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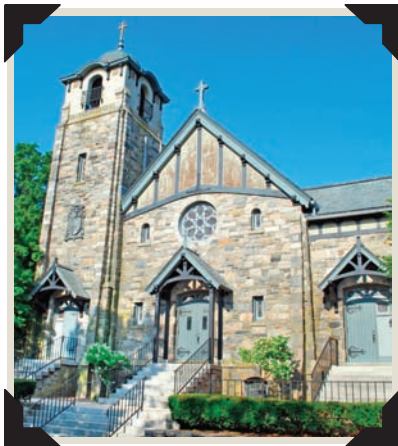


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### Masses

**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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### 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.

welcome

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



# THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## St. Francis Mass Intentions



### Saturday, August 17

4:30pm †Ralph & Rose Calitri  
*Requested by Family*

### Sunday, August 18

9:00am †Steve Hunt  
*Requested by Family*

11:00am †June Friel  
(Birthday Remembrance)  
*Requested by Family*

### Monday, August 19

7:00am †Fran Fitzpatrick  
*Requested by Lee Whicker*

### Tuesday, August 20

7:00am †Helen Rogue  
*Requested by John & Patty Grimes*

### Thursday, August 22

7:00am †Arlene Garvey  
*Requested by Patty Grimes*

### Friday, August 23

7:00am †Deceased members of Behie & O'Rourke Families

### Saturday, August 24

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

### Sunday, August 25

9:00am †Donald Sullivan  
*Requested by Curry Family*

11:00am †Rick Soltysiak  
*Requested by Family*

## St. Romuald Mass Intentions

### Saturday, August 17

5:30pm †Nina & Lou Argondizzo  
*Requested by Jack & Barbara*

### Sunday, August 18

8:00am †Robert & Mary Cochrane  
*Requested by Al & Gerri Marsocci*

10:00am †Fran Vass  
*Requested by Family*

### Saturday, August 24

5:30pm †Deceased members of Marchand & Marsocci Families  
*Requested by Gerri & Al Marsocci*

### Sunday, August 25

8:00am †Donald Laux  
*Requested by Maggie Hayes-Cote*

10:00am †Barney Fenaughty  
(Anniversary Remembrance)  
*Requested by Family*

*For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink*

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In today's Gospel reading, we continue to hear from the Bread of Life Discourse in John. Unlike the Synoptic Gospels, John's Gospel does not contain an institution narrative (Jesus' words and the narrative surrounding them during the Last Supper when he gave us the Eucharist), so this discourse serves as the foundation for his Eucharistic theology. In today's reading, Jesus summarizes what he has said previously, but also adds to it by identifying the living bread with his flesh which he gives *for the life of the world*. In other words, he identifies this bread with the sacrifice he will make on the cross.

When the Jewish listeners wonder how he can give them his flesh to eat, he asserts, *unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you*. It was against Jewish law to consume blood, so this requirement would have been offensive to Jews. The argument has been made that if Jesus meant his words metaphorically, he would have said so here.

When we consume the Eucharist, we eat and drink Christ's body and blood. We take into our bodies the death and resurrection of Christ – our salvation. The *Catechism* says: "the principal fruit of receiving the Eucharist ... is an intimate union with Christ Jesus." We take Christ's body into our bodies, becoming what we receive. The Eucharistic banquet is the foundation of life in Christ (CCC 1391). When we eat Christ's flesh and drink his blood, we are not simply reminded of his death on the cross, we partake of it.

In John's Gospel, Jesus is the Word made flesh. Jesus communicates the Father to us. The idea that Jesus is the Word of God has its roots in wisdom literature. We see in today's first reading that wisdom is depicted as something to be consumed. Those who consume the food and drink that Wisdom has prepared grow in understanding, and this understanding leads to life: *Forsake foolishness that you may live*. Jesus receives his life from the Father. Those who eat his flesh and drink his blood receive his life – the life of the Father, life eternal.

When we are baptized, we receive new life in the Spirit as sons and daughters of God. But this life in the Spirit must be sustained. Just as we need food to preserve our bodily life, so do we need the Eucharist to preserve our spiritual life. Each time we receive the Eucharist, the life of grace we received at our baptism is preserved, increased, and renewed (CCC 1392). We are brought into union with Christ and his Church. Our venial sins are wiped away, and we are preserved from mortal sins. Celebrating the Eucharist each Sunday is not something extra we do as Christians; it is the essence of who we are. We are God's people, called together to receive him in his word and in this sacrament.



