

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 25

4:30 †Marcia Signorelli
(1st Anniversary Remembrance)
Requested by her Husband

Sunday, August 26

8:00am †Jean Krul
Requested by Family
10:00am †William Ford
(90th Birthday Remembrance)
Req. by Peter & Corinne Pezzelli & Family
12:00nn †John Edward Krafton
Requested by Family

Monday, August 27

7:00am †Dennis O'Rourke

Tuesday, August 28

7:00am †Bob Brown
Requested by Wife

Wednesday, August 29

7:00am †John Fitzgerald
Requested by the Sweet & Fuller Families

Thursday, August 30

7:00am †Betty Ann Hogan
Req. by Kathleen Puchalla & Kathleen Carney

Friday, August 31

7:00am †Matilda Coppolino
Requested by Family

Saturday, September 1

4:30 Mass for the People

Sunday, September 2

8:00am †Carolyn Flynn Izzo
Requested by Kathleen & Jeff Carney
10:00am Mrs. Rita A. Murphy & Miss Alice Lovett
Requested by Gerard X. Murphy
12:00nn †Ellen Woodbury
Requested by Maureen & Paul Burnham



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 25

5:30pm †Nancy & Charles Galligan
Requested by Family

Sunday, August 26

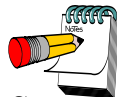
8:00am †Teresa Reilly
Requested by Louise Kiessling Fair
10:00am †Dan & Barney Fenaughty
Requested by Family

Saturday, September 1

5:30pm †George J. Alarie
Requested by Jude

Sunday, September 2

8:00am †Joyce Godin McGovern
Requested by her Matunuck Friends
10:00am †Kay & Michael Fahey
Requested by a Friend



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns for a special intention for Lorraine Racine.

Blood drive!

St. Romuald Chapel

Next Sunday, September 2, 2018

7:45-11:45am

Bloodmobile

61 Atlantic Avenue, Matunuck

Don't forget to bring your driver's license or another form of identification when you donate.

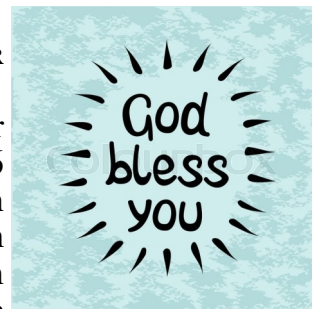
Blood components do not last long. This is why new, healthy blood is needed everyday.

Giving blood is a wonderful way to give of oneself and help save lives in our community!

Visit <http://www.ribc.org/drives> to make an appointment, Sponsor Code **2487**.

FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR FR. DUFOUR

Join us for a reception for Father Dufour this Sunday, August 26 following the noon Mass in Helen Bouchard Hall. We have been blessed to have Fr. Dufour here with us through the summer. He will be with us through Labor Day weekend and then he will return to Rome to continue his last year of studies. So if you have a moment stop by to wish him well. *We have been truly blessed. We will miss you Fr. Dufour and we will keep you in our prayers!*



PARISH SUPPORT

<u>Weekly Support</u>		<u>August 19</u>
Budget envelopes used (244)	-	\$7,170.50
Loose Donations	-	\$2,398.00
Online Giving (# of donors-57)	-	\$1,993.00
Total Budget	-	\$11,561.50

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary \$1,227.00

This week's second collection is for Ongoing Maintenance. Next week's second collection is the Monthly Collection.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

AUGUST 26, 2018

From the Pastor,

Many of us have once again been upended by the report of the grand jury, impaneled by Mr. Josh Shapiro, the Attorney General of Pennsylvania. I'm afraid that the impression is being given that there is an ongoing problem with sexual abuse and subsequent cover-up in the Catholic Church. But the perpetrators exposed by this report are the same ones we've been hearing about for the last 35 years. They are all either dead or have been expelled from the priesthood. In our diocese, as in others, for more than 20 years protocols have been in place to deal with any credible allegation against any priest: the case is handed over immediately to the civil authorities. (See the excerpts from the Bishop's letter reprinted in this bulletin.) Any bishop in the US found not following this procedure has been removed from his position. In our diocese—and I'm sure in all others—diocesan officials have met with people traumatized by sexual abuse to make sure that they are afforded psychological help. One of the priests of our diocese who, more than anyone else, met with these victims to see that they were taken care of and who defended them against the accusation that they were just out for money, was my immediate predecessor, Msgr. Paul Theroux, who was Vicar General of our diocese for many years.

