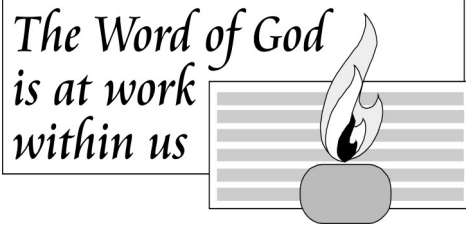


THE THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions



Saturday, November 4

4:30 †William & Genevieve Wajda
Requested by Family

Sunday, November 5

8:00am

10:00am †Patrick Sullivan Dufficy
Requested by Mom & Dad

12:00nn †Nancy Pearce

Requested by Mark & Diane Castro

Monday, November 6

7:00am Special Intention

Tuesday, November 7

7:00am Mass for the People

Wednesday, November 8

7:00am †The Murphy Family

Requested by Gerard X. Murphy

Thursday, November 9

7:00am †John Meehan

Requested by Jim & Susan Meehan

Friday, November 10

7:00am †Rita & Tom O'Rourke & Warren Behie

Requested by Family

Saturday, November 11

4:30 †Marcia Signorelli

Requested by Family

Sunday, November 12

8:00am Mass for the People

10:00am †The Palmiotto & Martiniano Families

Requested by Family

12:00nn Prayers Answered for a Special Intention

Requested by Barbara Potter



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, November 5

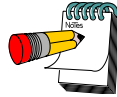
10:00am †Patrice Munson

Requested by Family

Sunday, November 12

10:00am †Owen & Maureen Rielly

Requested by Family



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Patrick Sullivan Dufficy.

Always
&
Forever



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

MASS INTENTIONS

It is very much part a part of our Catholic tradition to have Masses offered for deceased relatives and friends. Parishioners are encouraged to practice and to continue this tradition. When was the last time you had a Mass offered for a deceased parent, grandparent, uncle aunt, brother or sister? To make arrangements, please call the parish office at (401)783-4411 or stop by during office hours 9am to 4pm.



WE NEED YOUR HELP!



We are always interested in those parishioners who are unable to attend our services—whether it be for short term or a long time.

If you know of someone who is in a **convalescent home or who is homebound**, please call the office

and give us the information.

We want to reach out to and stay connected with all of our community members. **Thank You in Advance...** Contact Jacki at 783-4411 ext. 10 from 9am to 4pm Monday through Friday.

The November issue of *Word Among Us* is available at the entrances of the church. All are welcome to take one!

PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (246)	-	October 29 \$6,539.50
Loose Donations	-	\$1,248.00
Online Giving (# of donors—64)	-	\$2,156.00
Total Budget	-	\$9,943.50

This week's second collection is the monthly collection. Next week's second collection is for ongoing maintenance.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

NOVEMBER 5, 2017

Into Your Hands, Lord

(Father Richard Veras)

I was called to the hospital in the middle of the night and directed to the room of a woman who was dying, surrounded by family. Her breathing was labored and it seemed the end was near. She was not visibly conscious. I anointed her, and afterward I prayed with her family.

I then thought of praying the Apostolic Pardon, which asks that the dying person be released from sin and all temporal punishments. (I was a new priest and it was one of my first anointings.) As soon as I uttered the "Amen" that completed the prayer, the woman sighed her last breath and died. I was astounded.

I remained a while with the family in silence. As I was leaving, her daughter stopped me and said, "Father, did you see that?" To verify for myself what I experienced, I asked, "See what?" The daughter, too, spoke of her amazement that her mother gave up her spirit precisely at the "Amen," as if she had been waiting for that pardon.

I did not know this family, or their dying mother. They were from another parish. I didn't ask if she was a practicing Catholic and I did not know the state of her soul. But through the prayers of the Church and my priesthood, God showered her with overabundant grace.

In this month of All Souls Day, may we pray that all of our beloved deceased receive the grace-filled welcome of that stranger in the hospital, who was revealed to be a beloved daughter of God.

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**Father Richard Veras** is director of pastoral formation at Saint Joseph's Seminary in New York. He is author of three books, his latest being *The Word Made Flesh: Foreshadowed, Fulfilled, Forever (Magnificat)*.

### PRAYER SHAWLS

The St. Francis of Assisi Prayer Shawl Group has many beautiful prayer shawls available. If you know of someone that could benefit from receiving a prayer shawl please contact Jean McGair at 401-783-1633.



### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

#### **Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**

8:55-9:50am Grades K, 1 & 2 (FGC)

8:55-9:50 Grade 7 (FGC-Library)

9:00 Sanctuary Tour for Grade 2 students and their families

10:00 Children's' Liturgy of the Word

10:55-11:50 Grades 3-6 (FGC)

Grade 8 (FGC-Library)

#### **Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>**

4:15--5:15 Grades 3-6 (FGC)

7:00-8:15 Grades 7 & 8 (FGC)

#### **Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>**

6:00pm Confirmation Reconciliation & Rehearsal (Church) *Candidate & sponsor required to attend*



#### **Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>**

**10:00am CONFIRMATION**

(Candidates and sponsor need to be in Helen Bouchard Hall promptly at 9:30 am)

### ADULT COFFEE HOUR



**Just a reminder** that there will be an Adult Coffee Hour for all parents of religious education students during class times on Sunday mornings. This is a social event intended to give parents an opportunity to chat with other parents. If you're dropping your child off at the Father Greenan Center for religious education, please stay and have a cup of coffee!

## This Week

### Monday, November 6

7:30am Adoration (SF)

### Tuesday, November 7

6:00pm Social Outreach Committee Meeting (FGC)

7:00pm Bible Study (↓FGC)

### Thursday, November 9

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

6:00pm Confirmation Rehearsal (SF)

7:00pm Baptismal Preparation Class (Rectory)

7:00pm RCIA (MCCR-at rectory)

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (↓FGC-Foyer)

### Friday, November 10

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED-HOLIDAY (Veteran's Day)

### Saturday, November 11

10:00 CONFIRMATION (SF)



## BUY NOTHING DAY COAT EXCHANGE

**WHEN:** Friday, November 24  
10am until 12NN

**WHERE:** St. Francis Church  
(114 High St., Wakefield)  
(Helen Bouchard Hall-downstairs in church)

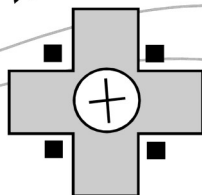
**Need:** New and used in good condition  
Coats, Scarves, Hats,  
Gloves, Sweaters, and Sweatshirts



**Early drop off for coats**  
**Sunday, November 19 through Wednesday,**  
**November 22**  
**(Helen Bouchard Hall—downstairs in church)**

**If you have a coat to give, please drop it off!**  
**If you need a coat, please come and pick one up!**

*Give glory to my name*



"We were gentle among you, as a nursing mother cares for her children. With such affection for you, we were determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but our very selves as well, so dearly beloved had you become to us...And for this reason we too give thanks to God unceasingly, that, in receiving the Word of God hearing from us, you received it not as a human word but, as it truly is, the Word of God which is now at work in you who believe.

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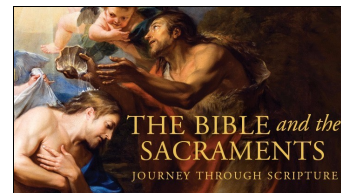
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Episodes 1 and 2 of *The Bible and the Sacraments* are now on FORMED!

## THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Food Drive



*This is the final weekend for the Food Drive to benefit the Jonnycake Center of Peace Dale.*

**The foods being requested are:** Stuffing mix (box or bag), Gravy (NO GLASS PLEASE), Cake and/or Muffin mixes, Quick bread mixes, Pie crust mixes, Fruit pie filling, Cranberry sauce (NO GLASS PLEASE).

**Please place food items in receptacles by the St. Francis statue in the church and by the front entrance at St. Romuald Chapel.**

Each year during the holidays The Jonnycake Center distributes food to hundreds of families benefitting thousands of individuals. The need continues to be great. Our St. Francis of Assisi parish family has always been generous when called upon to help those in need. Thank you for your continued generosity!

## ST. FRANCIS CEMETERY

Winter hours for the cemetery began on October 16 with hours being 8am to 4pm. At this time fall clean-up will begin. If you are interested in purchasing a plot or have any questions or concerns please contact the Cemetery Manager, Carol McDole at 782-2711



A Memorial Mass for our deceased Brother Knights of St. Francis Council will be held on November 7<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm at our Council Hall at 1265 Tower Hill Road in North Kingstown. Mass will be celebrated by our own Brother Knight and newly ordained priest Fr. Steve Battey and our Chaplain Fr. Nick Smith. All family members of our deceased Brother Knights are invited to attend. A light collation will be held at the conclusion of the Mass.