

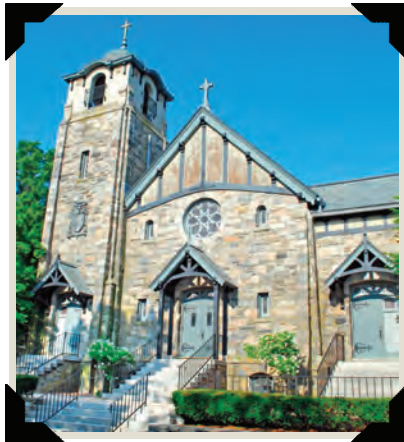
All-powerful Father, Christ your Son became man for us and was presented in the temple. May he free our hearts from sin and bring us into your presence. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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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 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.
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- SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**
First Sunday of each month.
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- 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.
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- 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

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Francis Mass Intentions



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

Monday, January 31

7:00am †Peter Reusch
Requested by his Wife

Tuesday, February 1

7:00am Mass for the People

Thursday, February 3

7:00am †Concetta & Bob Wilson
Requested by Jean

Friday, February 4

7:00am †Rev. Charles Burns
(3rd Pastor)
121st Anniversary Remembrance

Saturday, February 5

4:30pm †Arlene (Feeney) Robinson
Requested by David & Sandra Driscoll

Sunday, February 6

9:00am †Barbara Taylor
Requested by Ryan & Jen Bernard
11:00am †William F. Connors
Requested by Jeanne & Dan Thompson

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 30

10:00am †Thomas Mazzeo
Requested by his Wife

Sunday, February 6

10:00am †Tara Higgins
(Anniversary Remembrance)
Requested by Family

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend I am celebrating the "Listening Mass" at the 9AM with our young parishioners. Throughout scripture, God repeated said things like, "Listen", "Hear", "Be attentive", etc. When we listen, the Word of God penetrates us and germinates into something beautiful. At the Holy Mass, we listen to God's inspired word in the readings. After 1965, the words of the priest during the Eucharistic Prayer were made audible so that we could listen to what he was saying to God on our behalf.

Cardinal Robert Sarah recently wrote a book called, "The Power of Silence: Against the Dictatorship of Noise". In it he says, "Our world no longer hears God because it is constantly speaking, at a devastating speed and volume, in order to say nothing." I highly recommend this book to you!

As you can see, St. Joseph, a man who listened superlatively, has found a permanent home in the sanctuary at the church. May his example inspire us to listen and act on the Word of God speaking quietly and powerfully in our hearts!

In Christ,
Fr. Young



<u>Weekly Support</u>		<u>January 23</u>
Budget envelopes used (119)	-	\$4,488.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 847.00
Online Giving (# of donors-81)	-	\$2,909.00
Total Budget	-	\$8,244.00

This week's second collection is for Latin America. Next week's second collection is for the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

JANUARY 30, 2022



SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Sandra Thomas.

ROSARY REPAIRS



We now have an anonymous volunteer who has offered to repair rosaries. If you have a rosary that you would like repaired please place the rosary in an envelope and place your name and phone number on the outside of the envelope so that when the repair is complete you can be notified. Please drop your envelope off at the rectory or place it in the black mailbox next to the rectory door.

COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

This weekend we take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America! Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean do not have access to church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, rugged rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity enables our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous in the special collection! To learn more, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.



"...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.

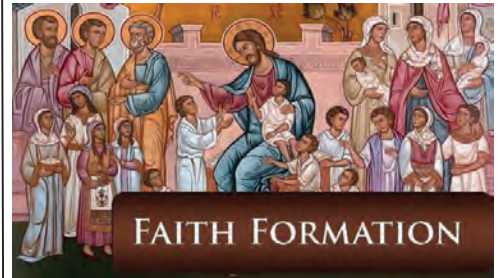
We need volunteers with a wide variety of abilities and who would be able to give a little time or a considerable amount of time.

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

Thank you and God bless!



FAITH FORMATION
(401) 792-8684



Sunday, January 30th

9:55-10:50am Grades 1-6
FGC

Pray: Dear Lord, knowing that all are welcome in God's family, we ask for your help in accepting people and not rejecting them. We pray for those who feel rejected, alone and afraid. Amen.

Wednesday, February 2nd
6:30-8:15pm Confirmation II FGC



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.

This Week

Monday, January 31

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

7:00pm Pastoral Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 1

6:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

7:00pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting (HBH)

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

Just a reminder that there are inspirational ***Catholic media CDs*** available at the side entrance (parking lot side) in the main church and at the chapel. ***Please be sure to take a moment to look them over!***

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.

Got Life-Size
Questions



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.



ASH WEDNESDAY—MARCH 2

7:00am & 6:30pm Mass w/ distribution of Ashes

Noon Liturgy of the Word with
distribution of Ashes

ADDITIONAL CONFESSION TIMES DURING LENT
Prepare your heart during the season of Lent.

St. Francis Church
Saturday at 3:30PM to 4:00PM
Sunday at 10:00AM to 10:30AM

St. Romuald Chapel
Sunday at 9:15AM to 9:45AM



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

COLLECTED ITEMS WILL BENEFIT:

The St. Gabriel Call

SUGGESTED BABY SUPPLY DONATIONS

Diapers (All sizes up to 6/XL)

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