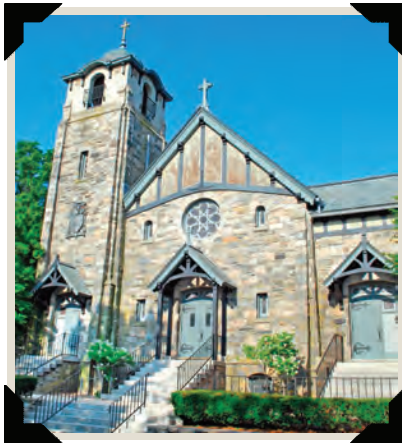


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SAINT FRANCIS CHURCH
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Sunday 9:00 am and 11:00 am
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Saturday 5:30 pm\*
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\*Summer only (Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day Weekend)

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Saturday at 3:30 - 4:00 pm in Saint Francis Church or by appointment.
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First Sunday of each month.
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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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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### St. Francis Mass Intentions



#### Saturday, March 26

4:30pm †Jeanette DeLuca & Joe Luciano, III  
*Requested by Family*

#### Sunday, March 27

9:00am †Walter Thayer  
*Requested by Family*

11:00am †Ann Perkins  
*Requested by John & Patty Grimes*

#### Monday, March 28

7:00am †Edward Carney  
*Requested by Jeff & Kathleen Carney*

#### Tuesday, March 29

7:00am Mass for the People

#### Thursday, March 31

7:00am †Jeanette DeLuca & Joe Luciano, III  
(Birthday Remembrance)  
*Requested by Family*

#### Friday, April 1

7:00am †Patricia Viveiros  
*Requested by Lee Whicher*

#### 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*

### St. Romuald Mass Intentions

#### Sunday, March 27

10:00am †Martha McElkenny  
*Requested by Family*

#### Sunday, April 3

10:00am †Martha McElkenny  
*Requested by Family*

Dear Parishioners,

What a grace filled week! The Lenten Mission was truly inspiring. Fr. Bradley will be departing for home this evening. Make sure you pray for his safe journey.

I wish to continue to discuss the wonderful heritage we have received through the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council in the 1960's. Pope John XXIII, in his opening speech on Oct. 11, 1962, declared that although the church had sometimes condemned errors with the greatest severity, it would best meet the needs of our time "by demonstrating the validity of her teaching rather than by condemnations." Sometimes we interpret this to mean that the Church gave up some of her more strict teachings.

Rather, the Church in our time prefers to pass on the beauty and profundity of her teaching in a positive way. The Council encouraged Catholics to learn their faith by prayer, reading, discussing, and assimilating it. So rather than saying "Don't do this or that", it is much more fruitful to say, "Here's why we do this or that". If you have difficulty with a teaching of the Church, or just want to learn more about a specific aspect, take the time to learn! Get involved in the parish's many learning opportunities. I promise you you will be mesmerized by the beauty of why and how we follow Jesus Christ!

Happy Laetare Sunday!

In Christ,

*Fr. Young*



<b>Weekly Support</b>	<b>March 20</b>
Budget envelopes used (132)	-\$3,489.50
Loose Donations	\$ 956.00
Online Giving (# of donors-85)	\$3,083.00
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$7,528.50</b>

<b>Second Collection (Ongoing Maintenance)</b>	
Budget envelopes used (82)	\$1,244.50
Loose Donations	\$ 325.00
Online Giving (# of donors-3)	\$ 35.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,604.50</b>

**2022 Catholic Charity Appeal Goal is \$104,595.00. As of 3/17/22 the pledged amount is \$59,592.00 from 171 donors.**

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

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

MARCH 27, 2022



**SANCTUARY LAMP**

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Jeannette DeLuca.

**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 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 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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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.



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**Sunday, March 27, 2022**

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

**Pray: Lord, open our hearts to ask for forgiveness and to forgive others. Show us your mercy and help us to be merciful to others. Amen.**

**Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**

**6:00pm** Confirmation rehearsal  
All candidates and sponsors must attend. We will begin in church with the sacrament of Reconciliation.

**Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**10:00am Confirmation** celebrated by Most Reverend Robert C. Evans



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, March 28

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

## Tuesday, March 29

6:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

## Wednesday, March 30

12:30 Stations (Chapel)

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

## Friday, April 1

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)



### *From the Choir Loft*

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is typically known as "Laetare Sunday". The priest wears a Rose vestment instead of Violet because it is a week of celebration marking the halfway point of Lent and Easter being right around the corner. This is a day where some Lenten practices are relaxed before going into Holy Week. What does this mean for music? This means that I am going to play a postlude at the end of Mass which I normally give up for Lent. I found an organ arrangement of the Ukrainian national anthem which I have chosen as a postlude this Sunday.

During Holy Week, you will hear a variety of some of the most beautiful sacred music ever written and the choir will be making a return. On Palm Sunday, you will hear "The Palms" by Gabriel Faure. On Holy Thursday, you will hear a beautiful setting of "Ubi Caritas" written by Maurice Durufle during the washing of the feet and Mozart's "Ave Verum Corpus" will also be heard along with Marcel Dupre's Opus 45 no. 3 from his "Eight Short Preludes on Gregorian Themes, Op. 45" as an introtit to the hymn "Pange Lingua Gloriosi". On Good Friday, the choir will sing a beautiful setting on "Crux Fidelis". On Holy Saturday, you will hear "Surrexit Christus" by Giovanni Battista Pergolesi. On Easter Sunday, I will play Louis Vierne's "Carillon de Westminster" from *Pieces de fantaisie, troisieme suite, Op. 54, no. 6* right after the closing hymn.

If you are interested in learning more about sacred music and wish to participate in it, make sure you join our parish choir. Rehearsals are Thursday evenings at 6:30pm.

This week's organ prelude: "O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde groß" BWV 622 - Johann Sebastian Bach



### 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.**



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