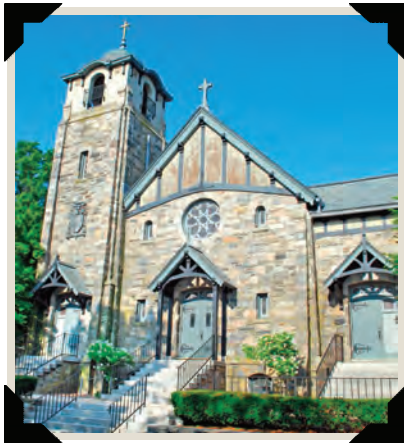


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“Advent invites us to a commitment to vigilance, looking beyond ourselves, expanding our mind and heart in order to open ourselves up to the needs of people, of brothers and sisters, and to the desire for a new world.”

— Pope Francis

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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 a priest. 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

Second Sunday  
of ADVENT

Peace

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### St. Francis Mass Intentions

**Saturday, December 3**

4:30pm †Alan & Susan Marchand  
*Requested by Gerri & Al Marsocci*

**Sunday, December 4**

9:00am †Gloria Carney  
*Requested by James & Kathleen Carney*  
 11:00am †Michael Dufficy  
 (Birthday Remembrance)  
*Requested by Wife & Children*

**Monday, December 5**

7:00am †John Burke  
*Requested by Ann & Ollie Johnson*

**Tuesday, December 6**

7:00am For the People



**Thursday, December 8**  
**Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**7:00am** †Clara Latowski  
*Requested by Holly and Family*  
**7:00pm** †Florence Cerami  
*Requested by Family*

**Friday, December 9**

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

**Saturday, December 10**

4:30pm †William Boggs Boffa  
*Req. by Jack & Mary Jane Sornberger*

**Sunday, December 11**

9:00am †Harold Curry  
*Requested by Mark & Diane Castro*  
 11:00am †Peter Reusch  
*Requested by Family*

### St. Romuald Mass Intentions

**Sunday, December 4**

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

**Sunday, December 11**

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



*Make straight the pathway for the Lord.*



We hear often from the prophet Isaiah during this season of Advent. God's people are suffering, and the prophet continues to assure them that the Lord is with them. Advent is a time of waiting, a time of preparing. It is appropriate, then, that this season is filled with readings from Isaiah, who calls the people to pray and prepare for God's promises to be fulfilled.

As Christians, many centuries after the prophet Isaiah, we recognize that Jesus is the answer to these promises. In our Gospel today, Jesus sees the suffering of the people and he is moved with pity for them. Jesus is the restoration and salvation that was promised by the prophets. Jesus heals the sick. Jesus expels demons. Then he sends out his Apostles to do these same miracles in his name. Just as the prophets promised that the Lord would help the sick and the imprisoned, here now is the Son of God coming to fulfill the promises that were made.

What God has promised, his Son has done in his name. As the Apostles were sent, so is the Church tasked to preach the Gospel to all: "To make all share in the communion between the Father and the Son in their Spirit of love" (CCC 850). Jesus calls us to care for the sick so that they may experience his healing touch. God asks us to oppose the evils of the devil so that people can experience deliverance from his control.

Just as Jesus brought hope to a hurting people, he also sent the Holy Spirit to share that same hope and salvation. We are the body of Christ on earth. The Lord Jesus is continuing to fulfill God's promises through us. The harvest is ripe, but the laborers are few. It is time for us to rise up and gather that harvest for the Master.



<u>Weekly Support</u>	<u>November 20</u>	<u>November 27</u>
Budget	- \$4,185.50	Budget - \$3,053.00
Loose Donations	- \$1,196.00	Loose Donations - \$ 984.00
Online Giving	- \$2,842.00	Online Giving - \$2,715.00
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>- \$8,223.50</b>	<b>Total Budget - \$6,752.00</b>

**Second Collection Nov. 20 (Campaign for Human Development)**

Budget envelopes used (63)	-	\$776.50
Loose Donations	-	\$265.00
Online Giving (# of donors-4)	-	\$ 40.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$1,081.50</b>

