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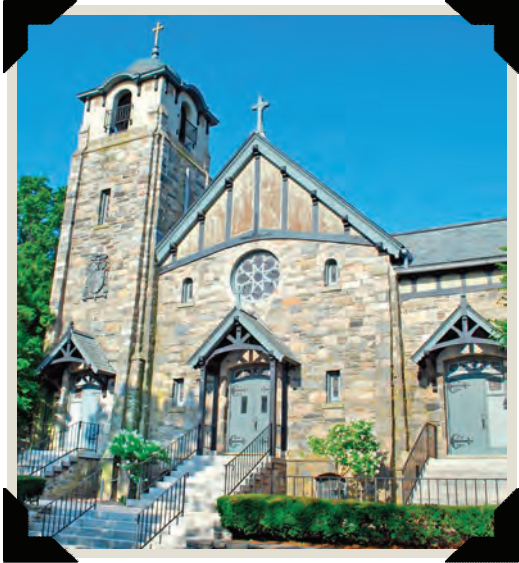
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Masses

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

Saturday ----- 5:30 pm*
 Sunday ----- 8:00 am* and 10:00 am
 *Summer only (Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day Weekend)

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES OF RI/WASHINGTON
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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 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Francis Mass Intentions



Saturday, January 22

4:30pm †Marie Champion

Requested by Obeline Plante

Sunday, January 23

9:00am †Dr. Domenic Coppolino

Requested by Family

11:00am †Paul M. Sullivan II

Requested by the Gilman Family

Requested by Ed & Diane Rudegear

Monday, January 24

7:00am †Shirley Cummings

Requested by Jean

Tuesday, January 25

7:00am †Alfred & Beatrice Bonin

Requested by Viola Card

Thursday, January 27

7:00am †Tony Colatruglio, Jr.

Requested by John O'Hale

Friday, January 28

7:00am For the People

Saturday, January 29

4:30pm †Domenic & Matilda Coppolino

(Anniversary Remembrance)

Requested by Family

Sunday, January 30

9:00am †Calvin Pepe, Jr.

Requested by Family

11:00am †Ralph Medici, Sr.

Requested by the Gilman Family

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 23

10:00am †Mary Marchand

(Birthday Remembrance)

Requested by Gerri & Al Marsocci

Sunday, January 30

10:00am †Thomas Mazzeo

Requested by his Wife

Dear Parishioners,

I apologize for being an absentee "father"! After recovering from Covid after Christmas, I came down with some sort of bug. I am very grateful to the priests who jumped in at the last minute to help out, especially Fr. Chew and Fr. Lee from St. Paul's. We are so blessed to have many priests who are part of our parish family these days. I think we are spoiled! Keep praying for all of our priests.

We are barely into Ordinary Time and we're already planning for Lent in the office. We will be offering some great opportunities for spiritual growth to prepare for Easter. I am especially excited about our presenter for the Lenten Mission (I'll give you a hint: the country in which he serves has a town called *Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwlllantysiliogogoch*).

Also keep your eyes peeled for information about the Alpha Course which will begin in March. It is a life changing experience that I hope every parishioner will take advantage of!

In Christ,

Fr. Young



Weekly Support

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| Budget envelopes used (105) | - | <u>January 16</u> \$7,587.00 |
| Loose Donations | - | \$2,352.00 |
| Online Giving (# of donors-81) | - | <u>\$2,878.00</u> |
| Total Budget | - | \$12,817.00 |

Second Collection (Catholic University)

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| Budget envelopes used (53) | - | \$ 799.00 |
| Loose Donations | - | \$ 230.00 |
| Online Giving (# of donors-9) | - | <u>\$ 174.00</u> |
| Total | - | \$1,203.00 |

There is no second collection this week. Next week's second collection is for Latin America.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

JANUARY 23, 2022



SANCTUARY LAMP

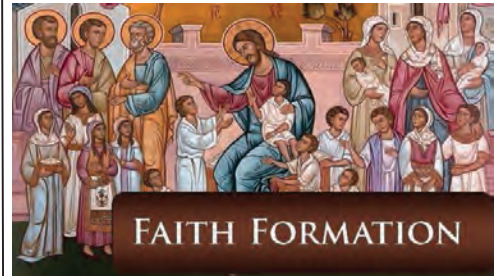
This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of John J. Marcoux.

COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

Next week we will take up the collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.



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



**Sunday, January 23rd
9:55-10:50am** Grades 1-6 FGC

Pray: Dear Lord, help us to hear your Good News and share it with others. Amen.

Confirmation I & II

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me I was in prison and you came to me. Matthew 25:35-36

Service reflections are due **Sunday, February 6th**. Guidelines for the reflections have been sent home and also may be found online at stfranciswakefield.com.

Next Sunday, January 30th at 9:00am Mass

We will celebrate Listening to God's Word. Our children preparing for First Holy Communion will be attending with their families.



Congratulations to the proud parents and godparent of Ariana Elle Randels who was baptized on January 2 by Deacon John Dowd.



Your parish family rejoices with you!

FUNERAL ASSISTANCE



Fr. Young is looking for assistance with funerals during the week. Duties include setting up, serving the Mass, reading when needed, and clean-up afterward. No experience necessary! Please contact Fr. Young or the rectory office if you feel called to assist in this important ministry.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY UPDATE

Hopefully, the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be able to meet in person once again in April. We meet the first Thursday of each month in the Rectory from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. We do not meet over the winter, but hopefully continue to knit prayer shawls at home. At the present time, our inventory is down to only three shawls! If you have a prayer shawl at home, please drop it off at the Rectory so that Father Young can bless it. We welcome all knitters and if you cannot make the meetings, we are happy to receive any and all shawls that are made at home.



For further information, please call Jean McGair at 401 783 1633 or e-mail her at jean@mcgair.com.

This Week

Monday, January 24

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

Tuesday, January 25

6:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

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

"...when i was a stranger you took me in". Matthew 25:35

In a moments time your world has just changed. You and your family must leave the country with what ever you can carry, not next week, but, now! Doesn't seem possible, however, nearly 70,000 Afghans had to make that split second decision just 4 months ago. Now many are still living in military barracks as they await their fate here in the United States.



They have not been able to restart their lives because the Afghan Resettlement Agencies are understaffed and overwhelmed. St. Francis of Assisi church has been given the opportunity to help by becoming a "Sponsor Circle" and fostering an Afghan family.

Churches are being asked to create a support group, to provide initial financial support as well as mentoring for an incoming family. This will give our church the ability to come around a family, support them with gaining employment, housing, schooling, healthcare, basic needs and so on.

We need volunteers with a wide variety of abilities and who would be able to give a little time or a considerable amount of time.

For more information: Call 401-477-6046 or visit Sponsorcircles.org.

Thank you and God bless!



IS THERE MORE TO LIFE THAN THIS?

Many ask this question often. You may have even struggled with finding the answer. In March, St. Francis Parish will embark on a 10 week journey to re-discover our faith and discuss answers to life's deepest questions. Keep your eyes peeled! #Alpha.



Month of January: Baby Shower

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



FOOD DONATIONS FOR THE JONNYCAKE CENTER: JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER

Please remember we are always in need of nonperishable food items (no glass or outdated items). Your donations may be placed in the baskets located at St. Francis or St. Romuald. These items will be donated to the Jonnycake Food Pantry in Peace Dale. Thank you for your generosity.



The St. Francis of Assisi Social Outreach Committee (SOC) is sponsoring a Baby Shower during the month of January. Please place donations in collection baskets located in St. Francis Church & St. Romuald Chapel during the weekends in January. **Thank you for your support!**

COLLECTED ITEMS WILL BENEFIT:

The St. Gabriel Call

SUGGESTED BABY SUPPLY DONATIONS

Diapers (All sizes up to 6/XL)

Baby Wipes

Warm Sleepers (0 to 24 months)

Baby Lotion

Warm Children's Clothing (2T-4T, 5-6)

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