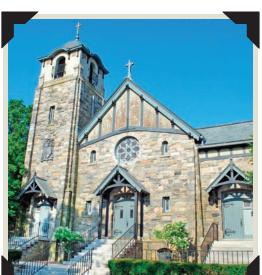
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Saturday at 3:30 - 4:00 pm in Saint Francis Church or by appointment.

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Third Sunday of each month.

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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.



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THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Francis Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 26

4:30pm †Vincent & Elvira Moses Requested by Children

Sunday, October 27

9:00am †Maria & Nhvong Tran &

John Thanh Ha

Requested by Family

11:00am †Arlene Robinson

Requested by Family

Monday, October 28

7:00am †Edward J. Walsh

Requested by Kathleen & Jeff Carney

Tuesday, October 29

7:00am †John Schultz

Requested by Family

Thursday, October 31

7:00am †Edward Ted Carney

Requested by Kathleen & Jeff Carney

All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation)

Friday, November 1

7:00am †For the Deceased Members of the Perpetual Mass Association

6:30pm †Special Intention - Amanda Bremuer

Saturday, November 2

4:30pm †Roy & Ann Dessaint

Requested by Family

Sunday, November 3

9:00am †Deceased Members of Flynn &

Carney Families

Requested by Kathleen & Jeff Carney 11:00am †Mr. & Mrs Albert Ranallo

Requested by Family

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Sunday, October 27

10:00am †Eileen Ullrich

Requested by Maggie Hayes-Cote

Sunday, November 3

10:00am †Martha & Blanche McElKenney Requested by Family

Ask the Lord to bring about a radical change in your life.

Today's Gospel offers a beautiful story of encounter, healing, faith, and discipleship, and offers many insights and lessons. Let us delve deeper into one of the moments in the story and one of its many insights.

Jesus is going through Jericho and a blind man, Bartimaeus, hears of it, and begins to call out to him. He eventually succeeds in catching Jesus' attention and Jesus calls for him to come over. In response, Bartimaeus doesn't just get up and walk over. No, Mark tells us that Bartimaeus threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus.

It isn't just the enthusiasm that should catch our attention. The cloak he threw would be the cloak upon which he'd collect whatever coins people might throw his way, a cloak he needed as a beggar. But he threw that aside, confident that he wouldn't need it anymore, ready to let that way of life go, on the hope that Jesus would make something different possible.

In response to Jesus' question, Bartimaeus tells Jesus that he wants to see. Jesus gives him that, and more. Not only does Bartimaeus receive his eyesight, even more importantly, he is granted salvation because of his faith. Bartimaeus responds by becoming a disciple of Jesus - by embracing that new life he had been ready for when he'd heard Jesus was coming through town, and following Jesus on the way.

Bartimaeus doesn't just go from being blind to having sight. He has faith that enables him to let go of his previous life and embark on a new one – one of discipleship. Sometimes, when we hear healing stories such as this one, we can start to wonder, Why not me? Why doesn't the Lord heal my loved one? Am I not praying enough? Have I not persevered enough? All of these are understandable questions, arising from a place of doubt rather than faith. Faith lets us ask, "What will I do with the Lord's answer to my prayer?"

If we think about it, we can see that sometimes, when we pray, rather than praying for change, we are praying for restoration, for things to go back to the way they were, and we are praying for that miracle that will make it possible. If life was good for us, but something has turned it upside down, it makes sense that we would long for and pray for things to go back to the way they were.

But today's Gospel reminds us that sometimes the Lord is about more than restoration. Sometimes, that perseverance in prayer and that encounter with the Lord are meant to prompt a change, perhaps a radical change, in us, one that orients us to be willing to let go of everything and follow him.

Let today's Gospel challenge us to consider whether the Lord is inviting us to find that new way of seeing and being. Are we ready to throw aside our cloak and accept his healing and salvation?



Weekly Support October 20 Budget envelopes used (106) \$2,954.50 Loose Donations \$1,437.50 Online Giving (# of donors-76) **Total Budget**

Second Collection (Mission Sunday)
Budget envelopes used (86)
Loose Donations 462.00 Online Giving (# of donors-5) 90.00 **Total** \$1.,984.00

This week's second collection is for Ongoing Maintenance. There will be no second collection next week. **Thank you for your continued generosity.**

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OCTOBER 27, 2024



SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Edward Walsh.

WE HAVE A NEW EMAIL!

Our office email has been changed to office@stfranciswakefield.com Please make note of this. Thank You and God Bless!

