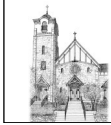


THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions

Love 
one another

Saturday, September 9

4:30 pm †Rose Calvito

Requested by Family

Sunday, September 10

8:00am †Laura Webb

10:00am Mass for the People

12:00nn †Myles Mulligan

Requested by Family

Monday, September 11

7:00am Inez Cote (Special Intention)

Requested by Alicia Connaughton

Tuesday, September 12

7:00am † Charles & Mary Cummings

Requested by Champion Family

Wednesday, September 13

7:00am † Alfred & Beatrice Bonin

Requested by Viola Card

Thursday, September 14

7:00am Special Intention

Friday, September 15

7:00am †Bill Carney

Requested by Jeff & Kathleen Carney

Saturday, September 16

4:30 pm

Sunday, September 17

8:00am Special Intention

Requested by Kathleen & Jeff Carney

10:00am

12:00nn



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, September 10

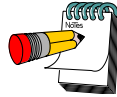
10:00am †Shirley & Scotty Clancy

Requested by Fr. Eugene McKenna

Sunday, September 17

10:00am †Lorette & Lionel Noel

Requested by Mary C. Young



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Rose Calvito.



For CONFIRMATION YEAR TWO CANDIDATES

√Your Confirmation Saint reflection is past due. If you have not yet submitted this reflection please do so ASAP.

√Your parish and community based service project reflections are due by October 15th at

the extreme latest. If you completed your service projects then you are one step closer to writing this reflection! Details for both of these reflections can be found on our parish website (under the Religious Education/Confirmation tab).

√The Confirmation candidate/sponsor gathering is scheduled for Saturday, September 16th from 10am-noon in Fr. Greenan Center. If your sponsor is unable to attend, a parent must come with you.

√Don't forget to use your church budgets (starting Labor Day weekend) when you attend Mass at St. Francis or St. Romuald. See the Confirmation program guide on what you need to do if you attend another Catholic church for Mass.

Our first **HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH NIGHT** is Saturday, September 23rd and is open to all high school students (**Confirmation candidates are required to come**). We will be having a movie night out on the green to the right of Fr. Greenan Center starting at 7pm. Bring chairs/blankets and some snack to share.



PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (230)	-	September 3
Loose Donations	-	\$6,525.50
Online Giving (# of donors-68)	-	\$2,498.00
Total Budget	-	\$2,086.00
		\$11,109.50

Second Collection (Monthly Collection)

Budget envelopes used (158)	-	\$2,397.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 961.00
Total	-	\$3,358.00

This week's second collection is the Ongoing Maintenance. Next week's second collection is for Priest's Retirement.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

From the Pastor,

We'd like to start a series to prepare adults to be baptized, or to be welcomed into the Catholic Church, or to receive Confirmation or First Communion. The shorthand name for this process is RCIA, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Although that refers to adults who would like to be baptized, it has become also the outline of the preparation for any adult who is not yet fully initiated into the Catholic faith.

Joining this group does not commit someone to becoming a Catholic; that decision will be made as the process unfolds. But if you know someone—a spouse, a relative, a friend, a neighbor—who might be interested in becoming a Catholic, or is a Catholic who has never received Confirmation, please tell them about the first meeting of the RCIA group in the rectory next month on Thursday, October 12, at 7 p.m. Remember the words of the Lord at the conclusion of Matthew's gospel: *"Go into all the world and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold! I am with you always until the end of the age."*

Fr. Bodah

BIBLE STUDY AT ST. FRANCIS

Bible Study will resume here at St Francis this Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 7pm. This year we will begin with the books of James and Peter. After Christmas we will study Hebrews. Come and discover the wonderful story of our Lord through Peter and James. All are welcome! We hope to see you Tuesday evenings!

For further information contact Vicky at montanivicky@gmail.com or 580-2736. You may also call the parish office at 401-783-4411.



contact the Religious Ed Office if you need assistance.

