

THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions



Saturday, September 15

4:30 †Branden J. DeLuca

Requested by Mom & Dad

Sunday, September 16

8:00am †Bill Carney

Requested by Jeff & Kathleen Carney

10:00am †Mary Lou Gallant

(1st Anniversary Remembrance)

Requested by Family

12:00nn †Charles "Bill" Evans

(1st Anniversary Remembrance)

Requested by Wife & Family

Monday, September 17

7:00am Mass for the People

Tuesday, September 18

7:00am †Elly Sennott

Requested by Roger & Mary Grace Hood

Wednesday, September 19

7:00am †Lorraine McNally

Requested by Dolores DiPrete

Thursday, September 20

7:00am †Katherine "Gail" Norris

Requested by Jim & Susan Meehan

Friday, September 21

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

Requested by Family

Saturday, September 22

4:30 †Leo H. Faucher

Requested by Family

Sunday, September 23

8:00am †Charlotte Baton

Requested by Steve & Jacki Hunt

10:00am †The Murphy Family

Requested by Gerard X. Murphy

12:00nn †Kathleen Delesky

Requested by Bill & Lois Keenan



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, September 16

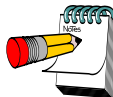
10:00am †Anna & Arthur Hornberger

Requested by Daughter

Sunday, September 23

10:00am †Annie Cooney

Requested by Ted Emmott



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Bill & Ned Carney.

Pasta Dinner

Friday, October 12th

5:00—7:30 PM

Fr. Greenan Parish Center

Cost: \$10 Adults;

\$7 Take-Out (does not include drink or dessert)

\$5 children over 5 years*

Children under 5, FREE



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Don't forget to return your raffle tickets either by mail, placing them in collection basket or dropping them off at the rectory. Additional raffle tickets are available at the rectory. Tickets are \$1 each or (6) for \$5.

Donations for the raffle baskets should be dropped off or placed in the containers at the church and chapel no later than **Friday, September 28**. **Donations of cash or gift cards should either be placed in the collection basket or dropped off at the rectory.** *We can also use donations of large wicker baskets.*



**Come and try your luck at winning any of our great theme baskets: Breakfast, Halloween, Holiday Liquor, Wine and many more...and don't forget the ever popular money tree loaded with lottery tickets!**

***Tickets for the baskets will be sold only at the dinner.***

***Be sure to join us for this fun evening. What a wonderful***

## PARISH SUPPORT

### Weekly Support

|                                |   |                    |
|--------------------------------|---|--------------------|
| Budget envelopes used (240)    | - | \$6,803.50         |
| Loose Donations                | - | \$1,531.00         |
| Online Giving (# of donors-54) | - | \$1,988.00         |
| <b>Total Budget</b>            | - | <b>\$10,322.50</b> |

### Second Collection (Mission Coop)

|                             |   |                   |
|-----------------------------|---|-------------------|
| Budget envelopes used (142) | - | \$1,807.00        |
| Loose Donations             | - | \$2,149.00        |
| <b>Total</b>                | - | <b>\$3,956.00</b> |

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

**As always, thank you for your continued generosity.**

SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

## From the Pastor,

At the Last Supper in the gospel according to John, our Lord prays to the Father, "This is eternal life: that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ." (John 17:3)

This weekend we recommence our religious education program for grades 1 through 8. The goal of all that we do as Christians, whether worshipping, preaching, teaching, or service, is the one announced by the Lord himself: that we should come to know the one true God and his divine Son, Jesus Christ, and thus attain to eternal life. In the religious education programs we try to inculcate a certain amount of information about the Christian religion in the Catholic tradition, but whether our children (or we ourselves) come to "know the one true God" will not be a matter of information but of concrete choices to pray, to worship, to meditate on the Scriptures, to live a moral life. Of course, the greatest influence on the lives of children will be the priorities of their parents. Whether or not the children come to "know the one true God" will depend largely on the environment of their homes. Putting God first will lead to eternal life; worldly priorities will lead to eternal death. When we put God first, everything else falls into place; when we let God have whatever is left over from our other involvements, we are heading in the wrong direction. "Every choice involves a sacrifice." Life or death: It's up to us.

Thanks to all who have volunteered to teach in our religion program. God bless the work!

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



#### SUNDAY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES BEGIN TODAY,

##### Catechetical Sunday

**ALL Grades Kindergarten - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade – meet at 8:55 in church for class assignment, pick up in FGC at 9:50. There will be no 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> Grade SUNDAY Classes today. Attend Wednesday's parent/student meeting. Sunday classes for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> will begin on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

#### 10AM Mass Commissioning of Catechists

Catechists, Aides and Children's Liturgy of the Word presenters please make every effort to attend.