Before the mid-1980s the bishops were still following what people had expected in times past: the parents didn't want the publicity; the bishops didn't want the scandal; the medical professionals taught that children are resilient and would forget and would only be further traumatized by making a public issue of their abuse. Now we know that this way of dealing with this kind of offense is counter-productive. Hence the policies referred to in the last paragraph. The seminaries have been diligent in forming priests who will not take advantage of their position to harm anyone and the Pope is also giving notice that the same example should be followed in the rest of the world.

The #MeToo movement has signaled a sea-change in sexual mores in our society: no one, of whatever status or power, should be able to expect or solicit sexual favors from anyone. Women will no longer be expected to let themselves be taken advantage of, and those who lead little ones astray will have to pay a very dear price. As I have written before in these columns: I'm glad to see this day.

Fr. Bodah

TO LOVE AND TO CHERISH MARRIAGE PROGRAM

The Office of Life and Family is offering a program for Catholic marriages. To Love and To Cherish, is a free program designed to enrich/strengthen the sacramental journey of marriage, providing pertinent topics/discussions in a sharing group environment. The program will be held on Tuesdays, September 18 through October 16, 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. at Saint Kevin Church, 333 Sandy Ln., Warwick (school side entrance of the church). For registration/information, contact: Peter Magnotta at 421-7833, ext. 217. (Please note that this program is not for people who need marriage counseling.)



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

OUR CLASSES BEGIN:

- ◆ **Sunday, September 16th for Grades K-6**
Please note: All Sunday classes will meet at the same time 8:55-9:50
- ◆ **Wednesday, September 19th Grades 3-6**
Time: 4:15-5:15
- ◆ **Wednesday, September 19th Grades 7& 8**
Time: 7:00-8:15
This first meeting is a Parent-Student Orientation Mtg

The Religious Education mailing was sent on the 20th of August. All registered families should have received a mailing with the respective calendars and information for the coming year. If you have not received this information, please call Barbette or Diane at the Religious Ed Office at 792-8684. If you have a child in Grade 2 attending Catholic school, you must register for Religious Ed classes for First Holy Communion.



Children's Liturgy of the Word will take place during the 10:00AM Mass at St. Francis of Assisi Church beginning **September 23rd**. We are eager to welcome adults or Confirmation students interested in becoming a children's liturgy of the word presenter. We provide you with all of the materials and assistance in preparing for the Sunday's readings. You would be responsible to present once every six or seven weeks, depending on the number of presenters. For more information, contact Barbette at 792-8684 and/or come to our organizational meeting on Sept. 10th at 6:30 in HBH.

The Office of Youth Ministry is hosting a diocesan youth event on September 8 from 10am to 9pm on the beautiful grounds of Our Lady of Fatima Parish in



Cumberland for a day of music including nationally known Catholic musician Michael Mette along with Revive Ministries. Keynote speakers including our diocesan seminarian Dan Mahoney, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Eucharistic Adoration, interactive activities, a bonfire, meals, and more.

The day will culminate in Mass celebrated by Bishop Tobin with Father Joseph Brice serving as homilist. The cost is \$20 per youth (High school to age 20).

If you are interested in attending this event with our parish, email Diane Castro at castro_sfrancis@verizon.net or Emily Cuellar at youth-ministrystmsfa@gmail.com

This Week

Monday, August 27

7:30am Adoration (SF)

6:30pm Event Committee Meeting (FGC)

Tuesday, August 28

6:30pm Finance Council Meeting (MCCR)

Thursday, August 30

9:00-10:30am Staff Meeting (Office closed during this time)

6:00pm Opening the Word (FGC)

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (↓FGC)

Monday, September 3

HOLIDAY—OFFICES CLOSED & NO ADORATION



SAVE THE DATE

Blessing of the Animals: September 30 at 1:15pm by the statue of St. Francis of Assisi on the side of the church.