### Weekly Support

|                     |   |                    |
|---------------------|---|--------------------|
| Budget envelopes    | - | \$ 3,443.00        |
| Loose Donations     | - | \$ 2,986.00        |
| Online Giving       | - | \$15,504.00        |
| <b>Total Budget</b> | - | <b>\$21,933.00</b> |

### Second Collection (Monthly)

|                  |   |                   |
|------------------|---|-------------------|
| Budget envelopes | - | \$ 932.00         |
| Loose Donations  | - | \$ 870.00         |
| Online Giving    | - | \$ 30.00          |
| <b>Total</b>     | - | <b>\$1,832.00</b> |

There is no second collection this week. The second collection next week is for Ongoing Maintenance. **Thank you for your continued generosity.**

AUGUST 18, 2024



### SANCTUARY LAMP

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

### 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.

*Bazaar*

### ATTENTION CRAFTERS!

If you would like to rent a table for the November 23rd Bazaar, please either pick up a form in the parish office or email Gail Dandurand at [gandura1@gmail.com](mailto:gandura1@gmail.com) to have a form emailed to you.

Don't delay if you are interested as we have many vendors coming back from last year so spots are limited.

### St. Vincent DePaul Society

*Just a reminder that our St. Vincent de Paul chapter here at St. Francis needs your help. They ask your help by using their poor boxes located in the church and chapel so that they can assist those in need in our area (Gift cards are accepted). If you know of someone in need of assistance, SVDP can be reached at 401-871-8936. **Please keep them in your prayers!***



### Friday Dinners Available

The SVDP dinner program is providing Friday meals for pick up or delivery at no cost. Would you—or someone you know—like a cooked meal? We are in need of volunteers to deliver meals. Call 401-588-4192 or email [esweeney1@cox.net](mailto:esweeney1@cox.net) to order a meal or volunteer to deliver.



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**Pray: Jesus, you are the bread of life, and I believe that you are really present in the Eucharistic meal we share. Fill me with your life and make me become more like you. Amen.**

Yes, summer is still with us but the start of our K-6<sup>th</sup> Faith Formation Classes is a month away. Here's what you need to know:

- Children enrolled in the program last year are automatically promoted to the next grade.
- Those families NEW to the parish and families with children entering First Grade must register their child/ren. Kindergarteners are welcome.
- If your child attends Catholic School and is in 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade, you must register your child for First Holy Communion classes and Confirmation classes. (Confirmation classes begin in 7<sup>th</sup> grade with the sacrament of Confirmation received in 8<sup>th</sup> grade.)

**Registration forms** may be found online at [stfranciswakefield.com](http://stfranciswakefield.com) or you may call Jamie and Cheryl at 792-8684 to register.

Keep an eye out for your Faith Formation mailing this week!

We are still looking for catechists for grades K, 1<sup>st</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup>. If interested, please call Jamie Friel at 401-792-8684.



## This Week

### Monday, August 19

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

6:30pm Men of St. Joseph (↓FGC)

### Tuesday, August 20

6:30 pm Pastoral Council Meeting (FGC)

### Wednesday, August 21

6:00pm Prayer Meeting (HBH)

### Thursday, August 22

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 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

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PLEASE CALL ELLEN SCHWAB AT 789-7707.**

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*We would like to  
congratulate Samuel  
Curtis Williams & Victoria  
Eugenia Rodriguez who were re-  
cently married at St. Francis.  
May God bless you !*

## SAVE THE DATE

**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

**October 19/20:**

Rose Sale for Mother of Life  
Center

**October 20:**

Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage  
(3:00pm)

**October 26:**

Coat Drive

**November 2:**

SOC Food Drive Begins

**November 4:**

All Souls Mass for the departed  
(6:30pm)

**November 23:**

Bazaar (9am-2pm)

**November 29:**

Giving Trees to be placed in  
Church and Chapel



### PASTA DINNER BASKET DONATIONS

Thank you to those of you who have already donated goods for the baskets to be raffled at our Pasta Dinner on Friday, September 27, from 5 to 7pm. If you have not already done so, please consider donating no later than Monday, September 16. Your donations are greatly appreciated. They can be dropped off at the rectory during office hours.

Please join us for this fun evening!



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Jubilee Year of Mercy

## 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  
IMPRIMATUR: + Joseph F. Maguire  
November 17, 1979 Bishop of Springfield, Mass.

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