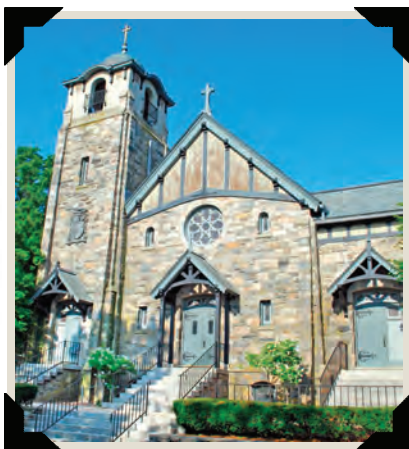


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Masses

SAINT FRANCIS CHURCH

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday ----- 7:00 am

Saturday ----- No Mass until further notice

Sunday ----- 9:00 am and 11:00 am

SAINT ROMUALD CHAPEL / Winter Schedule

Sunday ----- 10:00 am

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES OF RI/WASHINGTON
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Washington County Office / Contact: -----Melanie Monteiro

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Sacraments

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 3:30 - 4:00 pm in Saint Francis Church or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

First Sunday of each month.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Please call the rectory at least one year in advance to speak with Father Bodah. Due to the reduction in priests we can no longer accommodate Sunday weddings.

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THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Francis Mass Intentions



27th Sunday
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Time

Saturday, October 3

4:30pm

Sunday, October 4

9:00am †Michael Dufficy

Requested by Wife & Children

11:00am Sisters of Divine Providence

Renewal of Vows

Monday, October 5

7:00am †Angela Murdocco

Requested by Family

Tuesday, October 6

7:00am †John Hydinger

Requested by Ellen Costanza & Family

Thursday, October 8

7:00am †Tom McGair

Requested by Wife

Friday, October 9

7:00am Mass for the People

Saturday, October 10

4:30pm †Paul Sullivan

Requested by the Gilman Family

Sunday, October 11

9:00am †Margaret Flynn

Requested by Jeff & Kathleen Carney

11:00am †Joseph Pouliot

(Birthday Remembrance)

Requested by Family

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Sunday, October 4

10:00am †Al Marchand

Requested by Jean Fenaughty

Sunday, October 11

10:00am †Peg Dolan

Requested by Jean Fenaughty

SANCTUARY LAMP



This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Michael Dufficy.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: SEMINARIANS' EDUCATION

Your prayers for priestly vocations provide the spiritual support for our seminarians, and your donation to the Seminarian Education Fund Collection provides the financial support for their education and formation for the priesthood of Jesus Christ.

Prayer for Vocations

O God, our provident Father, through your Son you have revealed to us the mysteries of the Kingdom;

you will that all men and women be saved and come to the knowledge of your Truth.

Send workers into your great harvest, grant that more men will serve your Church as priests

for the Diocese of Providence, that the Gospel may be preached to every creature and your people,

strengthened by the word of life and the sacraments, may advance in the way of salvation and love.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

One God forever and ever. Amen.

Please generously support vocations to the priesthood in the Diocese of Providence through your prayers and contributions to the Seminarian Education Fund this weekend.



Parish Giving

Weekly Support

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| Budget envelopes used (84) | - | \$3,646.00 |
| Loose Donations | - | \$ 449.00 |
| Online Giving (# of donors-77) | - | \$3,171.00 |
| Total Budget | - | \$7,266.00 |

September 27

Second Collection (Ongoing Maintenance)

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|----------------------------|---|-------------------|
| Budget envelopes used (48) | - | \$ 937.00 |
| Loose Donations | - | \$ 298.00 |
| Total | | \$1,235.00 |

Catholic Charity Appeal: As of 9/24/2020 we have received pledges of \$67,631.00 from 222 donors. Our goal is \$110,100.00. Consider giving online at givecentral.org/2020CCA

This week's second collection is for the Seminarians' Education. Next week's second collection is the Monthly Collection.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

OCTOBER 4, 2020

SISTERS OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE

On September 29, 1851, the Sisters of Divine Providence were founded in Mainz, Germany by the local bishop, William Emmanuel von Ketteler. Ordained bishop in 1850, he could see the many needs of the people of his diocese. Bishop Ketteler preached and wrote about the many social issues of his time, seeking justice for the workers and help for the poor and was very generous in providing resources to aid the spirituality of the people and to address their practical needs. He became known as the “social justice” bishop, and was a forerunner of the Catholic Church’s social justice encyclicals.

Bishop Ketteler quickly realized he needed others to collaborate with him in order to serve the people’s needs, especially the needs of young girls for education and of the poorest people for basic health care. Deciding to found a religious congregation of women and seeking a suitable leader for this new group, he invited Stephanie Amelia de la Roche, an educated noble woman of French descent and a recent convert to Catholicism, to join him in founding the new community. Beginning with just four women, the community grew and spread throughout the diocese.

