

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions

O God,
hear
my prayer.



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

Monday, September 24

7:00am †Ned Carney

Requested by Jeff & Kathleen Carney

Tuesday, September 25

7:00am Mass for the People

Wednesday, September 26

7:00am †Josie Ventura

Requested by a Friend

Thursday, September 27

7:00am †Donald Dempsey

Requested by Rick & Liz Soltysiak

Friday, September 28

7:00am †John Fitzgerald

Requested by the Sweet & Fuller Families

Saturday, September 29

4:30

Sunday, September 30

8:00am †The Hunt & Caswell Families

Requested by Family

10:00am †Audrey Scuncio

Requested by Family

12:00nn Kevin Lavin (Living)

Requested by Teddi & Joe Marsh



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, September 23

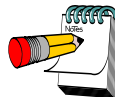
10:00am †Annie Cooney

Requested by Ted Emmott

Sunday, September 30

10:00am †Caitlin Farless

Requested by Roger & Mary Grace Hood



For Your Information

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



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.

Prizes are: (1) \$1,500, (1) \$500 and (4) \$250.



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 way to support your parish. Come eat good food and enjoy good company!



GRATEFUL
for God's Providence
CELEBRATING 150 YEARS
Diocese of Providence

Thank you to all the families that have attended a **Grateful for God's Providence** Campaign Reception! We are off to a great start thanks to the roughly 100 people that have attended. Please pray about your participation, and make your response by dropping your pledge card in the offertory

basket, mailing your card, or visiting the campaign website at: www.dioceseofprovidence.org/grateful-for-gods-providence-capital-campaign.

PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (228)	-	<u>\$5,473.50</u>
Loose Donations	-	<u>\$1,719.00</u>
Online Giving (# of donors-54)	-	<u>\$2,007.00</u>
Total Budget	-	\$9,192.50

Second Collection (Priest's Retirement)

Budget envelopes used (174)	-	<u>\$4,545.00</u>
Loose Donations	-	<u>\$1,298.00</u>
Total	-	\$5,843.00

This week's second collection is for Ongoing Maintenance. There is no second collection next week.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

Friday, September 21, was the Feast of St. Mathew the Apostle and Evangelist. This is a meditation on conversion based on a teaching by St. Thomas Aquinas and written by Fr. Bede Jarret, an English Dominican father who was famous for his preaching and writings and who died in 1934.

Conversion like Matthew's

Saint Thomas, indeed, in a very brief passage, seems to suggest that the worse our natural temperament is, the better for us; nor is it at all difficult to understand his argument. If I have a bad temper by nature, let me, first of all, go down on my knees and thank God for it; for it is surely highly probable that, if I had a good temper, I would be obliging and kind, not from any supernatural motive but from sheer nature. Suppose I was of that comfortable disposition which says yes just because it finds it impossible to say no; surely my acts would hardly ever be supernaturalized.

But, on the other hand, suppose I am so cantankerous that I can be generous and helpful only at the cost of a mighty effort. Then I can be certain that every obliging thing I do is done only from a high motive; it is the very contrary force that stiffens me into goodness. Just as an enemy is the necessary material out of which to fashion victory, so is an evil temperament the foundation on which a strong character is to be built. This character is, of course, nothing else than the group of habits formed around the axis of the will; and these are achieved only by repeated acts, so that it is by deliberate and energetic actions alone that I can react against my own temperament.



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!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES



Sunday, September 23rd

8:55-9:50am GRADES Kdg.- 6th (FGC)

8:50-9:50 Grade 7 & 8 (Parish Offices)



Children's Liturgy will take place during the 10:00am Mass beginning today for children age 4-2nd grade. Parents are welcome to accompany their child.

Wednesday, Sept. 26th

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

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



FIRST YOUTH NIGHT SEPTEMBER 30TH!

Date: September 30th

Time: 6:00pm-8:30pm

Cost: FREE

**Location: Fr. Greenan Center,
128 High St. Wakefield, RI.**

Once a month, St. Francis of Assisi and St. Thomas More will be teaming up for an awesome youth night! There will be full band music, engaging talks, prayer, food, and a fun event at the end of each night.

This month the theme is ***"Too Stressed to be Blessed?"***. School and life in general can be overwhelming, but how can we turn to our faith in stressful times and learn to trust in God. At the end of the night, get ready for an epic **DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT!** We hope you can make it!

Questions?... email youth minister Emily Cuellar at youthministrystmsfa@gmail.com

This Week

Monday, September 24

7:30am Adoration (SF)

7:00pm Pastoral Council Meeting (Includes Finance Council & Staff)

Tuesday, September 25

7:00 Bible Study (FGC)

7:00 Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Thursday, September 27

5:30pm Opening the Word (FGC)

7:00pm GGP Reception (HBH)

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (↓FGC)



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.

BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG

Make a gift affirming the sanctity of human life. At the end of our Masses on **October 6/7** we will be distributing baby bottles. **We are asking that you take a bottle home to place your coins, cash or a check and return it to the church the following weekend, October 13/14.** The Baby Bottle Boomerang Campaign is used to fund Right to Life Services, a ministry of Rhode Island Right to Life that helps pregnant women, newborns and toddlers throughout R.I., with material needs, referrals, emergency baby food/formula, and with Ancora, a free mobile ultrasound pregnancy center. There will be a collection basket(s) located at all **entrances** of the church for when you return the bottles.



The Office of Life and Family will offer the *Our Lady of Sorrows* Bereavement Support program at St. Thomas More Church, 53 Rockland St (parking lot side entrance), Narragansett, on Wednesday evenings 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm, October 10, 2018 through December 12, 2018 (no meetings on Oct. 31 and Nov. 21). This support group provides a peaceful place to share and learn about grief with the spiritual comfort of our Catholic faith. It is most appropriate for adults at least three months beyond their loss. There is no cost to attend! For registration/information, contact: Peter A. Magnotta at 421-7833, ext. 217.



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 next 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!



4TH ANNUAL VILLAGE AT WORDENS POND HOMEOWNERS NON-PROFIT ASSOCIATION CRAFT SHOW

Saturday, October 13, 2018: 9am-1pm

14 Little Pond Road at the Clubhouse, Wakefield

There will be many handcrafted items, delicious food and raffles. This fundraiser is for the benefit of the Association. Come down and join the fun!

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.

Becoming Catholic Through

RCIA
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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 or 401-339-3858. You may also call the parish office at 401-783-4411.

The Church of Ascension in Wakefield is offering a course through the RI State Council of Churches called "Merciful Conversations on Race: Let's Talk about White Privilege." As this might be interesting to some of our members, and may help promote racial reconciliation in our area we are offering it to the whole community. The course starts on September 27th and will meet for 5 Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:30pm.

Following is the link to share with others who might like to sign up:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/merciful-conversations-on-race-lets-talk-about-white-privilege-tickets-48457499686->