

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 26

4:30pm Leo H. Faucher

Requested by family

Sunday, September 27

8:00am Dorothy Cashman

Requested by Sabo family

10:00am Therese Shea

Requested by family

12:00pm Evelyn Farley

40th Anniversary—Req. by son

Monday, September 28

7:00am Dennis Capalbo

Requested by family

Tuesday, September 29

7:00am Flynn and Carney families

Requested by Kathleen and Jeff

Wednesday, September 30

7:00am Mass for the People

Thursday, October 1

7:00am Barbara Oster

Requested by Jim and Susan Meehan

Friday, October 2

7:00am John Lima

Requested by Karen Koza

Saturday, October 3

4:30pm Helen Nicholas

Requested by daughter

Sunday, October 4

8:00am Thu and Chi Thi Anna Tran and

Thanh John Ha—*Req. by family*

10:00am Charles L. Farrell, Jr.

Requested by family

12:00pm Leo Richard

Requested by Sandy Pearson



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 26

5:30pm Puchalla and Cooney families

Requested by family

Sunday, September 27

10:00am Lorette and Lionel Noel

Requested by Mary C. Young

Saturday, October 3

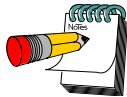
5:30pm Celebrant's Intention

Sunday, October 4

10:00am Elizabeth Young-Whipple and

Gerry Holmes

Requested by Mary C. Young



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns for a special intention.

THE 2015 WHITE MASS

Join us as the Reverend Monsignor Albert A. Kenney, Vicar General of the Diocese of Providence, celebrates the annual White Mass, asking the Lord's blessings upon those called to share His work of healing.

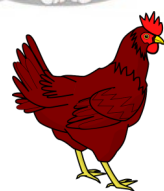
Homilist: Rev. Nicanor Austriaco, O.P., Ph.D., S.T.D., Associate Professor of Biology, Providence College

WHEN: Wednesday, October 14, 2015, at 7pm

WHERE: Our Lady of Fatima Hospital Chapel, 200 High Service Avenue, North Providence, Rhode Island 02904

A light reception will immediately follow the Mass in the hospital cafeteria. Reservations are not required, but are appreciated. For Information and to RSVP, please call (401) 272-4838 or respond to: CathMedRI@yahoo.com or <http://www.cathmedri.org>

BLESSING OF ANIMALS



Sunday, October 4th at 1:00pm 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, lizards, etc. for a special St. Francis blessing by Father Bodah.



PARISH SUPPORT— September 20, 2015

Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (286)	-	\$6,191.50
Loose Donations	-	\$1,828.00
Online Giving (# of donors 40)	-	\$ 947.50
Total Budget	-	\$8,967.00

Priests' Retirement Fund

Envelopes used (244)	-	\$7,217.00
Other donations	-	\$2,312.00
Total Priests' Retirement	-	\$9,529.00

Next weekend's second offering will be the annual Seminarians' Education Fund offering.

As always, thank you for your generosity.

SEPTEMBER 27, 2015

From the Pastor

This morning (Tuesday) I spent four hours in the emergency room of South County Hospital, sure that I had appendicitis. I didn't. In fact none of the tests showed anything particularly wrong. So I escaped again. But my mind was whirling with how we'd cover everything, even just through Sunday: a funeral on Friday, a wedding rehearsal at St. Rom's at 1 on Saturday, speaking at all the Masses this weekend, an Eagle Court of Honor on Sunday at 2, a wedding at 4. It's best not to worry about things that haven't happened, but I couldn't help trying to come up with alternative plans if I should have had to have surgery.

It makes this Commitment Sunday even more real and important. We need everyone to jump in financially and in volunteering their time to enkindle the fire of Faith, Hope and Love to ensure the continuity and growth of this Christian community.

Many blessings on all who are able and willing to increase their giving to allow us to go forward and flourish. Blessings too on all who are able and willing to volunteer their time and talent at the sign-ups on the second and third weekends of October.

