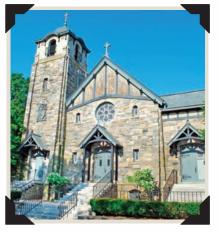
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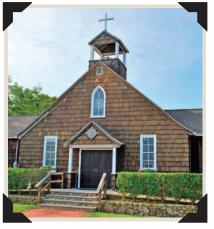
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"This is my Son,

whom I love.

Listen to him!"

-Mark 9:7

SAINT FRANCIS CHURCH

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 7:00 ar	n
Saturday 4:30 pr	n
Sunday9:00 am and 11:00 ar	n
Saint Romuald Chapel	
Saturday5:30 pm	*
Sunday 8:00 am* and 10:00 ar	n
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Sacraments

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 3:30 - 4:00 $\,\rm pm$ 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.

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 and Friday 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Francis Mass Intentions

Entrust

to God

Saturday, August 3 4:30pm †Joseph Colgan (21^{'st} Anniversary Remembrance) Requested by Wife Sunday, August 4 9:00am †Kerri Bessette Requested by Mom, Dad & Scott 11:00am[†]Rocco Marcaccio Requested by Matthew & Kathleen Oliverio Monday, August 5 7:00am †June Friel (1st Anniversary Remembrance) Requested by Family **Tuesday**, August 6 7:00am †Alfred Houle Requested by a Friend Thursday, August 8 7:00am⁺Walter J. Grav Requested by Mary & Louie Friday, August 9 7:00am †William & Dorothy Cloos Requested by Family Saturday, August 10 4:30pm †Marie & John Champion *Requested by Family* Sunday, August 11 9:00am †Laura Webb Requested by Family 11:00am †Olga Mary Chmura Requested by Family

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 3 5:30pm [†]Paul Hazard Requested by Maggie Hayes-Cote Sunday, August 4 8:00am †Bill Harding Requested by Jack & Barbara 10:00am †Martha & Blanche McElkenny Requested by Family Saturday, August 10 5:30pm †Fran Fitzpatrick Requested by Marsha Corcoran Sunday, August 11 8:00am †Rose McCombe Requested by Maggie Haves-Cote 10:00am †Michael Maggiacomo (Birthday Remembrance) Requested by Family

There is no matter we cannot entrust to God, who provides us with our daily and eternal bread.

It takes time, in relationships, to build trust. We learn to have faith in one another based upon our encounters with each other and how well our expectations are communicated and met. Consider children who learn to trust based on the attention and care they receive before they even begin to realize there is a world outside of themselves. If their needs are not met at this stage, they will have difficulty trusting others when they are older. Or consider our relationships with advisors and mentors; if they prove trustworthy in small matters, we will consider them so in more significant matters.

The same is true of our relationship with God. Abraham had doubts and some incredulity when God first called him and promised him a family and a future. Generations later, God called Abraham's descendants, the Israelites, out of Egypt. They relied on a blessed assurance from him on their journey through the desert to the Promised Land, a journey we meet them on today. Hungry and groaning, they are worried as to whether God would sustain them in the desert. God does, of course, giving them bread from heaven to meet their needs.

This act of providing their daily bread was a significant moment for God's chosen people, and solidified a foundation of trust as the basis for the covenant between them. It was a foundation that grew to undergird the new covenant, when God would send from heaven, and feed his people, the bread of life.

We see this in today's Gospel. A few verses before what we heard today, Jesus had provided loaves and fishes for all. The time had come for God to feed them not only perishable, daily bread, but bread that endures for eternal life. Jesus tells them about this bread from God that gives life to the world. They ask to have this bread always, and Jesus tells them, *I am the bread of life*. They have trusted God in small, daily matters; now they can trust God in this greater, eternal matter. They can receive his Son and never hunger, never thirst, again.

Generations later, God continues to feed us our daily bread and the bread of life, given to us here in the Eucharist. These are so freely given, so readily available to us, that we may forget how we came to rely on God to always provide, and what this means. From the time of Abraham and Moses, God has been providing us with what we need. From him we have what we need to sustain us for daily and eternal life. There is no hunger or need he cannot fill; there is no matter–small or great–we cannot entrust to him.

Let us entrust these small and great matters to God, and focus on thanksgiving and praise for the sustenance of daily and eternal life that we are so graciously given. We can do this now as we celebrate the Eucharist, and we can remind ourselves daily at every meal. As we do, let us place all our trust in him, and never hunger or thirst again.

