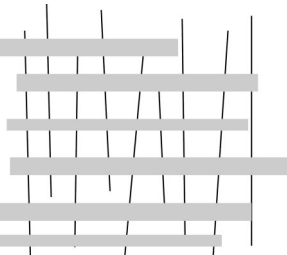


THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions

**God hears
our cries**



Saturday, September 29
 4:30 †Brenden DeLuca
Requested by Mom & Dad

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

Monday, October 1
 7:00am †John Fitzgerald
Requested by the Sweet & Fuller Families

Tuesday, October 2
 7:00am †Lee Anderson
Requested by Claire Sweet

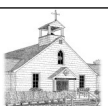
Wednesday, October 3
 7:00am Mass for the People

Thursday, October 4
 7:00am †Marcel Despres
Requested by Eve & Pat Sweeney

Friday, October 5
 7:00am †Angela Murdocco
Requested by Family

Saturday, October 6
 4:30 †Liam & Nora Taylor
 (Anniversary Remembrance)
Requested by Irene McKiernan

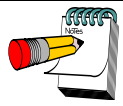
Sunday, October 7
 8:00am †Louis Maggio
Requested by Family
 10:00am †Armando Martiniano
Requested by Family
 12:00nn



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, September 30
 10:00am †Caitlin Farless
Requested by Roger & Mary Grace Hood

Sunday, October 7
 10:00am †Antoinette Noble
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
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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. **Prizes are: (1) \$1,500, (1) \$500 and (4) \$250.**



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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

St. Francis of Assisi Campaign Goal: \$626,135.00
Pledged through 9/24/18: \$281,000.00
Percentage of Goal: 45%

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

<u>Weekly Support</u>		<u>September 23</u>
Budget envelopes used (222)	-	\$5,848.00
Loose Donations	-	\$2,058.00
Online Giving (# of donors-51)	-	\$1,572.00
Total Budget	-	\$9,478.00
<u>Second Collection (Ongoing Maintenance)</u>		
Budget envelopes used (150)	-	\$1,925.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 580.00
Total	-	\$2,505.00

There is no second collection this week. Next week's second collection is for the Seminarian's Education.
As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

From the Pastor,

Last weekend our parish hosted our semi-annual marriage preparation program. Although this is a diocesan program, it is organized and staffed by couples from our parish. John and Patty Grimes coordinate the Friday evening to Saturday afternoon schedule and are ably assisted by Ryan and Jen Bernard, Rich and Mary McQuarrie, Chris and Teresa O'Brien, Steve and Jill Sabo, and Bryan and Sue Williams. The topics range from communication to financial planning, from Natural Family Planning to dealing with differences of personality and family background to the sacramental nature of marriage.

One thing that always comes across in the evaluation responses from the engaged couples is how much they value the witness of the married couples and their many years together. Mary and Rich were not able to be with us this time, so the diocese arranged to have Professor Matthew Cuddeback from Providence College give the talk on Natural Family Planning. A number of the attendees reported that they found this topic very enlightening. They also were reminded that, although Catholic teaching excludes the use of artificial contraception within marriage, it encourages natural means of family planning and the regulation of births to achieve responsible parenthood.

The engaged couples expressed their appreciation on their evaluation forms and gave a number of helpful recommendations for future sessions. I wish space permitted me to quote their words since they all expressed how grateful they are for this chance to learn about Catholic teaching, hear the witness of the married couples, and have an opportunity to discuss issues with their fiancé (e)s before their wedding days.

Speaking of wedding days: our congratulations and best wishes to four married couples of our parish who gave their names to us for the diocesan marriage anniversary celebration in the cathedral last Sunday: Richard and Jeanne Clarke (60th), Henry and Paula Thayer (40th), Greg and Jeanne Behie (40th), and Joe and Sharon Clossick (25th). May the Lord bless them for the witness of so many years of faithful and fruitful love!

Fr. Bodah



THE CHOIR NEEDS YOUR VOICE!

All voice parts are welcome, but men's voices are especially needed.

The choir rehearses on Tuesday nights from 7:00 - 8:30 PM and sings at the 10AM Mass on Sundays, as well as major feasts and celebrations throughout the year.

No choral experience necessary - but if you have it, that's a plus! There is no audition; however, you must be able to match pitch. If you are interested, call or email our choir director, Tony Romeo: [401-379-2355](tel:401-379-2355), tonybromeo@gmail.com.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Sunday, September 30th

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

8:50-9:50am Grades 7 & 8 (Parish Office)

10:00am Mass Children's Liturgy of the Word (HBH)

6-8:30pm Youth Night (FGC)

No Religious Ed. Classes or Children's Liturgy of the Word next Sunday, October 7th Columbus Day weekend.

Wednesday, October 3rd

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

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

CONFIRMATION YEAR TWO

CANDIDATES: Important Date Below

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).

REMINDER: Sponsor certificates for Confirmation candidates currently enrolled in year one (Grade 9) are now due. The certificate that your sponsor needs to complete and have signed by their parish priest can be found under the Religious Education/Confirmation tab. Please contact the Religious Ed. Office if you need assistance.

FIRST YOUTH NIGHT SEPTEMBER 30TH!

Date: September 30th; **Time:** 6:00-8:30pm

Cost: *FREE*; **Location:** Fr. Greenan Center

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 youthministyrstmsfa@gmail.com.

This Week

Monday, October 1

7:30am Adoration (SF)
6:30pm Event Committee Meeting (FGC)

Tuesday, October 2

7:00 Bible Study (FGC)
7:00 Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Thursday, October 4

9-10:30am Staff Meeting (Office Closed during this time)
5:30pm Opening the Word (FGC)
7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (↓FGC)
7:00pm RCIA Information Night (Rectory)

Friday, October 5

7:00pm Parenting Group Meeting (FGC-library)

Monday, October 8

HOLIDAY/OFFICE CLOSED—NO ADORATION



RCIA INFORMATION NIGHT AT ST. FRANCIS

Becoming Catholic Through

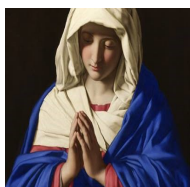
If you know someone: a spouse, relative, friend, neighbor who might be interested in becoming a Catholic, or is a Catholic but has not received all the sacraments of initiation, please let them know that our parish will be starting a Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program. Before we formally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

RCIA
Rite of
Christian
Initiation
of Adults



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.

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!

BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG



Make a gift affirming the sanctity of human life. At the end of our Masses next weekend, **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.



FLU CLINICS WILL BE HELD

Next Sunday, October 7 at St. Romuald Chapel (11am-12NN)

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



The Office of Marriage Preparation & Enrichment sponsored their Annual Wedding Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, September 23 at the Cathedral of SS Peter and Paul in Providence. Couples who were celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th or over 50 years wedding anniversary in 2018 were honored at the Mass with Bishop Thomas J. Tobin as main celebrant.

We would like to congratulate the following couples from our parish who were honored :

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| Richard & Jeanne Clarke | 60 years |
| Gregory & Jeanne Behie | 40 years |
| Henry & Paula Thayer III | 40 years |
| Joseph & Sharon Clossick | 25 years |

Congratulations and God bless!



PROUT SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, October 14 from 1-4pm

For more information, please call Admissions Director, Sharon DeLuca at 789-9262, Ext. 514 or go to www.theproutschool.org.

BISHOP HENDRICKEN OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, October 14 from Noon-3pm

For more information, please call the Admissions Office at 739-3450 ext. 162.

BAY VIEW ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, October 14 at 1:00pm

For more information contact the Admissions Coordinator, Victoria Milhomens at 401-434-0113 ext. 189.