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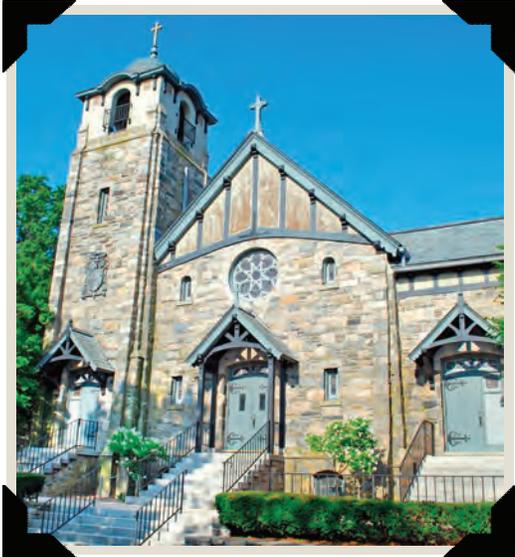
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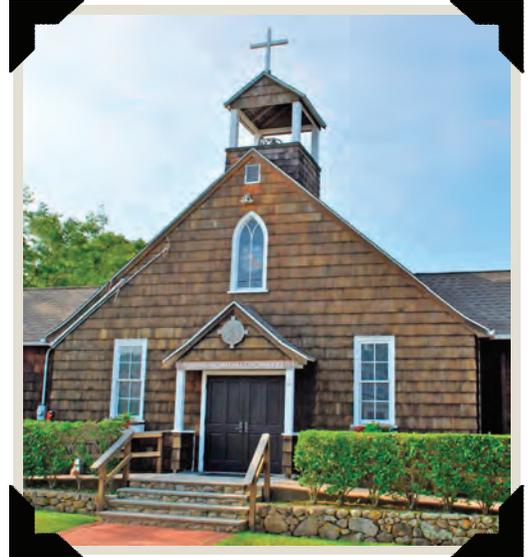
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Masses

SAINT FRANCIS CHURCH

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday ----- 7:00 am
Saturday ----- 4:30 pm
Sunday ----- 9:00 am and 11:00 am

SAINT ROMUALD CHAPEL / Winter Schedule

Sunday ----- 10:00 am

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES OF RI/WASHINGTON COUNTY & ST. GABRIEL'S CALL.

Washington County Office / Contact: -----Melanie Monteiro
----- 401-783-3149
Tuesday ----- 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

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401-871-8936

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 Young. Due to the reduction in priests we can no longer accommodate Sunday weddings.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please call the rectory.

welcome

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Friday From 9:00 am—12:30 pm

THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Francis Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 25

4:30pm †Marsha Signorelli

Requested by Family

Sunday, September 26

9:00am †James McNulty

Requested by a Friend

11:00am For the People

Monday, September 27

7:00am Andre Gafiadis

(Special Intention)

Requested by Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Oliverio

Tuesday, September 28

7:00am †Rick Holland

Requested by a Friend

Thursday, September 30

7:00am †Margaret & John Hayes

Requested by Family

Friday, October 1

7:00am †James F. Walsh

Requested by a Friend



Installation Mass
Saturday, October 2

4:30pm Fr. Young's Installation Mass

Sunday, October 3

9:00am †Michael Dufficy

(Anniversary Remembrance)

Requested by Wife & Children

11:00am †Joyce Shiels

Requested by Family

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Sunday, September 26

10:00am †Jane Patrice Grimley

Requested by her Father

Sunday, October 3

10:00am †Raymond H. Meloche, Jr.

Requested by Mary Warl

Dear Parishioners,

I am very much looking forward to next weekend! It's an important day of the year when a parish can celebrate its patron saint. St. Francis was such a revolutionary person in the history of the Church. I'm almost disappointed that he's become a bit of a cliché. We see his statues in gardens, we sing his hymn for peace, and we have pictures of him petting animals. We often forget the unbelievably deep and even sacrificial relationship he had with Jesus.

St. Francis received what is called the "stigmata". When a follower of Christ is so united to Jesus, especially through His passion, Jesus gives the gift of suffering along with Him in a real and physical way. Some other saints who have had the stigmata are St. Padre Pio, St. Rita, and St. Catherine of Siena. St. Francis once said, "If we endure all things patiently and with gladness, thinking on the sufferings of our Blessed Lord, and bearing all for the love of Him: herein is perfect joy."

I know there will be a lot of joy next weekend. Invite some friends and family to join you for the Pasta Dinner on Friday. Then on Saturday evening we welcome Bishop Evans to install me as pastor at the 4:30PM Mass. (Of course there will be a reception! I'm starting to learn that our parish enjoys parties!). Then Sunday Deacon and I will be blessing your pets! Bring and size and species, as long as they don't bite!

In Christ,

Fr. Young

PS: My apologies to the St. Romuald family! The rotation of priests helping has kept me away from the chapel for a few weeks. I'll see you soon.



Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (128)	-	\$4,461.50
Loose Donations	-	\$1,156.00
Online Giving (# of donors-78)	-	\$2,595.00
Total Budget	-	\$8,212.00

Second Collection (Priest's Retirement)

Budget envelopes used (96)	-	\$2,655.50
Loose Donations	-	\$ 790.00
Online Giving (# of donors-3)	-	\$ 80.00
Total	-	\$3,525.50

This week's second collection is for Ongoing Maintenance. Next week's second collection is for the Seminarian's Education.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

SEPTEMBER 26, 2021



SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Lucien Jacques.

