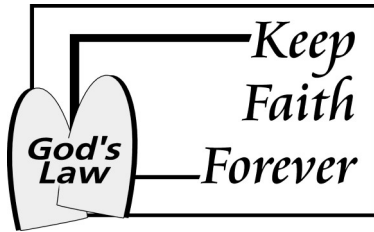


THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions



Saturday, September 8

4:30 Special Intention

Requested by Irene McKiernan

Sunday, September 9

8:00am †Mary Costanza

Requested by Family

10:00am †Kim Palmer

Requested by the Matarese Family

12:00nn †Anthony & Rita Soltysiak

Requested by Family

Monday, September 10

7:00am †Sean King

Tuesday, September 11

7:00am Mass for the People

Wednesday, September 12

7:00am †Margaret & James Stickley

Requested by Margot Ferry

Thursday, September 13

7:00am †Alfred & Beatrice Bonin

Requested by Viola Card

Friday, September 14

7:00am †Gregory Hannah

Requested by Rick & Liz Soltysiak

Saturday, September 15

4:30

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



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, September 9

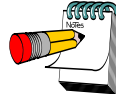
10:00am †Dorothy Maddren

Requested by Kathleen Dwyer

Sunday, September 16

10:00am †Anna & Arthur Hornberger

Requested by Daughter



For Your Information

SENIOR PRIEST RETIREMENT FUND (WEEKEND OF SEPT. 15/16)

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.

The Service Continues

For years after parish and other assignments, priests in the Diocese of Providence continue to serve Christ and the faithful through many selfless efforts.

Many may not realize that our diocesan priests live independently in retirement. After active ministry, they no longer rely upon their parishes for support. In other words, with retirement the room and board stops. And since they were paid a very modest wage, they receive a minimal Social Security benefit. So, to help retired priests meet everyday needs like food, housing, transportation, and health care, our diocese established the Senior Priest Retirement Fund in the mid-nineteen-sixties.

The Financial Challenges

But as with other retirement benefit programs—such as Social Security—the Fund is challenged by increasing current and projected costs that exceed its income. That's because, like the general population, priests are living longer, more active lives, placing a greater demand on retirement resources.

One does not enter the priesthood for the financial benefits, that's for sure. Like other vocations that are lived in service to others—such as marriage and parenthood—priesthood is about giving, not taking. In fact, even in retirement many of our senior priests continue to serve in various ministries throughout the diocese. Often retiring between ages 70 and 75, they still serve where they're needed. And of course there are those who require assisted living, or nursing home care.

Funding Sources

The Senior Priest Retirement Fund receives revenue from five sources: the Catholic Charity Appeal; the Diocesan General Fund; gifts and bequests; the annual Our Lady Queen of the Clergy parish/agency assessment based on each active priest; and the upcoming annual diocesan collection. This fund's strength is important not just for those who depend on it today, but also for those who will rely upon it in the years ahead. There are increasing challenges that this fund will need to meet in the near future.

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

PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly Support

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| Budget envelopes used (not available) | - | September 2 |
| Loose Donations | - | \$5,450.50 |
| Online Giving (# of donors—55) | - | \$2,519.00 |
| Total Budget | - | \$1,833.00 |
| | | \$9,802.50 |

Second Collection (Monthly Collection)

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| Budget envelopes used (not available) | - | \$1,949.00 |
| Loose Donations | - | \$ 661.50 |
| Total | - | \$2,610.50 |

This week's second collection is for the Propagation of Faith/Mission Coop. Next week's second collection is for the Priest's Retirement Fund.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

From the Pastor,

It is well passed time that I thank everyone who supported Catholic Charities this year. We surpassed our goal by just \$15 under \$13,000 with almost one quarter of the registered household participating. This fund does so much good in our state and, as you know, in our local community, since the diocesan office in our lower church does so much to help those in our area who are in need of assistance to keep their heat on in the winter and generally to make ends meet. God bless all who helped to make this effort such a success. Bless, too, all those who would love to be able to participate but whose financial situation does not permit it.

We're about to recommence the religious education program for the year. Many thanks to all who volunteer their time and talents to help pass on the faith to the younger generation. At this writing (Tuesday morning) we're still in need of one or two teachers. I hope by the time you read this, we'll have filled the ranks; if we haven't, it'll be announced before Masses on the weekend.

With the support of the parish finance council we have increased the hours of our parish youth minister, Emily Cuellar. Now that she's graduated from Salve Regina University she will be able to put more time into forming Christian youth leaders here at St. Francis and at St. Thomas More in Narragansett. We pray that her efforts may bear much fruit, now and for the future of the Faith.

