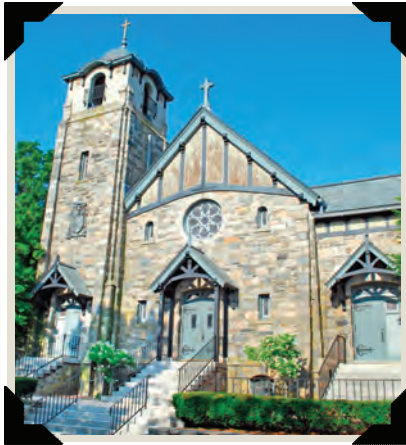


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Masses

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)

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 Washington County Office / Contact: ----- Melanie Monteiro
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 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.

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 Please call the rectory.

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St. Francis Mass Intentions



Saturday, April 2

4:30pm †Joe Luciano, III
Requested by Anna & Dennis DeLuca

Sunday, April 3

9:00am †Patrick Dufficy
 (Birthday Remembrance)
Requested by Mom & Family

11:00am †Ralf T. Levesque
Requested by Family

Monday, April 4

7:00am †Melinda Matuza
Requested by Jim & Susan Meehan

Tuesday, April 5

7:00am †Sylvia DeLuca
Requested by Family

Thursday, April 7

7:00am Mass for the People

Friday, April 8

7:00am †Deceased Members of the Behie,
 O'Rourke, Palamidessi & Geiling
 Families
Requested by Family

Saturday, April 9

4:30pm †Branden J. & Anna DeLuca
Requested by Family

Sunday, April 10

9:00am †Edith Boisclair
Requested by Family
 11:00am †Joyce Shiels
Requested by Family

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Sunday, April 3

10:00am †Martha McElkenny
Requested by Family

Sunday, April 10

10:00am †Al Marchand
 (Birthday Remembrance)
Requested by Al & Gerri Marsocci

Dear Parishioners,

The Vatican II document "Gaudium et Spes" (Joy and Hope) was a pivotal document of the bishops at the Council. Remember that an Ecumenical Council like Vatican II is a gathering of all the bishops of the world guided and protected by the Holy Spirit. There have been 21 Ecumenical Councils since the beginning of the Church. (Fun fact: The Nicene Creed we say every week was mostly composed at the First Council of Nicaea in 325AD!)

Back to "Gaudium et Spes". It encouraged the Church to open up to the world. Two different interpretations of that were born. 1-We should become more LIKE the world. 2-We should go out INTO the world. This caused great tension in the Church in the last few decades. Should we "update" Jesus' teachings? Should our liturgies be more entertaining to attract people? I would say no.

I certainly am part of the second mode of thought. I believe the council called us to take the beauty, richness, and transcendence of Catholicism into the world that craves God. It is my dream that our parish can continue to bring the unchanging Gospel into an ever changing world. Isn't that exciting!?

In Christ,
Fr. Young



Weekly Support		March 27
Budget envelopes used (126)	-	\$3,382.50
Loose Donations	-	\$1,250.00
Online Giving (# of donors-86)	-	<u>\$2,843.00</u>
Total Budget	-	\$7,475.50

2022 Catholic Charity Appeal Goal is \$104, 595.00. As of 3/24/22 the pledged amount is \$61,457.00 from 179 donors.

This week's second collection is the Monthly Collection. Next week's second collection is for Catholic Relief/Operation Rice Bowl.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

APRIL 3, 2022



SANCTUARY LAMP

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

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 through April 13th 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 through April 8 at 7pm. On Good Friday, April 15 Stations will be at 3pm. All are welcome.



PALM SUNDAY CONCERT

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NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 10 AT 2:30PM IN THE CHURCH

On Sunday April 10, at 2:30pm in St. Francis Church, the South County Chamber Singers will present a concert of sacred music featuring the Faure' Requiem. This piece is a beautiful work of faith, consolation, comfort and peace illuminating God's great love for us. The concert will also include sacred anthems and a new piece composed by Father Robert Randall. Join us for this special concert on Palm Sunday afternoon. It will be a perfect introduction to the holiest week of the year. A suggested free will donation of \$15 would be appreciated.

