

THE START OF LENT



# Ash Wednesday

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from dust,  
and to dust  
all return.*



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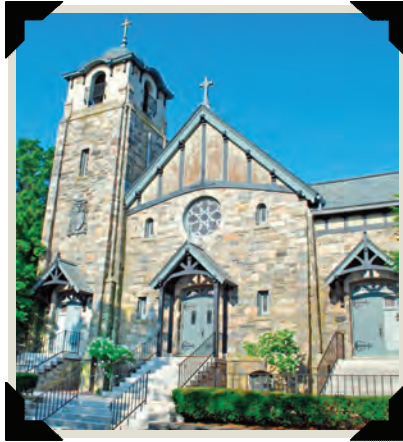
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### Masses

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 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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### 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 EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### St. Francis Mass Intentions

**Saturday, February 26**

4:30pm †Tina Marie Luciano

*Requested by Family*

**Sunday, February 27**

9:00am †George Almeida, Sr.

(Birthday Remembrance)

*Requested by Family*

11:00am †Gina Posillo

*Requested by Mark & Laurie Friel*

**Monday, February 28**

7:00am †Deceased Members of the Davis Family

*Requested by Family*

**Tuesday, March 1**

7:00am †Raymond C. Flynn

*Requested by Jeff & Kathleen Carney*



**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2 (ASH WEDNESDAY)**

**7:00am** †Jean Russell

*Requested by Jean*

**Noon** Liturgy of the Word with Distribution of Ashes

**6:30pm** Mass for the People

**Thursday, March 3**

7:00am †Richard Ryder

**Friday, March 4**

7:00am †Joseph Boragine

*Requested by Family*

**Saturday, March 5**

4:30pm †Lavern Turco

*Req. by the McGillivray & Gomes Families*

**Sunday, March 6**

9:00am †Virginia Kenny

*Requested by Ryan & Jen Bernard*

11:00am †Gina Posillo

*Requested by Carol Mastrobuono*

### St. Romuald Mass Intentions

**Sunday, February 27**

10:00am †Dan Fenaughty

*Requested by Mom & Family*

**Sunday, March 6**

10:00am †John V., Helen & John V. Estes, Jr.

*Requested by Family*

Dear Parishioners,

Great news! The Afghani family that our community adopted has arrived! Tariq, Nafisa, and their newborn Mohammad are settling in and very grateful for our assistance. Keep your eyes and ears open for future announcements on their progress. Thank you to our parishioner Craig Marciniak for coordinating this effort and thank you for your generosity!

Lent begins this Wednesday. There is quite a bit going on during this holy time. The brochures by the door highlight all we are offering. In a special way I want to invite you to the Alpha Course. I can't recommend it enough. It is a non-judgemental, relaxed atmosphere where we can discuss aspects of the faith and grow in community. (And of course the food!) It is geared towards everyone no matter where they are on their faith journey, from lifelong Catholics to atheists and agnostics looking to discuss the big questions.

When I arrived at St. Francis I shared with you that my dream is to move the parish from "maintenance mode" to "mission mode". The Alpha Course helps us to do just that. Please consider coming to the first evening on March 9th. No strings attached! Bring a friend, a family member, or a neighbor. Bring you kids! I promise you your faith will never be the same. Feel free to email me or call if you have any questions.

In Christ,

*Fr. Young*



**Weekly Support**

Budget envelopes used (108)	-	<b>February 20</b>
Loose Donations	-	\$ 11,694.00
Online Giving (# of donors-84)	-	\$ 804.00
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$3,071.00</b>
		<b>\$15,569.00</b>

**Second Collection (Ongoing Maintenance)**

Budget envelopes used (66)	-	\$1,005.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 274.00
Online Giving (# of donors-3)	-	\$ 35.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$1,314.00</b>

**2022 Catholic Charity Appeal Goal is \$104,595.00. As of 2/17/22 the pledged amount is 27,375.00.00 from 96 donors. (In-pew solicitation will be the weekend of March 12/13).**

There is no second collection this week. Next week's second collection is the Monthly Collection.

**As always, thank you for your continued generosity.**



# FEBRUARY 27, 2022



## SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Tina Marie Luciano.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT ST. ROMUALD CHAPEL

Join us for a unique experience when we present the Stations of the Cross as seen through the eyes of Mary every Wednesday beginning March 9<sup>th</sup> through April 13<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm at Saint Romuald Chapel in Matunuck. All are welcome.



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT ST. FRANCIS

On the six Fridays of Lent we will have the Stations of the Cross beginning March 4 through April 8 at 7pm. On Good Friday, April 15 Stations will be at 3pm. All are welcome.