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

We will celebrate **Catechetical Sunday** "Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ" next **Sunday, September 16th** 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 16th.



Our Religious Education classes begin on **Catechetical Sunday, September 16th**. **Grades K-6** families are to meet in the church after the 8am Mass for class assignments. On Wednesday, **September 19th** we will meet in the church for class assignments for Grades 3-6 and Grades 7&8 will come to a parent/child meeting at 7pm in FGC.

The Religious Education mailing was sent on the 20th 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 as soon as possible.

Children's Liturgy of the Word will begin on Sunday, September 23rd during the 10am Mass. If you are interested in helping with this very important ministry please come to our orientation meeting, **Monday, Sept. 10th @ 6:30** in the lower church. We provide you with all of the materials and assistance in preparing for the Sunday readings. You would be responsible to present once every 5 or 6 weeks, depending on the number of presenters. **If you want to be a presenter, please contact Barbette in the Rel. Ed. Office at 792-8684 and come to the meeting!**



Wednesday, September 12th Catechist Orientation Meeting for Grades 1-4 and 7 in FGC at 6:30. We are introducing our new materials for faith formation: **Christ Our Life** by Loyola Press. Please make every effort to attend and pick up your class schedule and materials.

Thursday, September 13th Catechist Orientation Meeting for Grades 5&6 at 6pm in the lower church.

This Week

Monday, September 10

7:30am Adoration (SF)

Tuesday, September 11

7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

Thursday, September 13

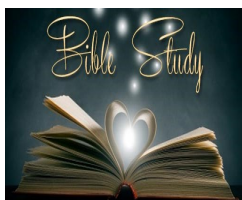
5:30pm Opening the Word (FGC)

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (↓FGC)



*We would like to
congratulate*

*Jeffrey Thomas E. Shalvey, Jr. &
Brittany Chronley who were
recently married at St. Romuald
Chapel. May God bless you!*



St. Frances Bible Study will resume on this Tuesday evening, September 11th at 7 pm. We will begin with 2 Samuel. The Bible Study meets at Father Greenan Center at the top of parking lot.

Contact Vicky at Montanivicky@gmail.com or 580-2736 so we can order a book for you. All are welcome come join us!

ST. FRANCIS CEMETERY NEWS!

St. Francis Cemetery now has a columbarium! Our new columbarium has 48 niches. Each niche will hold the remains of 2 people. If you are interested in purchasing a niche please call Carol McDole, cemetery manager, at the parish cemetery office at 401-782-2711.



We are also continuing the process of notifying families who have items on their gravesites that are not allowed. Thank you to all who have removed items.



SAVE THE DATE

Blessing of the Animals: *September 30* at 1:15pm by the statue of St. Francis of Assisi on the side of the church.

Flu Clinics: *October 7* at St. Romuald Chapel (11am-12NN); *October 14* at St. Francis Church (8:30am-1:00pm)

October Devotions (Rosary & Litany of Our Lady): **Weeknights** at 6:30pm throughout the month of October at St. Romuald Chapel.

Pasta Dinner: *Friday, October 12* from 5-7:30pm

2018 MISSION COOPERATIVE APPEAL

The Propagation of the Faith Office of our Diocese has invited the diocese of Kumbakonam, India to speak to us about their missionary activities and challenges. **Accordingly, Rev. Benjamin Franklin will be speaking this weekend.**

This Diocese started in 1899 in the State of Tamil Nadu, India which has a Catholic population of 213,000 (6% of the population). It is served by 210 diocesan and 63 religious priests, 588 nuns and 15 trained lay catechists.

Following are some of the goals for a New Evangelization:

- ◇ Establishing 10 more new parishes, each with a new church & rectory. Currently there are 93 parishes & 618 mission-stations. Most of the Catholics have no means of transportation & are unable to give financial support.
- ◇ To provide the 126 Catholic schools in the missions with better facilities, tools, children's Bibles, text-books & workbooks, etc.
- ◇ Enabling 485 nuns and 2155 Catholic teachers in charge of catechetical, educational, medical & social ministries throughout this rural diocese, to educate the children in the Catholic faith & to help the people, particularly the poor, for their integral development.
- ◇ Education of more young men in the seminary, since the diocese abounds in vocation to the priesthood & religious life so that some can be sent as missionaries abroad where there is a shortage of priest.
- ◇ Education of 1000 very poor or orphan children from poor families every year by providing them with free board & lodge. All of the above projects are 80% dependent on Mission Cooperative Funds.

We thank you in advance for your generosity. God bless,