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<u>Weekly Support</u> Budget envelopes used (124) Loose Donations Online Giving (# of donors 77) Total Budget	- - -	July 28 \$3,540.50 \$2,599.00 <u>\$2,770.00</u> \$8,909.50
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This week's second collection is for the Holy Father-Peter's Pence. Next week's second collection is the Monthly Collection. **Thank you for your continued generosity.**

AUGUST 4, 2024

SANCTUARY LAMP

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

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.



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WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Office of Marriage Preparation & Enrichment is sponsoring the annual Wedding Anniversary Celebration honoring couples of the Diocese of Providence who will be observing their 25th, 40th, 50th and OVER 50 years 2024

wedding anniversaries in 2024.

The celebration will be held on Sunday, **September 22, 2024, 1:00pm at the Cathedral of SS. Peter & Paul, Providence**. It will include Mass, renewal of marriage vows, a personalized certificate for each couple and a reception for the couples and their families. Bishop Richard G. Henning will be the main celebrant and homilist.

Following are points regarding participation:

- The celebration is for couples observing their 25th, 40th, 50th and OVER wedding anniversary in 2024.
- One or both of the spouses need to be Catholic, with the marriage recognized by the Church.
- The celebration is for couples; if it is not possible for both to be present, a certificate can be forwarded directly to the couple.

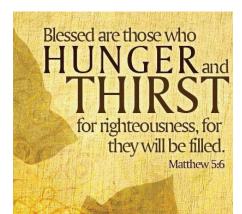
Please contact the parish office at 783-4411 to register for this special celebration. *Registration deadline is August 16.*

WELCOME OUR NEW MUSIC DIRECTOR

Let us welcome our new Music Director, Paula Fontes. She has worked in the Diocese for many years. We are blessed to have not only her beautiful

voice but her ability to play the organ. Join in and sing along with her.

Pray: Dear Lord, you gave Moses and the Israelites manna to eat in the desert. We ask you today to help all those people who are hungry in our world. Help us to be generous by sharing what we have with others. Amen.





Monday, August 5 7:30-11:00am Adoration (Church) 6:30pm Men of St. Joseph (↓FGC) Wednesday, August 7 6:00pm Prayer Meeting (HBH) Thursday, August 8 6:00pm Bible Study (FGC) Monday, August 12

Office will be closed: HOLIDAY/NO ADORATION

6:30 pm Breakfast Planning Meeting - Matunuck Center The parish office is open 9am to 4pm Monday through Thursday and 9am to 12:30 on Friday.



End-of-Summer Breakfast at the Community Field House, Matunuck

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 2024 8:30am to 11:30am

Adults: \$12.00—Children 6-12: \$7 Children 5 and under: FREE

Tickets can be purchased at the breakfast!

The annual St. Francis Parish End of Summer Breakfast in Matunuck is rapidly approaching. The date is August 25th at the Matunuck Community House. To this end, many "hands" are needed to make this a successful event, we urge and encourage you to help us out!!! Participation is needed in setup/breakdown, serving and baking.

Bakers & servers are needed. If you can help please call Ellen Schwab at 789-7707.

Come join us for good company and wonderful food !

BRINGING UP THE OFFERTORY GIFTS



If you have requested a Mass Intention for a Saturday or Sunday Mass and wish to bring up the Gifts at the

Offertory, if possible please let one of the greeters, priest or deacon know before Mass.

You should go to the back of the church where the Gifts are located as the first collection is ending. Follow the cross bearer if there happens to be one at the Mass that you attend.

SAVE THE DATE

August 4: August 25:

September 27: September 28/29: October 12/13: October 19/20:

October 20:

October 26: November 2:

November 2: November 23: November 29: Welcome Mass (9am) Parish Breakfast in Matunuck 8:30-11:30am) Pasta Dinner (5-7pm) Baby Bottle Boomerang Begins Bethlehem Olive Wood Sale Rose Sale for Mother of Life Center Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage (3:00pm) Coat Drive All Souls Mass for the departed (10am) SOC Food Drive Begins Bazaar (9am-2pm)

Giving Trees to be placed in Church and Chapel



Welcome Mass: August 4 at 9am

This Mass is to recognize those parishioners who have joined our parish family

over the past year. Please join us after Mass for a reception downstairs in Helen Bouchard Hall for a meet and greet.



Permanent Diaconate Class being called, applications due Thu., August 15

Jesus says: "Whoever serves me, must follow me, and my servant will be with me wherever I am" (John 12:24-26). The Permanent Diaconate is a calling to be a servant of Christ and His church. The Diocese of Providence is currently recruiting a new Permanent Diaconate class, for more information as well as how to apply please visit https://dioceseofprovidence.org/deacon-formation-program and/or contact Deacon Bud Remillard, diocesan coordinator of Deacon Formation at 401-278-4604 or LRemillard@dpvd.org.



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