Sponsor certificates for Confirmation candidates currently enrolled in year one (Grade 9) are due in the office by **October 1st**. Also you need to **choose a Confirmation Name** and write a brief reflection on the saint you chose and submit this by **October 1, 2017** Please contact the Religious Ed Office if you need assistance.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

We will celebrate **Catechetical Sunday** "Living as Missionary Disciples" next **Sunday, September 17th** at the 10:00AM Mass at St Francis of Assisi. On this day, catechists are formally commissioned for ministry to the community. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each baptized person plays in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith. Catechists, aides and Children's Liturgy of the Word presenters, please make every effort to attend the commissioning of catechists on the 17th.



Our Religious Education classes begin on **Catechetical Sunday, September 17th** for Grades K-6 and **Wednesday, September 20th** for Grades 7&8. The Religious Education mailing was sent on the 23rd of August, if you have not received this information or you have yet to register your child, please call Barbette or Diane at the Religious Ed Office at 792-8684.



CATECHISTS ARE NEEDED:
Grade 4 Sunday (10:55-11:50)
Grade 5 Wednesday (4:15-5:15)
Grades 7 & 8 Wednesday (7:00-8:15)

Please consider sharing your love for your Catholic faith with the youth of our parish. Call Barbette or Diane at the Religious Ed office 792-8684 for more information.

THIS WEEK

**Monday, Sept. 11th @ 6:30 Catechist
Orientation Meeting for grades 1-6 FGC**

This Week

Monday, September 11

7:30am Adoration (SF)

6:30pm Catechist Meeting/K-Grade 6 (FGC)

6:30pm Event Committee Meeting (HBH)

Tuesday, September 12

7:40am Finance Council Meeting (MCCR)

7:00pm Bible Study (↓FGC)

Thursday, September 14

5:45pm Opening the Word (FGC)

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (↓FGC-Foyer)

Saturday, September 16

10:00am-12NN Confirmation Candidate/Sponsor Meeting (FGC -2nd Floor)



SENIOR PRIEST RETIREMENT FUND

Catholics throughout the Diocese have a unique opportunity to make a real difference in the lives of our senior priests. Next weekend's second collection will benefit the Senior Priest Retirement Fund, a significant source of support for priests that provides for basic needs

such as food, housing, transportation and medical care. Please consider your generous support of this important effort that benefits those who have selflessly served the faithful for decades. For more information about the senior priest retirement fund, or to make a donation online, please visit www.srpriestri.org.

SAVE THE DATE!

Flu Clinics: *October 1* at St. Romuald Chapel (11am-1:00pm); *October 8* at St. Francis Church (9am-1:00pm)

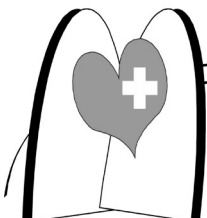
Blessing of the Animals: *October 1* at 1:00pm by the statue of St. Francis of Assisi on the side of the church

October Devotions (Rosary & Litany of Our Lady):

Weeknights at 6:30pm throughout the month of October at St. Romuald Chapel.

Parish Pasta Dinner: *Friday, October 6* from 5-7:30pm

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*We would like to
congratulate Orjo
Intia & Kimberly
Juday who were
married this weekend here at
St. Francis of Assisi. May God
bless you !*



COMPANION

A parishioner is looking for a female companion to help with daily walks, lunches, etc. Monday through Friday from 11:00am to 4:00pm. This parishioner lives in the Matunuck area. If you are interested in this paid position please contact Mrs. Devine at 782-3642.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR VICTIMS OF HURRICANE HARVEY (WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 23/24)

At the request of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Bishop Tobin has requested that parishes consider an emergency special collection to assist the victims of *Hurricane Harvey*. Our prayers and material support is urgently needed to help rebuild lives. Our parish will support this endeavor and take up a special collection at all weekend Masses on the weekend of September 23/24. Thank you for your support in helping those in desperate need.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM

The Office of Life & Family is offering the Our Lady of Sorrows Bereavement Support Program to various regions throughout the Diocese of Providence hosted by local parishes. The meetings are most appropriate for adults who are at least three months beyond their loss.



If you are interested in attending or facilitating The Our Lady of Sorrows Bereavement Program, please contact: Peter A. Magnotta at 401-421-7833, ext. 217 or pmagnotta@dioceseofprovidence.org.