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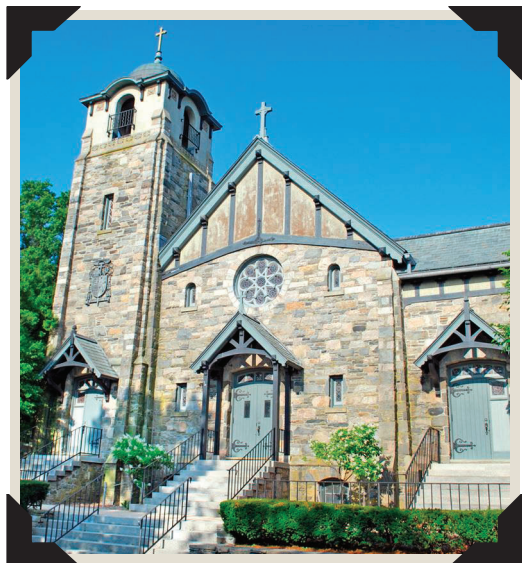
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Masses

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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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.

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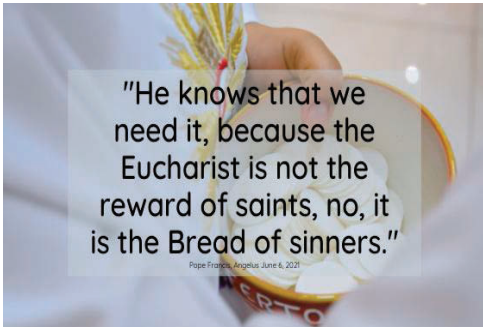
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Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Friday From 9:00 am—12:30 pm

# THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## St. Francis Mass Intentions



### Saturday, October 14

4:30pm †Arlene Robinson  
(Birthday Remembrance)  
*Requested by Family*

### Sunday, October 15

9:00am †Mr. & Mrs. Thu Chi Tran & John  
Thanh Ha  
*Requested by Family*

11:00am †Raymond Selwyn  
*Requested by Family*

### Monday, October 16

7:00am †Sister Madeline  
*Requested by the Event Committee*

### Tuesday, October 17

7:00am †For the Deceased Members of the  
Behie and O'Rourke Families

### Thursday, October 19

7:00am For the People

### Friday, October 20

7:00am †Peter Reusch  
*Requested by his Wife*

### Saturday, October 21

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

### Sunday, October 22

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

11:00am †Joseph Pouliot  
(Birthday Remembrance)  
*Requested by Family*

## St. Romuald Mass Intentions

### Sunday, October 15

10:00am †Tara Higgins  
(Birthday Remembrance)  
*Requested by Family*

### Sunday, October 22

10:00am †Kevin Driscoll  
*Requested by Fran Fitzpatrick*

## We Serve a God who first serves us.

Everyone loves a feast, and that was as true in ancient times as it is now. It is not surprising, then, that biblical writers use feasting imagery to give us a sense of God's overabundant generosity: *a feast of rich food and choice wines; you spread the table before me; a wedding feast* for a son. The prophet Isaiah sets God's feast of *rich food and pure, choice wines* on Mount Zion, the location of Jerusalem and the temple, and the audience would know that offerings to God at the temple were conceived as a banquet with God. But Isaiah quickly moves on from the material imagery of food and drink to the even greater riches that God will provide: unity among all people, eternal life, joy, salvation, and most importantly, God's very presence – *The hand of the Lord will rest on this mountain.*

Paul uses the related imagery of riches: *My God will fully supply what you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.* Paul is copiously thanking the Philippians for their material generosity toward him and his ministry, and in the verse just prior to the one we heard, he calls their gifts *a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God* (4:18). This exchange reminds us that we have nothing to give of our own; rather, all we give has its origin in the abundance of God. As God shares extravagantly, we receive not only to enjoy it ourselves but for the greater enjoyment of sharing extravagantly with others, and so being as much like God as is possible in this lifetime.

The feasting continues in Jesus' parable, which uses the image of a king providing a wedding feast for a son – perhaps the most extravagant image that could have been chosen at that time and place – to place before us the shocking reality that we do not always accept God's abundance. Sometimes we are too busy with our material lives – our cares, our worries – to accept the invitation to the banquet, or even to notice that we are constantly being invited. And so the banquet hall will be filled not necessarily with the most virtuous, or the most powerful leaders, or those of us who come to church every Sunday, but with those who are merely willing to hear and accept the invitation. This gives us reason to rejoice, for in other words, none of our imperfections or failings are a barrier to God sharing his abundance with us.

