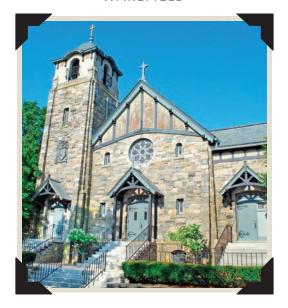
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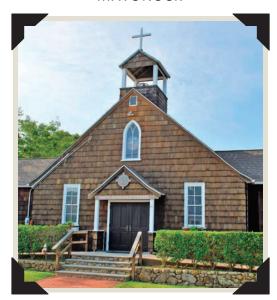
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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 7:00 am
Saturday 4:30 pm
Sunday9:00 am and 11:00 am
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Saturday at 3:30 - 4:00 pm in Saint Francis Church or by appointment.

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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 pm Friday From 9:00 am—12:30 pm

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Francis Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 27

4:30pm †Beth-Ann Hamilton Asplund Requested by Kelli

Sunday, July 28

9:00am †Sarah & James Folcarelli Requested by Family

11:00am †Myra Connor

Requested by Family

Monday, July 29

7:00am †Nancy Hutchinson

Requested by Karen & Jerry Shepherd

Tuesday, July 30

7:00am †Fran Fitzpatrick

Requested by the Event Committee

Thursday, August 1

7:00am†Rosemary Walsh

(Birthday Remembrance)

Requested by Kathleen & James Carney

Friday, August 2

7:00am Special Intenttion

Requested by Amanda Bremner

Saturday, August 3

4:30pm †Joseph Colgan

(21st 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

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 27

5:30pm †Thomas Butera

Requested by the Mancini Family

Sunday, July 28

8:00am †Madeline & Walter Johansen &

Bob Alarie

Requested by Jude

10:00am †Rachel Passero & Jeanne

Henthorn

Requested by Family

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

God provides for our needs and multiplies our offerings.

In today's readings, we hear two stories about miraculous feedings. In the first reading, the prophet Elisha feeds 100 people with only 20 barley loaves and some ears of fresh grain. In the Gospel reading, Jesus feeds 5,000 from only five barley loaves and two fish.

The reference to barley loaves in John's Gospel clearly recalls the story about Elisha. Those present interpret this miracle as a sign that Jesus is *the Prophet, the one who is to come*. They recognize him as the prophet-king, the messiah. And yet, there is something inadequate about their understanding of who Jesus is, so he avoids their efforts to make him their king. Jesus is in line with the prophets, the fulfillment of prophecies about the messiah, yet he is more than a prophet. He is the Son of God, the Word become flesh.

We believe that God is the Creator. He creates the world *ex nihilo*, from nothing. Yet, in both of these stories, an offering is made. God does not feed the crowds from nothing. He takes what is offered and multiplies it.

Each week, when we celebrate the Eucharist, God does the same for us. We bring forth an offering of bread and wine, "fruit of the earth and work of human hands," and they become for us the body and blood of Christ. It is not wheat and grapes that are brought forth, but bread and wine. It is God's creation transformed by our work. Though we may have very little connection to the actual production of the bread and wine that are offered, they represent our work, the sacrifices we make each day to bring the world closer to God's dream for it.

With God, nothing is wasted. Our smallest efforts—our prayers, our works, our sufferings—when united with Christ's sacrifice, can be transformed into Christ's very body and blood. We take what God has given us—our bodies, our lives, our talents and abilities—and use them to transform creation through our work. This is what we bring to the table, hoping that God will transform it—transform us—along with the bread and wine.

If we receive the Eucharist with the proper disposition, we are united not only to Christ, but in Christ to one another, as one body. This is Paul's message in his Letter to the Ephesians, as he urges them to preserve the unity of the Spirit. As we prepare our hearts to receive the Eucharist today, we offer our gifts to God, so that they may be multiplied and that we may become Christ's body, united in our one faith as a sign of our one Lord, who is over all and through all and in all.



 Weekly Support
 July 21

 Budget envelopes used (140)
 \$4,690.00

 Loose Donations
 \$2,018.00

 Online Giving (# of donors 79)
 \$2,843.0

 Total Budget
 \$9,551.00

This week's second collection if for Ongoing Maintenance. Next week's second collection is for the Holy Father-Peter's Pence. **Thank you for your continued generosity.**

JULY 28, 2024



SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of deceased parishioners.



MEMORIAL CANDLES

There are still Memorial Candles available for November through January.

If you would like to secure a memorial candle for a deceased loved one or for an entire family just call the office. The offering is \$45.00. They will all be lit at the same time every three months. A memori-

al name tag for the deceased loved one(s) will be placed right in front of a white candle.



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

honoring couples of the Diocese of Providence who will be observing their 25th, 40th, 50th and OVER 50 years 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.*

BASKETS NEEDED FOR PASTA DINNER

Do you have baskets you would like to donate? We are looking for clean, large size baskets to use for our basket raffle.



To donate, please drop them off at the rectory during office hours.



FAITH FORMATION (401) 792-8684

The Faith Formation Office is closed for the month of July.



Pray: Lord Jesus, you fed the hungry crowds that day, and you feed us with the bread of life. Through the gift of yourself help us to become more like you.

Amen.





Monday, July 29

7:30-11:00am Adoration (Church) 6:30pm Men of St. Joseph (\JFGC)

Wednesday, July 31

NO PRAYER MEETING TONIGHT-TENT REVIVAL

Thursday, August 1

6:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

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



SAVE THE DATE!

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!



Congratulations to the proud parents and godparent of Camille Marie Whitney who was baptized on July 21 by Fr. Ranallo. *Your parish family rejoices with you!*

SAVE THE DATE

July 29-31 Summer Tent Revival-

Charlestown

August 4: Welcome Mass (9am)

August 25: Parish Breakfast in Matunuck

8:30-11:30am)

September 27: Pasta Dinner (5-7pm)

September 28/29: Baby Bottle Boomerang Begins
October 12/13: Bethlehem Olive Wood Sale
Rose Sale for Mother of Life

Center

October 20: Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage

(3:00pm)

October 26: Coat Drive

November 2: All Souls Mass for the departed

(10am)

November 2: SOC Food Drive Begins
November 23: Bazaar (9am-2pm)

November 29: Giving Trees to be placed in

Church and Chapel



2024 SUMMER TENT REVIVAL GOD'S RADICAL LOVE

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Guest presenter DEACON ART MILLER

Deacon, author, radio host, revivalist Deacon and retired businessman, Deacon Art Miller is the former director of the Office for Black Catholic Ministries for the Archdiocese of Hartford. In addition to his assigned parishes, he is also the Catholic chaplain at Hartford's Capital Community College. A nationally known preacher of God's Holy Scripture, he has traveled throughout the country raising the need of conversion to "Radical Love". The kind of self-denying love that can only be accomplished through the grace and power offered to us through Jesus Christ. Deacon Miller has preached throughout the United States - from New England to the Katrina-ravaged Gulf Coast of Mississippi, from the Rocky Mountains of northern New Mexico, to the south side of Chicago; he teaches and preaches Christ's call to His life-changing "Radical Love".

St. Mary's and St. Francis of Assisi Parishes invites all to join us July 29th, 30th and 31st 6:00–7:30pm at St. James Chapel 2079 Matunuck School House Rd, Charlestown, RI

Praise and Worship music with Mark Castro on the 29th and 30th & John Polce on the 31st. For additional information, please contact Deacon John Dowd 401-783-4411



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(For private recitation on ordinary rosary beads)

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

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 $oldsymbol{E}$ 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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