**Second Collection Nov. 27 (Monthly Collection)**

Budget envelopes used (70)	-	\$1,278.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 246.00
Online Giving (# of donors-4)	-	\$ 80.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$1,604.00</b>

This week's second collection is the Monthly Collection for December. Next week's second collection is the Retired Religious Fund. **As always, thank you for your continued generosity.**

## SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Gloria Carney.



The work of our St. Francis of Assisi Conference of St. Vincent de Paul is supported by parish donations. Donation boxes are in the Church and Chapel; the parish online giving site has a SVDP option. Grocery store gift cards are welcome. Our Conference assists neighbors in need in our area and supports the Dinner Table Program providing free meals for pick up or delivery. Call 401-588-4192 if you or a neighbor could use cooked meals, available Wednesdays & Fridays, or if you would like to volunteer with the Dinner Table. To request financial aid, leave information on the Conference phone, 401-871-8936. New SVDP members are most welcome! There are several levels of participation and time commitments.

## 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.



## CHRISTMAS CARD RAFFLE



*Stumped for a gift?* St Francis has the perfect gift for that special someone! "Twelve Days of Christmas" a lovely Christmas card for \$25 which offers 12 chances of winning 3-\$500 drawings and 9-\$100 drawings for the 12 days beginning on Christmas.

Cards will be on sale after all Masses at church and chapel during December and at the rectory.



*Hail Mary, full of grace! The Lord is with you.*

Inasmuch as God has made us his sons and daughters and Christ our brother, Mary is our spiritual mother. It is our prayer that she who is sinless can help all of us to sin less, by imitating her example of holiness and humility and total abandonment to the will of God. God created Mary to be free from sin that she might give birth to Jesus to free us from our sins.



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## Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>

**9:55-10:50am** Grades 1-6 classes will meet in Fr. Greenan Center

**Pray:** Thank you, Jesus, for welcoming me into your family. Help me to make choices that will bring me closer to you. Amen.

## Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>

First Reconciliation at 6pm in the church.

## Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>

**6:30-8:15pm** Confirmation I and II Classes in Fr. Greenan Center. *Saint Report is due today for Confirmation II*



## Christmas Pageant

*Calling all shepherds,  
angels, wise men...*

*Children in grades 1-6 we would love for you to participate in our annual Christmas pageant on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> during class time at 10:00 am. If you are interested you may sign up at class on Sunday!*

*Rehearsal will be Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> (time to be determined) in Fr. Greenan Center.*

# This Week

## Monday, December 5

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

6:30pm Men of St. Joseph (FGC)

## Thursday, December 8

6-7:00pm Bible Study-Gospel of Mark (HBH)

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



### GIVING TREE

The Social Outreach Committee is again sponsoring our annual Giving Tree. Gift tags have been placed on the Advent trees in St. Francis (by the St. Francis statue) and St. Romuald (in the back of the chapel).

The Giving Tree provides much needed support to our St. Vincent de Paul chapter here at St. Francis and to the Jonnycake Center which services local families providing basic necessities.

*The gift cards need to be returned no later than the weekend of December 17/18.* They can be placed in the collection baskets or left in the rectory. Please do not leave them by the trees.

Thank you in advance.



*A Festival of Lessons and Carols  
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**Friday, December 30, 2022  
5:00pm  
St. Francis of Assisi Church**

**Free Admission**

## SAVE THE DATE

**December 30:** Christmas Lessons & Carols w/  
Peter Fiore (5:00pm)

**Month of January:** Baby Shower



The Social Outreach Committee would like to thank the parishioners for their donations to the holiday food drive to benefit the Jonnycake Center's holiday food distribution program.

We collected over 400 pounds of food in two weekends and food continues to be dropped off at the church. Thank you all for your continued generosity in helping to feed our neighbors in need especially during the holidays.



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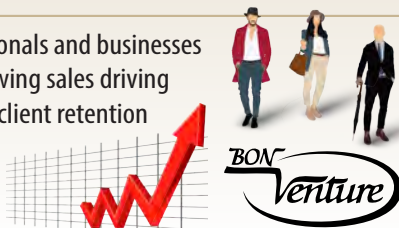
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