Flu Clinics: October 7 at St. Romuald Chapel (11am-12NN); **October 14** at St. Francis Church (8:30am-1:00pm)

October Devotions (Rosary & Litany of Our Lord): Weeknights at 6:30pm throughout the month of October at St. Romuald Chapel.

Pasta Dinner: Friday, October 12 from 5-7:30pm

August 15, 2018

Statement of the Diocese of Providence Regarding Recent News Reports About the Sexual Abuse of Minors in the Church

With the recent allegations of incidents of sexual abuse committed by Archbishop Theodore McCarrick, former Archbishop of Washington, D.C., and the release of a Grand Jury Report involving several dioceses in Pennsylvania, and similar reports coming from other dioceses across the globe, the sad spectacle of the sexual abuse of minors in the Catholic Church has once again resurfaced. We cannot but feel profound shame, regret and remorse for the immeasurable harm these incidents, even if from the distant past, have caused the victims/survivors and their families, and we mourn the incalculable harm these incidents have inflicted upon the Church, the Body of Christ.

For many years now, particularly with our “Diocesan Child Protection and Outreach Policy” (2004), the Diocese of Providence has employed a very aggressive response to credible allegations of sexual abuse of minors by any member of the clergy. The accused perpetrators have been immediately removed from office and placed on administrative leave, with all ministerial faculties revoked; the church communities in which the clergy have served have been promptly notified; law enforcement officials, including the State Police and the Attorney General’s Office have been immediately notified; as required by the law of the Church, a report of the allegations has been forwarded to the Vatican; and pastoral outreach and tangible assistance have been offered to the identified victims/survivors.

In recognition of these efforts, last year a national audit confirmed that the Diocese of Providence is in full compliance with the USCCB “Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People.”

Incidents of sexual abuse of minors in the Church – or wherever they occur – must be aggressively addressed, eliminated, and punished. In light of the news of recent days, in our country and around the world, the Diocese of Providence renews its commitment to provide a safe environment for children and youth. We are equally determined to purge the Church of these horrible acts, and to respond compassionately to all those who have been harmed. May God forgive us our sins and grant us the grace to follow a path of reform and renewal.

(For more information on diocesan policies and procedures on this effort, please visit our website: www.dioceseofprovidence.org and click on the “Promise to Protect” button on the homepage.)

2018 MISSION COOPERATIVE APPEAL

The Propagation of the Faith Office of our Diocese has invited the diocese of Kumbakonam, India to speak to us about their missionary activities and challenges. *Accordingly, Rev. Benjamin Franklin will be speaking to us during all Masses on the weekend of September 8/9.*

This Diocese started in 1899 in the State of Tamil Nadu, India which has a Catholic population of 213,000 (6% of the population). It is served by 210 diocesan and 63 religious priests, 588 nuns and 15 trained lay catechists.

Following are some of the goals for a New Evangelization:

- ◇ Establishing 10 more new parishes, each with a new church & rectory. Currently there are 93 parishes & 618 mission-stations. Most of the Catholics have no means of transportation & are unable to give financial support.
- ◇ To provide the 126 Catholic schools in the missions with better facilities, tools, children’s Bibles, text-books & workbooks, etc.
- ◇ Enabling 485 nuns and 2155 Catholic teachers in charge of catechetical, educational, medical & social ministries throughout this rural diocese, to educate the children in the Catholic faith & to help the people, particularly the poor, for their integral development.
- ◇ Education of more young men in the seminary, since the diocese abounds in vocation to the priesthood & religious life so that some can be sent as missionaries abroad where there is a shortage of priest.
- ◇ Education of 1000 very poor or orphan children from poor families every year by providing them with free board & lodge. All of the above projects are 80% dependent on Mission Cooperative Funds.

We thank you in advance for your generosity. God bless,