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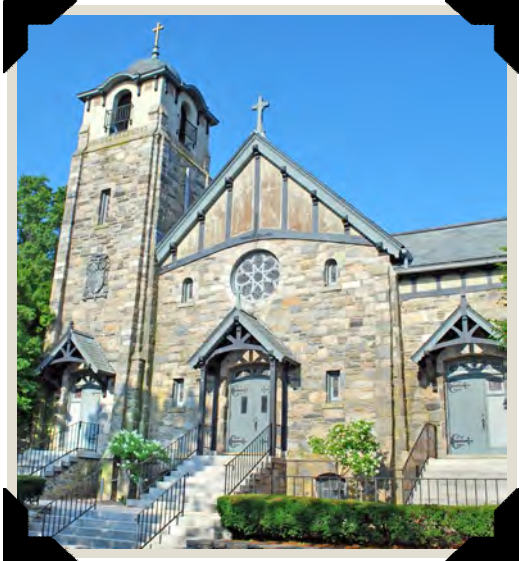
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Masses

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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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.

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

St. Francis Mass Intentions

*I will praise
Your Name forever
my King and my God!*

Psalm 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14

Saturday, May 14

4:30pm †Marcia Signorelli
Requested by Family

Sunday, May 15

9:00am †John Do Rego Amaral
*Requested by Daughter, Daughter-in-law
& Family*

11:00am †John McLoughlin
(Birthday Remembrance)
Requested by Family

Monday, May 16

7:00am †Dr. Francis Marciniak
(Anniversary Remembrance)
Requested by Family

Tuesday, May 17

7:00am Charles & Ellen Quant
(Living Intention)

Thursday, May 19

7:00am Mass for the People

Friday, May 20

7:00am †Christina McKiernan
Requested by Family

Saturday, May 21

4:30pm †Thomas Pullano
(Birthday Remembrance)
Requested by Wife

Sunday, May 22

9:00am †Ann & Armand Michaud
Requested by Family

11:00am †Barry Ewing

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Sunday, May 15

10:00am †Roger Fenaughty
Requested by Family

Sunday, May 22

10:00am †Martha b& Blanche McElkenny
Requested by Family

Dear Parishioners,

In the wake of the Supreme Court leak on Roe vs. Wade, I had the impulse to write a treatise on why abortion is the greatest modern evil. But you and I both know what the Church teaches, so there is no need to repeat *ad nauseum*.

If we are going to advocate for the protection of life, and show love for both mothers and unborn children, then it is time to "put our money where our mouth is", so to say. One blatant lie often told is that opponents of abortion are only "pro birth" and don't care about the child and the mother after birth. That is patently untrue. If (and it's a big IF) Roe vs. Wade is overturned, we must continue to make our parish a place where any pregnant woman can come without judgement for whatever she needs.

We must also throw our energy behind advocacies and legislation for single mothers, poor families, child wellness, etc. In Rhode Island, childcare costs 27% of an average family's annual income. That's outrageous! (The HHS says anything over 7% is 'unaffordable'). It's time to hold our law-makers accountable for these issues. They rammed through pro abortion legislation in 2019 in less than a month. They can do the same for laws to help families.

Lastly, and I want this to be loud and clear. No woman who has had an abortion should ever feel ostracized from the church family. They shouldn't feel unwanted, unredeemable, unwelcome. The church is a hospital and an oasis of mercy. The end of abortion won't come from protests, arguments, or even laws. It will come from a culture change away from the "throwaway culture" Pope Francis describes, and a culture that values every single individual human person.

In the risen Christ,

Fr. Young



Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (127)	-	\$10,044.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 1,303.00
Online Giving (# of donors-94)	-	\$ 4,220.00
Total Budget	-	\$15,567.00

May 8

Second Collection (St. Vincent de Paul)

Budget envelopes used (81)	-	\$2,095.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 444.00
Online Giving (# of donors-5)	-	\$ 95.00
Total	-	\$2,634.00

2022 Catholic Charity Appeal Goal is \$104, 595.00. As of 5/5/22 the pledged amount is 82,314.00 from 260 donors.

There is no second collection this week. Next week's second collection is for Ongoing Maintenance.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

MAY 15, 2022

MAY DEVOTIONS

The rosary continues to be recited at 6:30pm Monday through Friday at St. Romuald Chapel. The Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary will also be recited at the closing followed by the Salve Regina. All are welcome!



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 to order a meal or volunteer to deliver.



Congratulations to the proud parent and Godparents of Ivy Riggs who was baptized on May 1 by Fr. Adam Young. *Your parish family rejoices with you!*

The 150th Anniversary celebration of the Diocese of Providence continues!