NEWS FROM ST. VINCENT DEPAUL

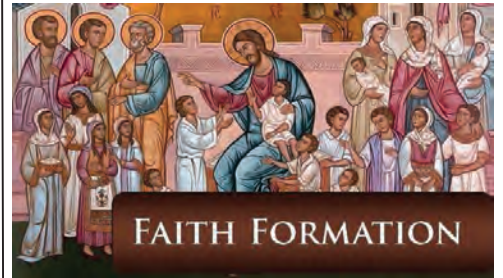
In addition to the Friday dinner program that has served close to 10,000 meals in the past 15 months, our SVDP Conference continues to provide financial aid for rent, utilities, groceries and other needs. Rent assistance has remained our most frequent request. Recently a homeless family of three was helped with first month's rent for Section 8 housing; electricity was restored after a shut off; and overdue rent paid for a family with an eviction notice. A family of three adults and a 5-year-old child with no heat or hot water during below freezing weather was provided with heating oil. Another family needed propane delivered for hot water and cooking after paying medical bills caused a financial hardship. A victim of domestic violence who was initially homeless was able to obtain affordable housing. Our conference assisted with securing and moving donated furniture. The needs are varied, and our Conference is not limited in the type of aid we can provide.



Your donations make this work possible as together we help our neighbors in need.



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Sunday, April 3rd 2022

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

Pray: Help us to see our faults, Lord, before looking at the faults of others. Amen.

6:30-8:15pm Final Class for Confirmation I at FGC



St. Francis of Assisi's Annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Easter Sunday morning at 10:00!! The Easter Bunny will supply the Eggs but we could use your help with some wrapped CANDY to fill them! If you can help with the candy, donation boxes will be at the main entrance to the church/chapel and Fr. Greenan Hall. Thank you!

This Week

Monday, April 4

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

Tuesday, April 5

6:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

7:00pm SVDP Meeting (HBH)

Wednesday, April 6

12:30 Stations (Chapel)

6:45-8:30pm Alpha Course (FGC)

Thursday, April 7

6:30 Choir (Church)

Friday, April 8

7:00pm Stations (Church)

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



Holy Thursday (April 14)

7:00pm—Mass of the Lord's Supper

St. Francis Church

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will continue until 11:00pm in Helen Bouchard Hall Also at St. Romuald Chapel from 9-11:00pm

Good Friday (April 15)

3:00pm—Stations of the Cross

St. Francis Church

7:00pm—Celebration of the Lord's Passion

St. Francis Church

Holy Saturday (April 16)

(Confessions will be heard from 3:00-4:00pm)

7:30pm—Solemn Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection

St. Francis Church

Easter Sunday (April 17)

9:00am and 11:00am

St. Francis Church

and

10:00am

St. Romuald Chapel

SAVE THE DATE

April 30-May 8: Social Outreach Food Drive to Benefit Jonnycake Center

Month of May: Rosary at the Chapel Monday through Friday at 6:30pm

Month of May: May Money Madness Drawings (Tickets will be on sale during the month of April)



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.**

MAY MONEY MADNESS

Tickets For May Money Madness are being sold after masses this weekend and again on April 9/10 & April 23/24. They can also be purchased at the parish office, Monday through Thursday 9am to 4pm and Friday 9am-12:30pm. **The last day to buy tickets is April 30.**



Ticket prices are: \$10 each, 6 for \$50 or 12 for \$100. A fun parish event with prizes awarded daily throughout the month of May.

Drawing Prizes: Monday thru Saturday—\$50; Sunday—\$100; May 31 drawing—\$500.

Fill out the form below and include payment. Return through the weekly offertory or mail to: **May \$ Madness, St. Francis Church, 114 High St., Wakefield, RI 02879** Tickets will be forwarded to you.

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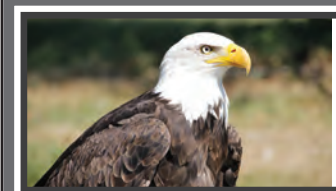
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