## PARISH LENTEN MISSION: "Via Dolorosa "

Presented by Fr. Liam Bradley

**MONDAY, MARCH 21 AND TUESDAY, MARCH 22 AT 7:00PM**

Fr. Liam Bradley takes us on a journey to the foot of the cross, walking the way of the Via Dolorosa.

However, unlike the traditional Stations of the Cross, he introduces us to some of the lesser-known characters, each of whom encountered the Christ. Having reached the Cross, he leads us in joining with Mary at prayer.

Fr. Liam is a priest of the Diocese of Menevia located in southwest Wales. He currently leads chaplaincy services for Dyfed-Powys Police and also acts as chaplain to a local hospital and a Trappist community of nuns. Formerly engaged in parish ministry, he's been ordained for nine years and for five of them was the diocesan Vocations Director. In his spare time Fr Liam's hobby is aviation and he enjoys flying Cessna aircraft. Join us to hear Father's wit and wisdom and we journey toward Easter!



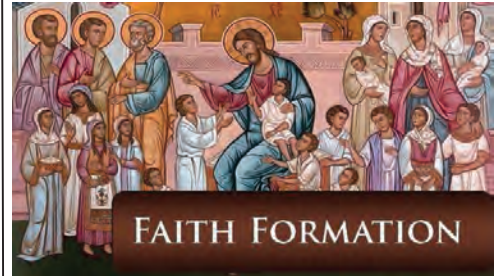
## Project Rachel/Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

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## Sunday, February 27, 2022

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

*Pray: Lord, help us to have eyes to see what you want us to learn and ears to hear your teaching. Amen.*

**6:30-8:15pm** Confirmation I  
Grade 7 FGC

## HOW TO CELEBRATE ASH WEDNESDAY?

### 3. Do an act of charity

> Do works of mercy  
(Give food or drink to a street kid, share your clothes or toys to the needy, visit the sick, etc.)



### 4. Do acts that show we are sorry for our sins

> Go to confession (for those who can)  
> Say sorry to people you have hurt



# This Week

## Monday, February 28

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

## Tuesday, March 1

6:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

7:00pm SVD Meeting (HBH)

## Wednesday, February 16

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

## Friday, March 4

7:00pm Stations (Church)

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

Alpha is just that...the beginning. The Alpha Course has been run in thousands of parishes throughout the world and is proven to awaken faith in lapsed Catholics, those on the fringe of parish life and those outside the faith. It gives faithful Catholics a path and a language to fulfill their baptismal call to evangelize. It is a proven method of introducing people to a living relationship, a personal encounter with Jesus Christ.

The Alpha Course is run over 11 sessions and consists of a meal, fellowship, a video presentation, and discussion. The welcoming non-judgmental atmosphere puts participants at ease to discuss aspects of the faith. ALL are welcome; Catholics, non-Catholics, former church go-ers, and those simply searching for answers to life's questions. So come join us and bring a friend!

Registration is not required but helpful!

Email [alpha@stfranciswakefield.com](mailto:alpha@stfranciswakefield.com)

**(Begins Next Wednesday, March 9 from 7-8:30pm in Father Greenan Center)**



## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**Confessions** are heard each Saturday afternoon from 3:30-4:00pm in St. Francis Church. Our parish will also offer Confessions on Sundays during Lent at **St. Francis Church from 10:00am to 10:30am** and at **St. Romuald Chapel from 9:15am to 9:45am.**



## Light of Hope for Afghans

M. Tariq, Nafisa and 4-month-old son, Mohammad, arrived in South Kingstown on February 19<sup>th</sup> after an outpouring of support from our community to welcome them and provide for their needs. This has been a long journey for them with Mohammad being born in Qatar while traveling to the United States. They are staying in a guest home donated by Linda Tucker and Richard Hodgson, members of the Peace Dale Congregational Church. Each month, PDCC selects a Mission to support, in March they will be supporting the Light of Hope. St Augustine's Church is providing diapers and Hope Church in Cranston provided a baby crib. St Peter's by the Sea is stocking their pantry with spices and staples they would be accustomed to. St. Francis of Assisi parishioners donated baby equipment and clothing. Judy Alarie and team prepared an Afghan meal on the arrival day. (Qabili Palau). Abdelnasser Hussein from the Muslim Community Center of Kingston has been a great source of information regarding cultural sensitivity and their religion.

In these initial weeks it is important to be sensitive to their privacy. There will soon be time to meet, interact and become friends.

Updates and announcements on items needed and volunteer opportunities will be posted and in the bulletin. Buzz Corner is coordinating a transportation volunteer schedule for shopping and appointments. Contact him with available days and times if you can drive, ewcorner@gmail.com.

## Steubenville Youth Conference Information Night

On Monday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm we will be having an information night in Fr. Greenan Hall for all teens in grades 8-12 who may be interested in attending this conference. The conference this year will be held July 29-31 at the Mass Mutual Center in Springfield, MA.



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