In a homily in 2021, Pope Francis assured us, "The Eucharist is not the reward of saints, no, it is *the bread of sinners.*" May we now come together to this greatest of feasts at Christ's table, accepting the invitation to share in God's lavish abundance so we may go out and lavishly share it with all.



Weekly Support		October 8
Budget envelopes used (108)	-	\$3,772.50
Loose Donations	-	\$2,588.00
Online Giving (# of donors-83)	-	\$3,348.00
<b>Total Budget</b>	-	<b>\$9,708.50</b>

Second Collection (Monthly Collection)		
Budget envelopes used (81)	-	\$1,439.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 438.00
Online Giving (# of donors-13)	-	\$ 430.00
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>\$2,307.00</b>

There is no second collection this week. Next week's second collection is World Mission Sunday.

**Thank you for your continued generosity.**

OCTOBER 15, 2023



SANCTUARY LAMP

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

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 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!

ALL SOULS MASS OF REMEMBRANCE THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2 AT 6:30PM

Won't you consider joining us as we observe All Soul's Day? Thursday, November 2 is All Soul's Day, a day set aside for special prayers and Masses for the deceased. Consider participating in our annual Mass of Remembrance at 6:30pm at St. Francis Church when we will remember our parishioners who passed away during this past year. A candle will be given in their memory to each family to take home. All parishioners are welcome to participate. There is no better gift we can offer our deceased loved ones than our prayers. Please join us!

Just a reminder that the remembrance book will be placed in front of the statue of St. Francis during the month of November. All are welcome to enter the names of their deceased loved ones. They will be remembered during the month of November.



FAITH FORMATION (401) 792-8684

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Sunday, October 15th 9:55-10:50am Grades 1-6 will meet in Fr. Greenan Center

11:00-12:00 Catechist Meeting in FGC

Pray: Thank you, Lord, for sending us an invitation to be a part of your family and to come to your celebration every Sunday! Amen.

Next Sunday, October 22nd at 9:00am: Mass of Belonging

We will welcome in a special way the First Communion children as they prepare to receive Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time on May 5th.

Coffee and Conversation Beginning on Sunday, October 15th



Parents are welcome, during class time on Sundays, to join other Moms and Dads on the 3rd floor (The Upper Room) of Fr. Greenan for friendly conversation and prayerful support!

A time to enjoy each other's company... share ideas on parenting... pose a question...and benefit from each other's experiences.

Stop by, have a cup of coffee and enjoy each other's company and the ambiance of this old building.

## This Week

### Monday, October 16

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

### Tuesday, October 17

7:00pm SVD Meeting (HBH)

### Wednesday, October 18

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

6:00pm Prayer Meeting (HBH)

### Thursday, October 19

6-7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

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

### 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!



### 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 21<sup>st</sup>. 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 this Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup> through Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am to 3:30pm and Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> from 10:00am until noon in the lower church.**

## SAVE THE DATE

**Month of October:** Rosary at the Chapel week nights at 6:30pm

**October 21:** Coat Distribution (10am-Noon)

**November 2:** Mass for the Departed (6:30pm-Church)

**November 18:** Bazaar (9am-3pm)



**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!

### 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!

### HOST FAMILIES NEEDED



NET Ministries, a national evangelization team consisting of 10 young adults will be leading our Confirmation Retreats again this year. They spend 10 months traveling the country leading retreats. During their stay in Rhode Island, our parish is responsible for providing lodging them on Friday, November 3 and Saturday, November 4. Team members travel with their own sleeping bag so they are just looking for floor space, a hot shower and a meal. We are in need of parishioners to open their home to 2 (or more) NET team members. If you are interested in hosting them, please contact Diane Castro at 783-3924 or by email at dlcastro82@gmail.com. Thank you.



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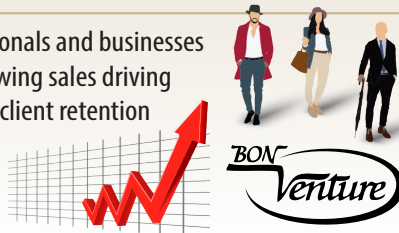


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## THE CHAPLET OF THE DIVINE MERCY

(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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November 17, 1979 Bishop of Springfield, Mass.



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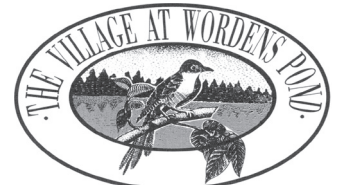


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