#### WEDNESDAY CLASSES begin SEPTEMBER 19<sup>th</sup>

**Grades 3-6—4:15-5:15** meet in church for class assignment- pick up in FGC.

**Grades 7 & 8 at 7:00pm** Parent/Student Orientation Mtg. in FGC. All *parents and children must attend*. If you are unable to attend, please contact the Rel. Ed Office to schedule an appointment with Mrs. Castro.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word** will take place during the 10:00AM Mass at St. Francis of Assisi Church starting **NEXT**



**weekend, September 23<sup>rd</sup>!** At the conclusion of the opening prayer, but before the first reading is proclaimed, Father will call the children age 4-2nd grade (adults involved will come forward at this time as well) to come forward for a blessing and proceed downstairs where they will celebrate their own Liturgy of the Word. This will enable the children present to hear the word of God in a manner more suited to their age and ability to understand. The children will join the rest of the congregation in time for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.



**Don't Forget! Our first HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH NIGHT** is this Sunday evening, September 16<sup>th</sup> and is open to all high school students (*Confirmation candidates—9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> graders are required to come*). We are planning a fun filled evening! We will meet at Fr. Greenan Center from 7-8:30pm.

## **This Week**

### **Monday, September 17**

7:30am Adoration (SF)  
1:00pm GGP Reception (FGC)

### **Tuesday, September 18**

6:30 Event Committee Meeting (FGC)  
7:00 Bible Study (FGC)

### **Thursday, September 20**

9:00-10:30am Staff Meeting (Office closed during this time)  
5:30pm Opening the Word (FGC)  
7:00pm GGP Reception (HBH)  
7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (↓FGC)

### **Friday, September 21**

6:15-10pm Marriage Preparation (FGC)

### **Saturday, September 22**

8am-3pm Marriage Preparation (FGC)



## **OCTOBER DEVOTIONS**

October is one of Our Lady's months. All are invited to pray the rosary and Litany of Our Lady at St. Romuald Chapel weeknights at 6:30pm throughout the month of October. All are welcome!

## **WOMEN'S RETREAT AT OUR LADY OF CALVARY RETREAT CENTER**

*On the weekend of Nov. 2-4, 2018*, the women of our parish are invited to Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center in Farmington, Ct. Experience a weekend filled with rest, relaxation and spiritual renewal. At Our Lady of Calvary, the natural beauty of the grounds and the peaceful atmosphere of the retreat house can provide a much needed break from your daily routine. You'll have the opportunity to participate in the sacraments, to hear conference talks, to share with other women and to reflect on this year's theme, "The World Will Be Saved by Beauty." We will spend time looking for what is beautiful and intentionally take time to focus on those things that lift you up and help you feel closer to God, the One who sends beauty to refresh, nurture, and sustain you, the One who invites you into beauty's Immortal Heart. If interested contact Dana Hawkins at 789-8479.

"My weekend at Our Lady of Calvary was very peaceful and full of love. I was so happy to feel embraced by all the women who attended and by the Retreat Team! The food was excellent as were the accommodations. Come and see..."- Liz

## **ST. ROMUALD'S CLEANING CREWS**

Please help keep our chapel beautiful! We are once again seeking some new volunteers to help with the cleaning of the chapel. It requires only about an hour or so of your time every six weeks on a Saturday morning. Most teams are made up of 4 to 5 people and no heavy lifting or window washing is involved, primarily just vacuuming, dusting and cleaning the bathrooms. We are blessed to have such a lovely place to worship. Won't you consider giving some of your time to help?

Please call Mary Grace Hood at 401-374-2395 (cell) or email her at [marygracehood@gmail.com](mailto:marygracehood@gmail.com). You can also leave your name in the chapel sacristy with Bill Harding after Mass. Thank you!



## **FLU CLINICS WILL BE HELD**

**October 7** at St. Romuald Chapel (11am-12NN)

**October 14** at St. Francis Church (8:30am-1:00pm)

## **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

The blessing of the animals will take place Sunday, September 30 at 1:15pm by the statue of St. Francis of Assisi on the side of the church. Bring your dogs, cats, hamsters, gerbils, birds, fish, ferrets, chickens, turtles, etc. for a special St. Francis blessing by Father Bodah!



## **SENIOR PRIEST RETIREMENT FUND (THIS WEEKEND)**

The Priest Retirement Fund is the primary means by which those Catholic Priests who have served for decades in the Diocese of Providence are cared for in their later years – years that are spent in active ministry. Let us remember those priests that continue to serve Christ and the faithful through many selfless efforts.

**All donations to the Senior Priest Retirement Fund remain in the Diocese of Providence to serve diocesan priests in retirement.**



## **RCIA Information Night at St Francis**

If you know someone—a spouse, relative, friend, neighbor who might be interested in becoming a Catholic, or is a Catholic but has not received all the sacraments of initiation, please let them know that our parish will be starting a Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program. Before we formally begin the RCIA program, we will hold an information night for all interested.

**Our parish RCIA Information Night will be held Thursday, October 4 at the rectory starting at 7pm.** Please pass the word to anyone you know who may be interested in joining us. If anyone would like further information please contact Pat Lefoley at [plefoley1@cox.net](mailto:plefoley1@cox.net) or 401-339-3858. You may also call the parish office at 401-783-4411.