ALL SOULS MASS OF REMEMBRANCE MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, AT 6:30PM

Won't you consider joining us as we observe All Soul's Day? **Monday**, **November 4**, is All Soul's Day, a day set aside for special prayers and Masses for the deceased. Consider participating in our annual Mass of Remembrance at 6:30pm at St. Francis Church when we will remember our parishioners who passed away during this past year. A candle will be given in their memory to each family to take home. All parishioners are welcome to participate. There is no better gift we can offer our deceased loved ones than our prayers. Please join us!

Just a reminder that the remembrance book will be placed in front of the statue of St. Francis during the month of November. All are welcome to enter the names of their deceased loved ones. They will be remembered during the month of November.

SOCIAL OUTREACH COMMITTEE:

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

The Social Outreach Committee is sponsoring the Parish Holiday Food Drive to benefit the Jonnycake

Center for Hope. The food drive will run for two weeks, from November 2nd thru Nov 10th.

The foods being requested are: Turkey gravy, canned vegetables: corn, green beans, carrots. Boxed stuffing, cranberry sauce, quick bread mixes. Pie crust mix, fruit pie filling (pumpkin), canned yams, boxed mashed potatoes. There will be receptacles in the church and St. Romuald's for the donations.

Each year during the holidays the Jonnycake Center distributes food to hundreds of families and seniors benefitting thousands of individuals. Our St. Francis family has always answered the call when asked to help others less fortunate in our community. Thank you for your continued generosity!



FAITH FORMATION (401) 792-8684

Faith Formation K-6

November 3rd Reminders:

K-6th Classes in FGH 9:55-10:50am

Confirmation I and II

Upcoming classes:

Wednesdays: 6:30pm-8:15pm (FGC)

November 6th- Grade 8 your Sponsor Certificate is due. NET Retreat Permission forms are due

Saturday, November 16th NET Retreat: Christian Brothers Center: 635 Ocean Rd., Narragansett 10am-5:30pm (4:30 Mass)



All Saints Party 12:30pm FGH

Children preschool to grade 6th are invited to come dressed as their favorite saint to enjoy games, pizza and refreshments.

4th Grade Catechist & Volunteers Needed

Our Faith Formation program is in need of a Fourth Grade Catechist.

If you feel God calling you to serve our students please contact Jamie Friel at <u>Jamie.friel</u> @stfranciswakefield.com

We are also in need of volunteers to lead Children's Liturgy at the 9 am Mass.

A minimum of two volunteers per liturgy are necessary. Please email Jamie if you are interested in Children's liturgy.



Monday, October 28

7:30-10:00am Adoration (Church)

6:30 pm Men of St. Joseph (↓FGC)

Wednesday, October 30

10:15am Womens' Prayer Group (FGC)

6:00pm Prayer Meeting (HBH)

Thursday, October 31

6:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

Friday, November 1

7:30-9:00am Adoration (Church)

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

MARIAN PROCESSION NOVEMBER 2

On November 2, there will be a Marian Procession through the city of Providence to give honor to Our Lady, Glory to God, and for God's people to express their devotion and invoke divine blessing. On the Day of All Souls, it is also an opportunity to commend our beloved dead to the mercy of the Lord.

If you have questions or interest, please call Mr. Edward Gallagher (English) at 401-573-3630 or Celso Vera (Spanish) at 401-278-2533.



Intention for this Friday,
November 1, at 7:00am at the Church

The Deceased Members of the Perpetual Mass Association

John & Marie Champion
Yvonne Fanning
Paul F. & Susan Greene
Marilyn Maley
Edna Otto
Anthony & Kathleen Rose
Christopher Shafer
Daniel Shea
Laura Webb

SAVE THE DATE

Month of October: Rosary at the Chapel, Weeknights

at 5:00 pm

November 2: SOC Food Drive Begins

November 4: All Souls Mass for the departed

(6:30pm)

November 15: Paint & Vino Night (6pm)

November 23: Bazaar (9am-2pm)

November 29: Giving Trees will be placed at

Church and Chapel for

Donations

Month of January: Baby Shower



DIOCESE OF PROVIDENCE'S WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

December 7th, 8:30am-3:30pm

Registration is open. The conference will take place at The Cathedral of SS Peter and Paul. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Infants in arms are welcome! Hear insightful and inspiring talks from this year's speakers: National speaker, author, EWTN talk show host, and journalist, Teresa Tomeo, and Professor of Theology at Providence College, Dr. Holly Taylor Coolman, PhD. Enjoy the musical talents of Liz Cotrupi Pfunder. Visit evangelizeri.org/womens-conference to learn more and register.



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Saint Francis of Assisi Bazaar: Saturday, November 23, 9am-2pm, at Father Greenan Hall

This event includes: craft/vendors tables, a silent auction, 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 bake table. Please bring wrapped, labeled goods to the Father Greenan Hall either November 22nd from 4-6pm or the morning of November 23 after 8am. All proceeds from the bake sale go right to our parish.

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



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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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