

# THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## Mass Intentions

*Seek God...*



*call God's name.*

**Saturday, September 23**

4:30 pm †Leo H. Faucher

*Requested by Family*

**Sunday, September 24**

8:00am †Bill Carney

*Requested by Kathleen & Jeff Carney*

10:00am †Audrey F. Scuncio

(2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary remembrance)

*Requested by Family*

12:00nn †Nancy Pearce

*Requested by Family*

**Monday, September 25**

7:00am Special Intention

**Tuesday, September 26**

7:00am †Jean Krul

*Requested by Jean McGair*

**Wednesday, September 27**

7:00am Mass for the People

**Thursday, September 28**

7:00am †Dennis Capalbo

*Requested by Family*

**Friday, September 29**

7:00am Special Intention

*Requested by Kathleen Carney*

**Saturday, September 30**

4:30 pm †Norman, Dolores & Stephen  
Iacuele

*Requested by Family*

**Sunday, October 1**

8:00am

10:00am †Arthur Colby

*Requested by Barbara Tuohy*

12:00nn †George DeWolf

*Requested by Family*



## St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

**Sunday, September 24**

10:00am †Jane P. Grimley

*Requested by her Father*

**Sunday, October 1**

10:00am †Elizabeth Young-Whipple/  
Gerry Holmes

*Requested by Mary C. Young*



## For Your Information

### SANCTUARY LAMP

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

### 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Friday, October 6th**

**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, place in collection basket or drop by the rectory. Additional raffle tickets are available at the rectory. Tickets are \$1 each or (6) for \$5. Prizes are: \$1,500, \$500 and (4) \$250.



Also, remember to return donations for the raffle baskets no later than this Sunday, September 24.

**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!**

## PARISH SUPPORT

### Weekly Support

|                                |   |                   |
|--------------------------------|---|-------------------|
| Budget envelopes used (258)    | - | \$5,777.00        |
| Loose Donations                | - | \$1,773.00        |
| Online Giving (# of donors—66) | - | \$2,091.00        |
| <b>Total Budget</b>            | - | <b>\$9,641.00</b> |

### September 17

### Second Collection (Priest's Retirement)

|                             |   |                   |
|-----------------------------|---|-------------------|
| Budget envelopes used (201) | - | \$5,090.50        |
| Loose Donations             | - | \$1,717.00        |
| <b>Total</b>                | - | <b>\$6,807.50</b> |

This week's second collection is for Victims of Hurricane Harvey. Next week's second collection is the Monthly Collection.

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

## From the Pastor,

A couple of things: From time to time we're asked if we can find someone to help an elderly or shut-in person with housework or companionship or even transportation. We checked with the diocese and found that they have an office that tries to provide help with such things. Alas! Because of the climate of our society, those who volunteer to provide services to others are liable to law suits if anything goes awry. Providing transportation is especially open to problems and the diocese recommends that private individuals, who are not bonded or covered by special insurance, not attempt to chauffeur the elderly or physically handicapped. As I have mentioned any number of times in this column, we are happy to provide communion on a regular basis to those who can no longer get out to Mass. Those who need further services can contact Linda A'Vant-Deishinni in charge of elderly services at the Diocese of Providence [LDeishinni@dioceseofprovidence.org](mailto:LDeishinni@dioceseofprovidence.org) or (401) 278-2528.

A couple of months ago, we advertised for a parish "Pro-life Coordinator" and I'm happy to say that Maureen Rooney has volunteered to take on that ministry. Her daughter, now graduated from college, and her four sons, the eldest of whom just entered the Naval Academy at Annapolis, have been altar servers at St. Romuald's since the family moved back here several years ago. Anyone who would like to join her in providing pro-life events, information, or prayer opportunities for our parish can contact the rectory.

## Fr. Bodah

St. Francis' Little Friends is looking for volunteers to help provide child care during the 10am Mass for our little ones.

We have one Mom that has offered to help once a month and we are looking for a few other caregivers. You would be responsible for one or two Sundays a month depending on your availability. If you can help with child care please call or email Barbette at 792-8684 or [Cullen\\_stfrancis@verizon.net](mailto:Cullen_stfrancis@verizon.net).



**Praise Music Ministry** is looking for teens in grades 8-12 to join this ministry. If you have a gift of voice or instrument, why not use it to sing God's praises? Practices are held on Sunday evenings from 7-8pm in Fr. Greenan Center starting this Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>.