In June, 1876, the first six Sisters were sent to the U.S. to serve the many German immigrants by teaching, pastoral care and nursing. The Sisters eventually settled in Pittsburgh, Penn., and from there spread to the Midwest and South, as well as to Puerto Rico and New England, while the Sisters from Germany began ministry in Rome. In the early 1960’s the community responded to the church’s call to go to mission lands, welcoming the first Korean women to the community and establishing a foundation in South Korea. At the same time, the Sisters in Germany responded to the needs of the poor by establishing a foundation in Peru. In more recent decades, houses were also established among the people in the Dominican Republic and in Poland.

In 1960, Sister Marilyn Bergt and I entered the community in Pittsburgh and began our formation as Sisters of Divine Providence. Today we celebrate lives lived fully for 60 years and pray to deepen our commitments to living our vows in community and in service to others. --Sr. Maria Fest, CDP

HOLY COMMUNION



For anyone who has been uncomfortable or unable to attend Mass, there will be a drive up, remain in your car, distribution of Holy Communion on Sunday, October 18th beginning at 12:30 pm in the main Church parking lot. You are not obligated to receive Communion, use judgment on your own vulnerability. Please remain home if you are experiencing any symptoms or are ill.

In preparation, watch the 9am live-streamed Mass at the parish web site or review the readings, which are also available at www.usccb.com. Fast from food or drink for an hour before arrival.

Last names A-J are asked to arrive at 12:30 and K-Z at 12:45 pm. Wear masks; enter the parking lot on Winter Street and exit on High Street. Please bring your own hand sanitizer.

If you plan to participate or have any questions, call, or text 401-588-4192 and leave your name, contact information and the number who will be receiving Communion.



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Wednesday, October 7th

Grade 7 6:30-8:30 Confirmation class to meet in person 2nd floor FGC

Grade 8 No Class this Wednesday-First class (in person) will be next Wednesday, October 14th. Confirmation classes are a hybrid of in person **and** virtual class and will meet twice a month.

Classes for Grades 1-6 continue at home. If you have not picked up your child’s RE materials, please stop by or call the RE Office. Parents please be sure to submit your child’s online class assessment to his/her catechist each week. Weekly coloring pages are to be emailed to Mrs. Cullen.

“The Christian home is the place where children receive the first proclamation of the faith. For this reason, the family home is rightly called *the domestic church*”. (CCC paragraph 1666)



This Week

Tuesday, October 6

7:00pm SVDP Meeting (HBH)

Wednesday, October 7

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

Thursday, October 8

9-10:30am Staff Meeting (Office closed during this time)

6:00pm Opening the Word (FGC)

6:00pm Thursday Night Prayer Meeting (HBH)

Monday, October 12

Holiday—the parish offices will be closed

The parish office is open 9am to 4pm Monday through Thursday and 9am to 12:30 on Friday.



GRAND RAFFLE TICKETS AND DRAWING DRAWING TO BE HELD, THIS MONDAY OCTOBER 5

Just a reminder to return your grand raffle tickets. In order to be sure all weekend ticket returns are included, the drawing will take place this Monday, October 5 at noon. The drawing will be streamed and can be seen on our website at stfranciswakefield.com. Thank you for your support and good luck to all!



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!



St. Vincent DePaul Society

Just a reminder that our St. Vincent de Paul chapter here at St. Francis needs your help. They ask your help by using their poor boxes located in the church and chapel so that they can assist those in need in our area (Gift cards are accepted). If you know of someone in need of assistance, SVDP can be reached at 401-871-8936. **Please keep them in your prayers!**

DIOCESE TO TAKE PART IN ROSARY CONGRESS



All are invited to participate in the upcoming Rosary Congress taking place throughout the Diocese of Providence October 3-9.

The Rosary Congress will consist of 7 days/nights of perpetual Eucharistic Adoration, the recitation of the Holy Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Rosary Congresses have been held all across the U.S. since 1979 in response to Our Lady of Fatima's call to conversion, consecration and prayer and are offered in a spirit of reparation, for life, peace and healing.

Locally, seven parishes in the diocese will host one day of Eucharistic Adoration each. Please consider spending an hour with our Lord.

- ♦ Sat. Oct. 3: St. Patrick Church, Providence 7:15am
- ♦ Sun., Oct. 4: SS Rose & Clement, Warwick 8:00am
- ♦ Mon., Oct. 5: St. Thomas More, Narragansett 9:00am
- ♦ Tues., Oct. 6: Immaculate Conception, Westerly 9:00am
- ♦ Wed., Oct. 7: St. Joseph, Woonsocket 9:00am
- ♦ Thurs., Oct. 8: St. Pius V, Providence 9:00am
- ♦ Fri., Oct. 9: St. Philip, Greenville 9:00am

Visit our website to see the flyer: stfranciswakefield.com for locations and times. (It can be found under the bulletin tab). Flyer is also posted in the church.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS THIS SUNDAY

The blessing of the animals will take place this Sunday, October 4 at 10:00am 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 Deacon Dowd! Remember to social distance and wear masks.



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