

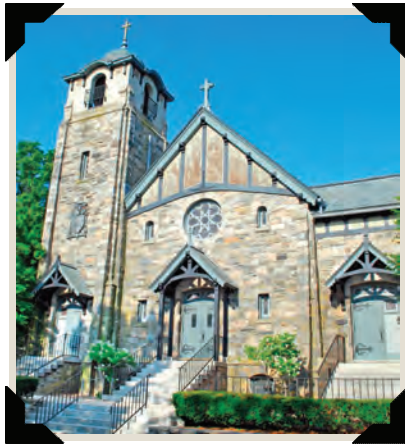
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Masses

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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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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welcome

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

# THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## St. Francis Mass Intentions

### 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*

### Monday, November 20

7:00am †Mae Bessette  
*Requested by Family*

### Tuesday, November 21

7:00am †Karen Clark  
*Requested by Family*



### Thanksgiving Day Thursday, November 23

**9:00am** †Twila Glexiner  
 (Birthday Remembrance)  
*Requested by Family*

### Friday, November 24

7:00am †Jeannette DeLuca  
*Requested by Family*

### Saturday, November 25

4:30pm †Daniel Pucella  
*Requested by Family*

### Sunday, November 26

9:00am †Michael Dufficy  
 (Birthday Remembrance)  
*Requested by Wife & Family*

11:00am †Barbara Grossi  
*Requested by Ken & Laura Kenerson*

## St. Romuald Mass Intentions

### Sunday, November 19

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

### Sunday, November 26

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

*If we share our talents with those in need, we will  
 share in God's eternal joy.*

As we approach the end of the liturgical year, our readings focus on the end times. In Paul's Letter to the Thessalonians, he tells them that *the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night* – unseen and unannounced. Or it will be *like labor pains upon a pregnant woman* – sudden and bringing risk. We may not know the exact hour of the Lord's return, but it is expected and inescapable. Therefore, we should be prepared.

Today's Gospel gives us a little more information about what to expect upon Jesus' return. In the story, the master distributes his possessions to his servants according to their abilities. One servant receives five talents, another two, and a third receives only one. Then the master leaves for a long time. When he returns, he expects an account of what the servants have done with his talents. Two of the servants are praised, and the third is cast out.

The talents in the story are coins, but we know that God gives all kinds of gifts, both temporal and spiritual. Everything he gives, he expects us to use. The fact that gifts are not distributed equally encourages us to share them. Not only are we invited to share what we have, but also to consider what we lack, recognizing that we need the gifts of others. We were created to live in a community of mutual giving and receiving modeled on the Trinity. We are brought into unity through the variety of what we bring to the kingdom. It does not have to be much – but in order to participate in the kingdom we must take what we have been given and grow it, invest in it, and return with it to the Lord and the building up of the body of Christ.

At the conclusion of the parable, the master says, *For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.* The third servant buried his talent in the ground out of fear of a demanding master. He is not being punished so much as suffering the natural consequences of his action: He may not remain in the company of the master.

We can use only the gifts we have been given, but if we use them as God intends, he will multiply them. If, on the other hand, we sit idle or hide them away, their benefits will be taken from us. The ultimate benefit, the final payout for a life of good and faithful service, is eternal joy with God.



#### Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (120)	-	\$4,810.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 941.00
Online Giving (# of donors-78)	-	\$2,743.00
<b>Total Budget</b>	-	<b>\$8,494.00</b>

#### November 12

#### Second Collection (Ongoing Maintenance)

Budget envelopes used (88)	-	\$1,262.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 267.00
Online Giving (# of donors-9)	-	\$ 220.00
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>\$1,749.00</b>

This week's second collection is Campaign for Human Development. Next week's second collection is the Monthly Collection.

**Thank you for your continued generosity.**

# NOVEMBER 19, 2023

## SANCTUARY LAMP



This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of James Flynn.

## 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!



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**Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:55-10:50am**—Grades 1-6 classes  
will meet in Fr. Greenan Center

**Pray: Lord, help us to discover our talents. Show us how you want us to use them. Amen**



**Sunday evening, November 19<sup>th</sup>!!**

**4:00-6:00pm** All youth in grades 7-12 are invited to our **Youth Ministry Kick Off Dinner** at Fr. Greenan Hall, Come and enjoy a delicious meal, games and fellowship. Bring a friend!

**Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!**



## FOOD DONATIONS FOR THE JONNYCAKE CENTER: JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER

Please remember we are always in need of nonperishable food items (no glass or outdated 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.

## This Week

### Monday, November 20

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

6:00pm Social Outreach Committee Meeting (HBH)

### Tuesday, November 21

7:00pm SVD Meeting (HBH)

### Wednesday, November 22

**THERE IS NO WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP THIS WEEK**

6:00pm Prayer Meeting (HBH)

Wednesday, November 22 through Friday, November 24 Thanksgiving Break: Offices closed

*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](mailto:saintfrancis00@aol.com).



### PRAYER SHAWLS

The St. Francis of Assisi Prayer Shawl Group has many beautiful prayer shawls available. If you know of someone who could benefit from receiving a prayer shawl please contact Jean McGair at 401-783-1633.

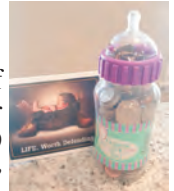
## SAVE THE DATE

**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 this 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.



### ROSARY REPAIRS



We have an anonymous volunteer who has offered to repair rosaries. If you have a rosary that you would like repaired please place the rosary in an envelope and place your name and phone number on the outside of the envelope so that when the repair is complete you can be notified. Please drop your envelope off at the rectory or place it in the black mailbox next to the rectory door.



It is very much a part of our Catholic tradition to have Masses offered for deceased relatives and friends. Parishioners are encouraged to continue this tradition. When was the

last time you had a Mass offered for a deceased parent, grandparent, uncle, aunt, brother or sister?

To make arrangements, please call the parish office at (401)783-4411 or send an email to [saintfrancis00@aol.com](mailto:saintfrancis00@aol.com). The donation for a weekday Mass is \$10 and \$25 for a weekend Mass.



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(For private recitation on ordinary rosary beads)

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

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**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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