Pasta Dinner

NEXT Friday, October 1st

5:00—7:30 PM

Fr. Greenan Parish Center

Cost: \$12 Adults

\$8 Take-Out (does not include drink or dessert)

\$6 children (ages 6 to 12) Children under 6, 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.



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Come and try your luck at winning any of our great theme baskets: Holiday Entertaining, Fore the Love of Golf, Spa & Beauty, and many more...and the ever popular money tree loaded with lottery tickets! **Tickets for the baskets will be sold only at the dinner.**



If you would like to help serve or help with clean-up please contact Jean at 783-1633 or Ellen at 789-7707.

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!



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

OCTOBER 3

Blessing of the animals will take place next Sunday around 12:15pm 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 Young & Deacon Dowd!

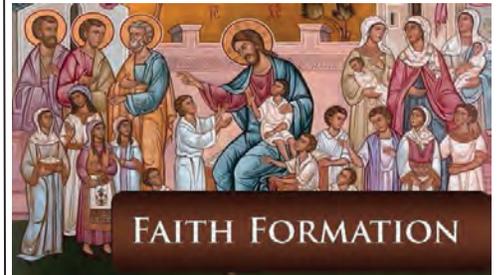


BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG

Make a gift affirming the sanctity of human life. At the end of our Masses on Oct. 9/10 we will be distributing baby bottles. We are asking that you take a bottle home to place your coins, cash or a check (**Please make checks out to RI Right to Life**) and return it to the church the following weekend, Oct 16/17. The Baby Bottle Boomerang is used to fund Right to Life Services, a ministry of RI Right to Life that helps pregnant women, newborns and toddlers throughout RI. There will be collection baskets located at all the entrances of the church for when you return the bottles.



**FAITH
FORMATION
(401) 792-8684**



FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Grades 1-6

9:55-10:50am in FGC

Family Prayer: Lord, help us to recognize those who teach us to know you better. Help us to treat them with love and kindness every day. Amen.

Confirmation I Classes for Grade 7 begin Sunday, October 3rd

Time: 6:30-8:15pm in FGC

Confirmation II Classes for Grade 8 begin Wednesday, October 13th

Time: 6:30-8:15pm in FGC

*Attention Confirmation II students: Your Confirmation sponsor form is due in the Faith Formation Office this **Thursday, September 30th**. Your Saint Report is due **November 17th**.

This Week

Monday, September 27

7:30-11:00am Adoration (Church)

Tuesday, September 28

7:00pm Choir (Church)

Wednesday, September 29

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

Thursday, September 30

6:00pm Opening the Word/Bible Study (FGC)

6:00pm Prayer Group Meeting (HBH)

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

“TO THE PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN:

- ◆ Relax! God put the wiggle in children. Don't feel like you have to suppress it in God's house.
- ◆ Sit towards the front where it's easier for your little ones to see and hear what's going on. They tire of seeing the backs of heads.
- ◆ Quietly explain the parts of the Mass.
- ◆ Sing, pray, and voice responses. Children learn by copying your involvement!
- ◆ If you have to leave Mass with your child, feel free to do so, but come back! As Jesus said, “let the little children come to me.”
- ◆ Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home here.

TO THE MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION:

The presence of children is a gift to the Church and a reminder that our parish is growing. Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents!”



OCTOBER DEVOTIONS BEGIN THIS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1

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!



INSTALLATION OF FR. ADAM YOUNG AS THE 17TH PASTOR OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

Next Saturday, October 2nd at the 4:30pm Mass we welcome Bishop

Evans, Auxiliary Bishop of Providence, to install Fr. Young as pastor. While he officially became pastor on July 1, it is an important liturgical ceremony. All are welcome to attend and support Fr. Young on his Profession of Faith and Oath of Fidelity. A light reception on the rectory lawn will follow!



SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND:

October 1 (5-7): Pasta Dinner

October 2 (4:30): Installation for Fr. Young at Mass followed by a reception

October 3 (12:15): Blessing of the Animals

October 9: Distribution of baby bottles (Baby Bottle Boomerang)

October 23-31: Social Outreach Food Drive to benefit the Jonnycake Center

Oct. 29 (6:30-9pm): Paint Night with Diane Costanza

November 6 (9-2): Church Bazaar

November 26 (9-12): Coat Drive

November 27: Giving Tree to be placed in church

Month of January: Baby Shower

As always, as events draw near there will be more detailed information in the bulletin!

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

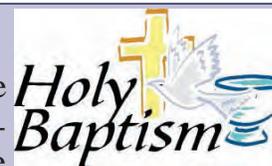
O God, our provident Father, through your Son you have revealed to us the mysteries of the Kingdom; you will that all men and women be saved and come to the knowledge of your Truth.

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 next weekend.

Congratulations to the proud parents and god-parents of Cali Jamie



Rayta who was baptized on September 12 by Fr. Adam Young.

Your parish family rejoices with you!



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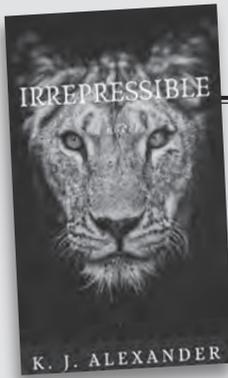
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