As for those who are unable to do either, please add your prayers for a new impetus of commitment among those who can.

Lord Jesus Christ, you raised up St. Francis of Assisi to renew your Church in the 13th century. Send the Holy Spirit from the Father to renew the Church in our day. As we need your grace at all times, so help us to be instruments of your grace to others. Feed us with your holy word and with your sacred body and blood. Convert us into your true disciples, willing to follow you in love for the Father and for our fellow human beings. Give us joy in the worship of God, joy in the service of others, joy in our relationships, joy in the ups and downs of life, so that, like St. Francis, we may come to know you intimately in this life and enjoy your presence forever in the life to come. Amen.

Our Lady of Providence, pray for us.

St. Francis of Assisi, pray for us.

St. Romuald, pray for us.

Fr. Bodah



SC Hospital Flu Clinic NEXT SUNDAY, October 4th

in Church Basement from 8am-1pm
Flu Clinic at St. Romuald Chapel on October 11, 11am-1pm



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SUNDAY CLASSES

Grade 1 & 2- 8:50-9:50 -FGC

Grade K- 9:50-10:50 lower church

Grades 3-6- 10:50-11:50 FGC

WEDNESDAY CLASSES

Grades 3-6, 4:15-5:15—FGC.

Grades 7 & 8 7:00 in FGC.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD begin this Sunday, Sept. 27th during the 10:00 Mass.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT CIRCLE OF GRACE

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 throughout the year. For more program information and dates of the lessons, please contact Barbette Cullen or Diane Castro in the Religious Ed. Office.

CONFIRMATION II candidates: Your service project reflections are due on **October 12th**.



This Week

Monday, September 28

7:30-12nn Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

6:30pm Event Committee Mtg. (HBH)

Tuesday, September 29

7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

7:00pm Choir rehearsal (loft)

Wednesday, September 30

4:15-5:15pm Classes Gr. 3-6 (FGC)

7-8:15pm Grade 7/8 Class (FGC)

Thursday, October 1

6:30pm Ministry Fair Mtg. (HBH)

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (JFGC)

7:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (MCCR)

First Friday, October 2

10am-12nn Pastoral Visits—Fr. Bodah

6:30-9:45pm Drink and Dabble (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 7:00pm throughout the month of October.

LADIES OF THE PARISH

Do you need time for rest, relaxation, reflection and renewal? ... Prayerfully consider sharing in a weekend retreat with the women of our parish at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center, located in Farmington, CT. It is here where you will be able to find time to read, reflect, take a walk, or take a nap; spend time listening to the inspiring words and wisdom of OLC's amazing retreat leaders; engage in planned spiritual activities, such as morning prayer, Mass, reconciliation, and rituals; AND spend time with friends and peers - chatting, laughing, sharing stories, enjoying a movie and eating three meals a day that you do NOT have to cook or clean up after. You are free to participate in everything or nothing.

This year's theme- *Encountering the Tenderness of God* - will help us reflect on our encounters with a God who calls us Beloved, along with pondering our resistance and how we can live out the tenderness of God in our own lives.

I hope that you will give yourself the gift of time to join me and other women from our parish for this powerful and grace-filled weekend on Nov.6-8, 2015.

For information, call me, Dana Hawkins at 789-8479.



St. Francis of Assisi Paint Party



Friday, October 2,

6:30-9:45pm

Fr. Greenan Hall,
located behind the church

No Experience
Necessary

featuring ...



a special (and rare) appearance by comedian and instructor Charlie Hall and his Drink and Dabble - featured in Rhode Island Monthly's BEST of RHODE ISLAND! Come and be entertained while painting.

Light fare, refreshments and lots of fun! And great door prizes....

You won't want to miss this!

Tickets will be sold after all Masses this weekend or you can purchase them at Charlie Hall's website: drinkanddabble.com or through the rectory. Final count must be in by Thursday so don't wait! For more information call Diane Costanza at 783-5710. Cost \$40pp