Catholic Schools Arts Festival

Saturday, May 21, 2022, 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM at St. Philomena School of the Sacred Heart School Grounds, 324 Cory's Land, Portsmouth, RI 02871. The Catholic Schools Art Festival is an outdoor Performing Arts Showcase Concert with Catholic School students from across the Diocese of Providence. This special day will feature the World Premiere of combined chorus piece by Tom Kendzia, liturgical musician and composer. Each performance will celebrate the 150th Anniversary theme, "The Lord has done great things for us, we are filled with joy." (Psalm 126:1).

Food from locally-owned food trucks will be available for purchase. Bring blankets and chairs and make a day of it!

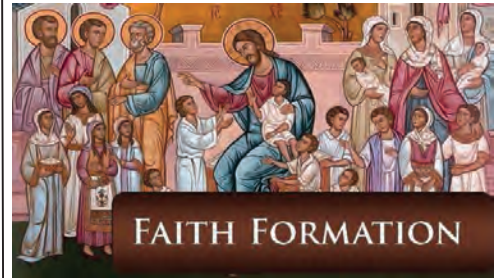
This event is co-sponsored by the diocesan Catholic Schools Office and McVinney Auditorium.

All are welcome!

For more information, please contact Mr. Brian Cordeiro, Principal, St. Philomena School of the Sacred Heart, at 401-683-0268 or bcordeiro@saintphilomena.org.



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First Holy Communion

A heartfelt thank you to the many hands who helped to make our First Communion Day so beautiful for our 17 First Communicants and their families.

Programs were assembled, flowers were arranged, the hall was decorated, food was prepared...A special word of thanks to Mrs. Kathleen Puchalla and her team from the Hospitality Committee, who provided food and graciously hosted our Communion reception. Thank you to Peter Fiore for the beautiful music for a very special day. Thank you all for your time and dedication!

This Week

Monday, May 16

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

Tuesday, May 17

7:00pm SVDP Meeting (HBH)

Wednesday, May 18

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

Thursday, May 19

6:30pm Choir Rehearsal (Church)

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



ADORATION ADORERS NEEDED

Jesus asked His Apostles to spend some time with Him as He prayed before His death. Today, He is also asking us to pray before Him in the Blessed Sacrament. Here at St. Francis you can do just that! Each Monday morning from 7:30 until 11:00

our Lord is exposed in the Monstrance. This gives parishioners and others in the community the opportunity to come visit Jesus on a more personal level, for quiet prayer and reflection. Father concludes Adoration with Benediction. This is a wonderful way to bring spiritual growth to oneself and the Parish as a whole.

If you can come for an hour or even a half-hour, we would love to have you!! We are especially looking to add to the 10-10:30 AM slot.

If you have any questions or would like to be an Adorer of the Blessed Sacrament, please feel free to email me: lizsoltysiak@gmail.com.



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.

SAVE THE DATE

- May 21:** Plant Based Breakfast Cooking Class with Jen Costanza (10am)
Month of May: Rosary at the Chapel Monday through Friday at 6:30pm
Month of May: May Money Madness Drawings
October 7: Pasta Dinner
November 5: Church Bazaar

EASY PLANT-BASED BREAKFASTS COOKING CLASS WITH JENNIFER COSTANZA

Led by: Jennifer Costanza, Plant-Based Chef and Integrative Nutrition Health Coach

In this hands-on cooking class you'll learn to create a variety of plant-based breakfasts that are quick and easy to make and will give you loads of energy to get through tough mornings! Expect deliciousness, samples, smiles, and fun!

When: **Next** Saturday May 21st, 10am-12pm

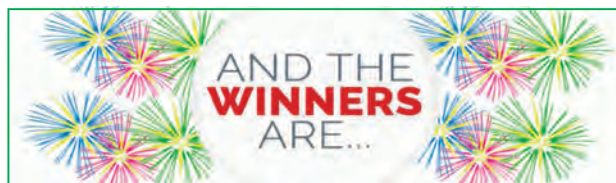
Where: Father Greenan Hall

Cost: \$35

How to sign up: email Jennifer at

hello@rooted.life or call her at (401) 862-4799.

Spaces are limited so sign up soon! Prepayment is required.



Congratulations to the following winners!

MAY MONEY MADNESS WINNERS:

May 1	Barbara House	\$100
May 2	Joan Rogers	\$50
May 3	Jose DaSilva	\$50
May 4	Tom Bold	\$50
May 5	Selwyn Family	\$50
May 6	Bro. Peter Paul	\$50
May 7	Ed Rudegear	\$50

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