Invite a friend to join you! If you have any questions, contact Mark Castro at 783-3924.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

### Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>

**8:55-9:50am** GRADES Kdg, 1 & 2 (FGC)

**8:55-9:50am** Grade 7 Sunday Class (FGC—Library)

**10:55-11:50am** Grade 8 Sunday Class (FGC—Library)

**10:55-11:50am** GRADES 3-6 (FGC)

**Children's Liturgy** will take place during the 10:00 Mass beginning today

### Wednesday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>

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

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

**First Eucharist Parent Meeting** next Sunday, Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 in the lower church. If your child was not baptized at St Francis please bring a copy of your child's baptismal certificate. All students must be represented at this meeting.

### Safe Environment Program: CIRCLE OF GRACE

**Attention Religious Ed. Families:** Each year in response to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, we have a program for the **safe environment education of children and young people** supported and mandated by Bishop Thomas Tobin and the Diocese of Providence. This program is called **The Circle of Grace Safe Environment Program**. **The Circle of Grace** is described as *the love and goodness of God that surrounds us and all others*. The program is meant to supplement and be integrated into our program for the formation of children and young people. The program helps our youth understand their own (and other's) dignity in mind, body and spirit. **Each grade** will participate in a Circle of Grace lesson. For more program information and dates of the lessons, **please contact Barbette Cullen or Diane Castro in the Religious Ed. Office.**



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.

## This Week

### Monday, September 25

7:30am Adoration (SF)

6:30pm Event Committee Meeting (FGC)

7:00pm Pastoral Council Meeting (MCCR)

### Tuesday, September 26

7:00pm Bible Study (↓FGC)

### Thursday, September 28

9:00-10:30am Parish Staff meeting (Office Closed during this time)

5:45pm Opening the Word (FGC)

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (↓FGC-Foyer)



### SENIOR PRIEST RETIREMENT FUND

Thank you for your generous support of last week's second collection to benefit the Senior Priest Retirement Fund that benefits those clergy in our diocese who have reached retirement age. Despite 'retirement' many priests continue to provide pastoral care to the faithful through celebrating Masses, visiting hospitals and nursing homes, volunteering in schools and fulfilling many other duties in continued service to the Lord and the faithful. If you forgot to make a donation and would like to support this fund that provides modest resources for priests in their retirement years, please visit [www.srpriestri.org](http://www.srpriestri.org) to make an online donation using a secure server or mail your offering to Sr. Priest Retirement Fund, Office of Stewardship & Development, One Cathedral Square, Providence, RI 02903. Thank you for your support of this critical effort to provide for senior priests in their retirement years—years many priests continue to spend very active in ministry.

# SAVE THE DATE!

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

### **October Devotions (Rosary & Litany of Our Lady):**

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

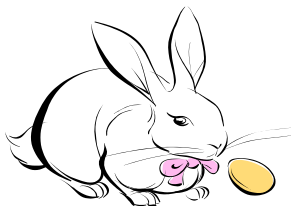
**Parish Pasta Dinner:** **Friday, October 6** from 5-7:30pm

**Baby Bottle Boomerang:** **Weekend of October 14/15:**  
More information to come

### BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Blessing of the animals will take place next Sunday, October 1 around 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!



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### ADULT COFFEE HOUR

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!

Narragansett Scout Council is reaching out to all boys who are interested in scouts. The Scout promise is "To do my duty to God and my country." Cub Scouts are from kindergarten to 5<sup>th</sup> grade and Boys Scouts are 6<sup>th</sup> grade thru high school. There will be an informative rally at Camp Aquapag, 1620 Ministerial Road, between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. on both Saturdays' Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> and Sept 30<sup>th</sup>. There will be a free rocket model for any boy who signs up by Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>. For more information contact Bob Sirhal at (401) 965-0116 or [rjsirhal@gmail.com](mailto:rjsirhal@gmail.com).

**Saint Padre Pio National Relics  
Tour:: In honor of Saint Padre Pio's  
15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of canonization**

**St. Thomas More Church  
Sunday, October 1  
11:00am—11:00pm**



Venerate the official relics of Saint Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, Italy.

**DO NOT PLAN TO PARK AT OR NEAR THE CHURCH. USE  
FREE TROLLEY SERVICE FROM NARRAGANSETT HIGH  
SCHOOL AT 245 S. PIER RD., NARRAGANSETT.**

### *A letter from The Society for The Propagation of the Faith:*

Dear Father Bodah,  
The Sisters of Mercy will certainly appreciate the generosity of your parishioners at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in response to their 2017 MCP appeal.

A check in the amount of **\$5,021.50 plus another check in the of \$100.00** was received at this office and will be forwarded to them when their appeals are complete.

I appreciate and thank you for your continued *Missionary Support*. "I thank my God, through Jesus Christ, for all of you." (Romans 1:8) *Rev. Robert P. Perron/Director*