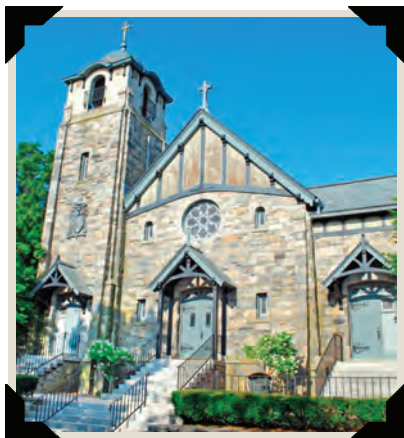


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Masses

SAINT FRANCIS CHURCH

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday----- 7:00 am
Saturday----- 4:30 pm
Sunday----- 9:00 am and 11:00 am

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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
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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.

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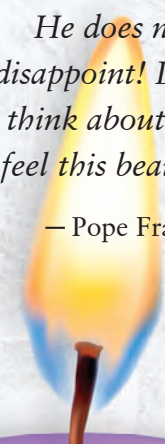
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welcome

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Friday From 9:00 am—12:30 pm

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Advent, restores
this horizon of
hope, a hope
which does not
disappoint for
it is founded on
God’s Word. A
hope which does
not disappoint,
simply because
the Lord never
disappoints!
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He does not
disappoint! Let us
think about and
feel this beauty.”

— Pope Francis



First Sunday
of ADVENT

Hope

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

St. Francis Mass Intentions



Saturday, November 26

4:30pm †Daniel Pucella

Requested by Family

Sunday, November 27

9:00am †Dec. Members of the Flynn & Carney Families

Requested by Family

11:00am †Lynn Quirk Holland

Requested by Raymond & Kathy Quirk

Monday, November 28

7:00am †Antonio Farinacci

Requested by the Oliverio Family

Tuesday, November 29

7:00am †Rev. William J. McCombe
(1st Pastor)

124th Anniversary Remembrance

†Rev. Robert A. Allaire

(13th Pastor)

18th Anniversary Remembrance

Thursday, December 1

7:00am For the People

Friday, December 2

7:00am †James DeLuca, Sr.

Requested by Family

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

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Sunday, November 27

10:00am †Martha & Blanche McElkenny

Requested by Family

Sunday, December 4

10:00am †Martha & Blanche McElkenny

Requested by Family



As we enter into Advent, we watch for and eagerly await the dawn that breaks over the horizon.

The promise of Advent is the promise of a candle in a dark room – of the dawn breaking over the horizon. It is the promise that the darkness cannot stand in the presence of the light. In this holy season, we must be watchers, searching for Christ's light, eagerly awaiting the dawn. Are we awake? Are we prepared?



Isaiah prophesies the nations streaming toward *the mountain of the Lord's house* and all nations being instructed in God's ways. Paul warns the Romans that salvation is near, and the day is at hand, so they should *put on the armor of light*. In the Gospel, Jesus warns his disciples to stay awake for the coming of the Son of Man.



Due to an early transmission of this bulletin the collection information for the weekend of November 20th was not available. It will appear in next week's bulletin.

This week's second collection is the Monthly Collection for November. Next week's second collection is the Monthly Collection for December.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

NOVEMBER 27, 2022

SANCTUARY LAMP

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



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.



BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES

Bible Study continues to meet every Thursday night from 6-7:00pm in Father Greenan Center. Beginning November 10 they will begin with the Gospel of Mark.

Study books will be available. All are welcome!

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.



Don't miss out on the gift that keeps on giving! New 12 Days of Christmas Card Raffle is coming soon. Perfect gift for that special person!

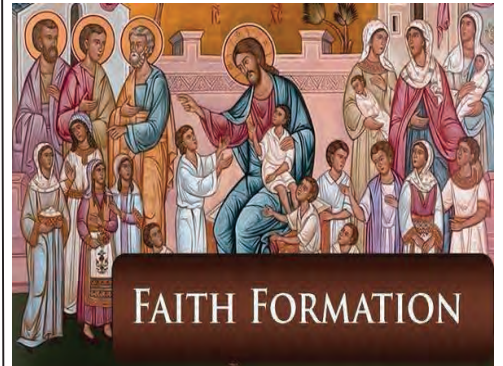


It is very much a part of our Catholic tradition to have Masses offered for deceased relatives and friends. Parishioners are encouraged to continue this tradition. When was the last time you had a Mass offered for a deceased parent, grandparent, uncle, aunt, brother or sister?

To make arrangements, please call the parish office at (401)783-4411 or send an email to saintfrancis00@aol.com



FAITH FORMATION
(401) 792-8684



Sunday, November 27th
NO CLASSES TODAY

Pray: God, help me to make room in my home and my heart for Jesus to join us soon. Amen.

Saturday, December 3rd
9:00-11:30am-First Reconciliation Retreat is Saturday, December 3rd
All students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

First Reconciliation will be on **Monday, December 5th at 6pm** in the church.



This Week

Monday, November 28

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

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

6:30pm Event Committee Meeting (HBH)

Thursday, December 1

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

6:30pm Choir Rehearsal (Church)

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



We are glad that you are here with us this morning. Whether you moved here a while ago or are just here for a brief stay, we welcome you.

If you would like to become a part of this wonderful community, registering in the parish is a quick process that will take about five minutes over the phone (783-4411) or you can see Father Ranallo after Mass to inquire about registering. Again, welcome and God bless!



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.

SAVE THE DATE

November 25: Giving Trees placed in Church & Chapel

November 27: Advent Wreath Kits & Workshop

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

Month of January: Baby Shower

PRAYER SHAWLS



The St. Francis of Assisi Prayer Shawl Group has many beautiful prayer shawls available. If you know of someone who could benefit from receiving a prayer shawl please contact Jean McGair at 401-783-1633.



Advent Wreath Kits & Workshop

This Sunday, November 27 after the 10am Mass at the chapel and between the 9 & 11am Masses at the main church we will be selling kits to make your family Advent wreath. For those who would like to be inspired by the creativity of others, we will host a workshop at Fr. Greenan Center from 10-11am

What a wonderful way to begin your Advent season!

Cost is \$15 per wreath. Checks can be made out to 'St. Francis Church'.



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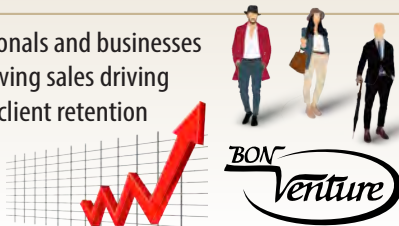
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