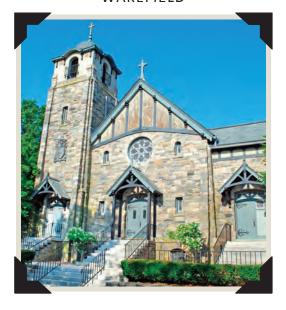
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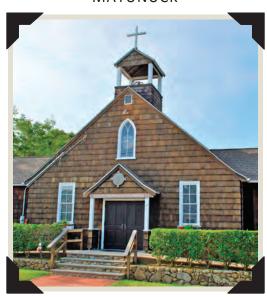
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SAINT FRANCIS CHURCH

Saturday 4:30 pm
Sunday 9:00 am and 11:00 am
Saint Romuald Chapel
Saturday5:30 pm*
Sunday8:00 am* and 10:00 am

*Summer only (Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day Weekend)

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday----- 7:00 am

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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.

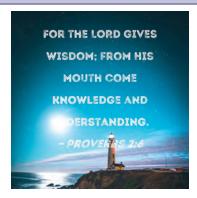
SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please call the rectory.



THE THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Francis Mass Intentions



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

Monday, November 13 7:00am †Frank Bruno

Requested by Claire & Kathy Sweet & Sharon Fuller

Tuesday, November 14 7:00am For the People

Thursday, November 16

7:00am †Frank Bruno

Requested by Claire & Kathy Sweet & Sharon Fuller

Friday, November 17

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

Saturday, November 18

4:30pm †Sean Fagan & Carol B. Sherry Requested by Dolores Smith

Sunday, November 19

9:00am †Jules & Emma Perreault Requested by Family 11:00am †Mary & Nelson Burke

Requested by Family

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Sunday, November 12

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

Sunday, November 19

10:00am†Owen & Maureen Rielly Requested by Family

Wisdom comes from God and draws us to him.

Today the word of God is calling us to be wise. We hear about beautiful Wisdom, personified as a woman, in our first reading. She is *seeking those worthy of her*. The Lord Jesus calls us to wisdom by using the example of the wise virgins in the Gospel. Since we don't want to be like the foolish virgins who missed entry into the Reign of God, how, then, do we become wise?

The Scriptures tell us that wisdom is a gift from God. In fact, we are taught that *fear of the Lord* is the beginning of wisdom (Prv 9:10). The first thing we need to do is ask for wisdom. If we seek wisdom from God we are promised that we will receive. We need to pray for wisdom, especially when there are important decisions to be made. We are also told that we must be willing to listen to wisdom if we are to receive it (Prv 2:2; 19:20). While the gift of wisdom is given generously and freely by God, if we reject the movement of wisdom in our hearts, we will still end up foolish.

Wisdom is one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. If we want to be truly wise, we must seek to follow the lead of the Holy Spirit even when it is difficult. Wisdom is that deeper knowledge that helps us to see the path of God in our lives. Only the wise can tell the difference between lies that we want to be true and the truth of God's plan that may include some pain or disappointment. Wisdom is patient as the Lord's plan unfolds and we see the beauty of his will in our lives. Wisdom seeks what God wants, and not simply what we want. It is a great gift, especially for those in leadership.

In the parable of the ten virgins, Jesus demonstrates the difference between the foolish and the wise. While all the virgins are invited to the wedding, only five planned to be patient and wait for the Master to arrive. The foolish virgins did not have the wisdom to plan ahead. They lived in the moment and did not consider the will of the Master. They did not have the patience to wait longer, or the willingness to invest in more oil. Their selfishness and lack of wisdom caused them to miss the feast and be locked out of the Master's celebration.

The Lord Jesus calls us to embrace the gift of wisdom and to ask for that gift from the Holy Spirit. As long as we have the humility and patience to trust in the Lord's plan, we will receive all the wisdom we need.



Weekly Support
Budget envelopes used (134)
Loose Donations
Online Giving (# of donors–90)

Total Budget

November 5
- \$4,734.00
- \$1,583.00
- \$4,594.00
- \$10,911.00

All Saints Day: \$1,164.00

This week's second collection is for Ongoing Maintenance. Next week's second collection is Campaign for Human Development.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

NOVEMBER 12, 2023



SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Marian & Emery Bragdon.

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!



FOOD DONATIONS FOR THE JONNYCAKE CENTER: JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER

Please remember we are always in need of nonperishable food items (no glass or outdat-

ed 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.



GIVING TREE

The Social Outreach Committee will again sponsor our annual Giving Tree beginning on the Sunday following Thanksgiving, November 25/26. Gift tags will be placed on the Advent trees in St. Francis Church and at St. Romuald Chapel.

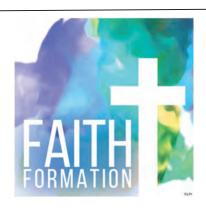
The Giving Tree provides much needed support to our St. Vincent de Paul chapter here at St. Francis and to the Jonnycake Center which services local families providing basic necessities.

The gift cards need to be returned no later than the weekend of December 16/17. They can be placed in the collection baskets or left in the rectory. Please do not leave them by the trees.

Thank you in advance.



FAITH FORMATION (401) 792-8684



Sunday, November 12th 9:55-10:50am—Grades 1-6 will meet in Fr. Greenan Center

Pray: Jesus, remind us to always be prepared for you, especially each Sunday at Mass. Amen



10:00am—Coffee and Conversation in FGC

Parents are welcome to join other Moms and Dads for friendly conversation and prayerful support while enjoying some delicious baked goods and a hot cup of coffee!



Monday, November 13

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

Tuesday, November 14

6:30pm Pastoral Council Meeting (FGC)

Wednesday, November 15

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

6:00pm Prayer Meeting (HBH)

Thursday, November 16

6-7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

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.

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.



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.



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. Please remember to return your bottles by next weekend, November 18/19 with your coins, bills or a check (*Please make check out to RI Right to Life*).



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: Next Saturday, November 18 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 18th. We prefer items to be dropped off on Nov 17th between 4-5pm at the Father Greenan Hall or November 18th between 8-9am. Please contact Kathleen Puchalla783-1132.

Volunteers Needed: If you are willing to help the volunteers on the day of the bazaar please contact Jean McGair at 783-1633 or Ellen Schwab at 374-7445.

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



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

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 $oldsymbol{E}_{ extbf{ternal}}$ 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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