger and command his followers to do his bidding. No, Christ rolled up his sleeves and got dirty alongside his disciples, working alongside those he led for the kingdom of God. Even when he knew there was a traitor among his disciples, Jesus dropped to his knees to wash and kiss their feet, practicing what he preached about servant leadership so the Apostles would fully understand and go forth to do the same as they spread the Gospel message.

Christ's message is clear to all of us: *The greatest among you must be your servant.* To love as he did in his time on earth, to love as God does always and in all ways, we must preach a life of service, and then practice what we preach. May the word of God, *now at work in [us] who believe,* give us the humility and strength to accomplish this task.



### Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (112)	-	\$3,363.50
Loose Donations	-	\$ 891.00
Online Giving (# of donors-72)	-	\$2,535.00
<b>Total Budget</b>	-	<b>\$6,789.50</b>

### Second Collection (Ongoing Maintenance)

Budget envelopes used (88)	-	\$1,428.50
Loose Donations	-	\$ 328.00
Online Giving (# of donors-14)	-	\$ 350.00
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>\$2,106.50</b>

There is no second collection this week. Next week's second collection is for Ongoing Maintenance.

**Thank you for your continued generosity.**

# NOVEMBER 5, 2023

## SANCTUARY LAMP



This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Patrick Dufficy.

## APPRECIATION DINNER FOR VOLUNTEERS AT ST. FRANCIS AND ST. ROMUALD

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1 AT 5PM

Father Ranallo would like to invite all parishioners involved in a ministry, group, committee or activity (and their families) to an appreciation dinner that will take place in Father Greenan Hall on Friday, December 1 at 5pm.

If you plan on attending please RSVP with the number that will attend no later than Friday, November 10 either by emailing [saintfrancis00@aol.com](mailto:saintfrancis00@aol.com) or by contacting the office at 401-783-4411.

Thank you for the impact you have on our parish family. We look forward to seeing you there. God bless!



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**Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**

**9:55-10:50am—Grades 1-6** will meet in Fr. Greenan Center

*Pray: Lord, help us remember that every talent, good deed, or thing we have comes directly from you! Amen*

**10:00am Coffee and Conversation**

Parents are welcome, during class time on Sundays, to join other Moms and Dads for friendly conversation and prayerful support! Why not stop by Fr. Greenan after Mass and enjoy each other's company and refreshments!

**Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>**

**6:30-8:15pm** Confirmation I and II Classes meet in Fr. Greenan Center

## St. Vincent DePaul Society

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!



**WINTER BIBLE STUDY BEGAN  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2**

The winter Bible Study began on Thursday, November 2. This group meets every Thursday night in Fr. Greenan Hall from 6-7:00pm. They will be exploring the beautiful Gospels of John. All are welcome.

## This Week

### Monday, November 6

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

### Tuesday, November 7

7:00pm SVD Meeting (HBH)

### Wednesday, November 8

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

6:00pm Prayer Meeting (HBH)

### Thursday, November 9

6-7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10: OFFICES CLOSED FOR VETERANS' DAY**

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

**Christmas office closing: The Parish office will be closed from December 20 through December 26.**

### RCIA AT ST. FRANCIS

If you know someone—a spouse, relative, friend, neighbor who might be interested in becoming a Catholic, or is a Catholic but has not received all the sacraments of initiation, please let them know that our parish will be starting a Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program.



Please pass the word to anyone you know who may be interested in joining us. **It would be helpful for planning purposes that if you are interested in the RCIA program please contact us via the e-mail address or phone numbers below as soon as possible as classes are tentatively scheduled to begin November/December 2023.** If anyone would like further information please contact Pat Lefoley at [plefoley1@cox.net](mailto:plefoley1@cox.net) or 401-339-3858. You may also call the parish office at 401-783-4411.

### ADORATION ADORERS

Jesus asked His Apostles to spend some time with Him as He prayed before His death. Today, He is also asking us to pray before Him in the Blessed Sacrament. Here at St. Francis you can do just that! Each Monday morning from 7:30 until 11:00 our Lord is exposed in the Monstrance. This gives parishioners and others in the community the opportunity to come visit Jesus on a more personal level, for quiet prayer and reflection. Father concludes Adoration with Benediction. This is a wonderful way to bring spiritual growth to oneself and the Parish as a whole.



If you can come for an hour or even a half-hour, we would love to have you!! If you have any questions or would like to be an Adorer of the Blessed Sacrament, please feel free to email the parish office at: [saintfrancis00@aol.com](mailto:saintfrancis00@aol.com).

SAVE THE DATE

November 4/5

Baby Bottle Boomerang

November 18

Bazaar (9am-3pm)

November 23

Giving Tree will be at Church & Chapel for donations

Month of January Baby Shower

### BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG



Make a gift affirming the sanctity of human life. At the end of all our Masses on this weekend, November 4/5 baby bottles will be distributed. We ask that you take a bottle home to place your coins, bills or a check (**Please make check out to RI Right to Life**) and return it by the weekend of November 18/19.

The Baby Bottle Boomerang is used to fund Right to Life Services, a ministry of RI Right to Life, that helps pregnant women, newborn and toddlers throughout RI. There will be collection baskets located at all the entrances of the churches for when you return the bottles.



**Saint Francis of Assisi Bazaar:**  
**November 18<sup>th</sup> 2023**  
**9-3 at**  
**Father Greenan Hall**

This event includes: craft/vendors tables, a silent auction, bake sale, and a cafe for drinks and a lunch menu.

Our crafters include pottery, jewelry, cards, ornaments, small paintings, knitting, candles, wood products, coastal decorations etc. Silent auction items include a week in a beautiful condo in Myrtle Beach and themed baskets. Come join the fun!

**Attention bakers**—We need donated baked goods for our holiday bazaar on November 18<sup>th</sup>. We prefer items to be dropped off on Nov 17<sup>th</sup> between 4-5pm at the Father Greenan Hall or November 18<sup>th</sup> between 8-9am.

If these 2 times do not work, you can also drop off items when you come to the bazaar on Saturday November 18<sup>th</sup> no later than noon please. Thank you in advance for your help.



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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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