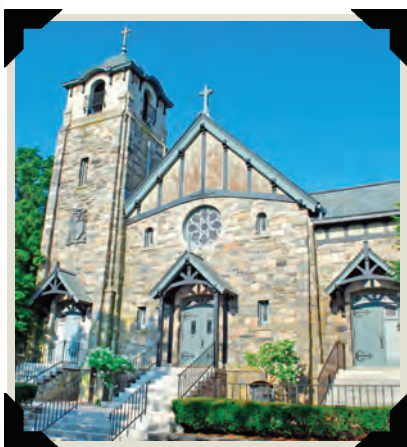


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**Masses**

**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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**Sacraments**

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**  
Saturday at 3:30 - 4:00 pm in Saint Francis Church or by  
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**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  
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**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK**  
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**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

# FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

## St. Francis Mass Intentions



### 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*

### Monday, March 7

7:00am †Gabriel & Anna Varga  
 (Anniversary Remembrance)  
*Requested by Family*

### Tuesday, March 8

7:00am Mass for the People

### Thursday, March 10

7:00am †Gloria Carney  
*Requested by James & Kathleen Carney*

### Friday, March 11

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

### Saturday, March 12

4:30pm †Craig Newton  
*Requested by the Marciniak Family*

### Sunday, March 13

9:00am †Patricia Viveiros & Bonnie L.  
 Robinson  
*Requested by Ralph & Maggie Riccio*  
 11:00am †Harrison Charles Goodwin  
*Requested by Family*

## St. Romuald Mass Intentions

### Sunday, March 6

10:00am †John V., Helen & John V. Estes, Jr.  
*Requested by Family*

### Sunday, March 13

10:00am †Gregory D. McLaughlin  
*Requested by Family*

Dear Parishioners,

Here are some fun facts about deserts. The largest hot desert is the Sahara and it spans 12 countries. The largest cold desert is Antarctica. A place is considered a desert if it receives less than 10 inches of precipitation per year. Deserts, while seemingly dead, are chock full of plant and animal life.

Lent is a desert. It is a barren season. It's barren of distractions and unnecessary frills. However, like a real desert, Lent is bursting with life! We are spiritually enlivened by our Lenten practices. Lent is a time for prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. If you haven't already, make sure you commit to doing some practice in each of these 3 areas.

I highly encourage you to attend Stations of the Cross at the church or chapel. It is a tradition dating back to the early Church. Also, make a note of additional confession times. Have a fresh start for Easter, even if it's been a long time. Let's journey together this Lent in prayer.

In Christ,

*Fr. Young*



<b>Weekly Support</b>		<b>February 27</b>
Budget envelopes used (104)	-	\$10,596.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 1,425.00
Online Giving (# of donors-85)	-	\$ 3,061.00
<b>Total Budget</b>	-	<b>\$15,082.00</b>

**2022 Catholic Charity Appeal Goal is \$104, 595.00. As of 2/2/22 the pledged amount is \$36,840.00 from 108 donors. (In-pew solicitation will be the weekend of March 12/13).**

This week's second collection is the Monthly Collection. There is no second collection next week.

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



MARCH 6, 2022



SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Peter F. Curran.

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 9th 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 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 & 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!

ST. PATRICK'S DAY FUND RAISER SATURDAY, MARCH 12TH

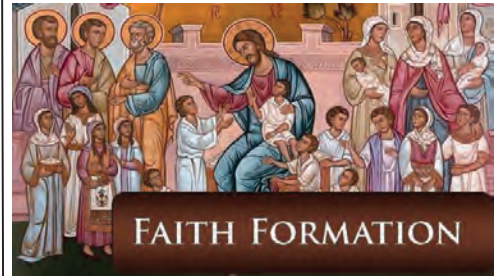


Order a corned beef dinner and benefit the Peace Dale Dinner Table (PDDT) which serves full course, free, hot meals for our community on Wednesday and Friday nights. The Friday meal is sponsored and prepared by our St. Francis of Assisi SVDP Conference and volunteers from our parish and the community. During this time of social distancing, the PDDT has been serving over 330 free take-out meals per week.

There will be curbside pick-up at Peace Dale Congregational Church, Saturday, March 12th between 4-6 pm, 261 Columbia St, Wakefield for the St. Patrick's dinner. Orders must be placed by Monday, March 7th. To order call 401-542-0332. Meals include homemade Irish soda bread, corned beef, cabbage, onions, carrots, potatoes, and a homemade dessert. \$20 donation. Pay when meal is picked up-cash or check to PDCC-Peace Dale Dinner Table.



FAITH FORMATION (401) 792-8684



Sunday, March 6, 2022

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

Pray: Pray the Lord's Prayer together. Focus on the words, "Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen."

Wednesday, March 9th

6:30-8:15pm Confirmation II Grade 8. Change in location: we will meet in the Lower Church/Helen Bouchard Hall



Saturday, March 12th Banner Making Workshop

for First Communion families 10:00-11:00am in Helen Bouchard Hall. Remember to bring your supplies and ideas to share!



# This Week

## Monday, March 7

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

## Tuesday, March 8

6:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

## Wednesday, March 9

12:30 Stations (Chapel)

7:00-8:30pm Alpha Course (FGC)

## Friday, March 11

7:00pm Stations (Church)

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

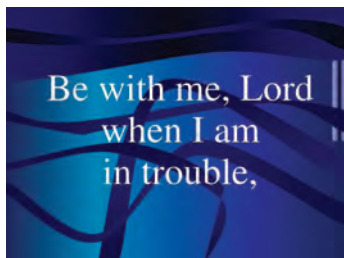


### BISHOP HENDRICKEN OPEN HOUSE

Bishop Hendricken High School will hold an in-person Open House on Saturday March 19<sup>th</sup> from 12-3:00pm. Information on the academics, college placement, athletic and extracurricular activities will be available.

The entrance exam for prospective 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> grade students will be held on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am.

For more information, please call the Admissions Office at 401-889-5425.



*...No evil shall befall you, nor shall affliction come near your tent, for to his angels he has given command about you, that they guard you in all your ways...  
(Psalm 91)*

### LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT THE CHAPEL

We are looking for volunteers to become either Lectors or Eucharistic Ministers at the Chapel. If this is a ministry that you would be willing to help with please contact Regina Brannon at [pjtab@cox.net](mailto:pjtab@cox.net).



### 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.

### St. Vincent DePaul Society

*Just a reminder that our St. Vincent de Paul chapter here at St. Francis needs your help.*



They ask your help by using their poor boxes located in the church and chapel so that they can assist those in need in our area (Gift cards are accepted). If you know of someone in need of assistance, SVDP can be reached at 401-871-8936. *Please keep them in your prayers!*

### Friday Dinners Available

The SVDP dinner program is providing Friday meals for pick up or delivery at no cost. Would you—or someone you know—like a cooked meal? We are in need of volunteers to deliver meals.

Call 401-588-4192 or email [esweeney1@cox.net](mailto:esweeney1@cox.net) to order a meal or volunteer to deliver.



### 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.**

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!*





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