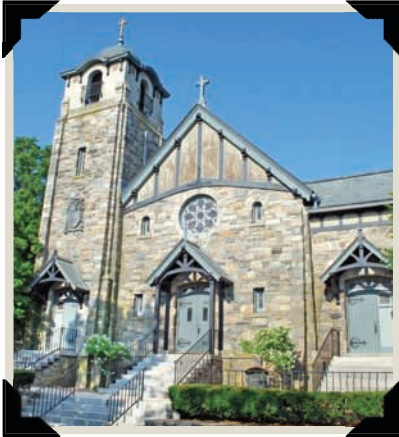


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Masses

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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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

“Advent is the
time we are
given to
welcome the
Lord who
comes to
encounter
us, and also
to verify our
longing for
God, to look
forward and
prepare
ourselves for
Christ’s return.”

— Pope Francis



Third Sunday
of ADVENT

Joy

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

St. Francis Mass Intentions



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

Monday, December 12
 7:00am † Tom McGair
 (Birthday Remembrance)
Requested by Jean

Tuesday, December 13
 7:00am For the People

Thursday, December 15
 7:00am † Deceased Members of the Monti
 & Markowski Families

Friday, December 16
 7:00am † Tracy Walsh
Requested by Kathleen & Jeff Carney

Saturday, December 17
 4:30pm † Luke & Henrietta Pucella
Requested by Family

Sunday, December 18
 9:00am † James & Sarah Folcarelli
Requested by Family
 11:00am † Luke & Henrietta Pucella
Requested by Family

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 11
 10:00am † Martha & Blanche McElkenny
Requested by Family

Sunday, December 18
 10:00am † Walter Johansen
Requested by Jude



Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand.



On Gaudete Sunday we rejoice with all the earth in anticipation and preparation for Jesus' birth and the coming of his kingdom. We, like John the Baptist, are blessed and included in the kingdom of heaven, not because of what we do but what Jesus does for us.

In the first reading, Isaiah describes how the earth will rejoice when the Lord comes to save his people. In the second reading, James encourages patient hearts, for the return of the Lord is at hand. In the Gospel, Jesus praises John the Baptist as God's messenger and assures John's disciples that he is the one John has been seeking.



Weekly Support		December 4
Budget envelopes used (81)	-	\$3,508.50
Loose Donations	-	\$1,026.00
Online Giving (# of donors-90)	-	\$4,238.00
Total Budget	-	\$8,772.50
Second Collection (Monthly Collection)		
Budget envelopes used (53)	-	\$1,418.50
Loose Donations	-	\$ 311.00
Online Giving (# of donors-10)	-	\$ 182.00
Total	-	\$1,911.50

This week's second collection is the Retired Religious Fund. Next week's second collection is for Ongoing Maintenance.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

DECEMBER 11, 2022

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Tracy Walsh.



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.



Christmas Eve Mass Schedule Saturday, December 24

At St. Francis Church
4:30pm and 10:00pm

At St. Romuald Chapel
5:30pm



Christmas Day Mass Schedule Sunday, December 25

At St. Francis Church
9:00am & 11:00am

At St. Romuald Chapel
10:00am

The Parish office will be closed beginning Tuesday, December 20th through Monday, December 26th. We will reopen on Tuesday, December 27th for normal hours 9am to 4pm.



FAITH
FORMATION
(401) 792-8684

Sunday, December 11th
9:55-10:50am Grades 1-6 classes
will meet in Fr. Greenan Center

**Pray: God, I thank you for
my many blessings. Help me
to be a blessing to others.
Amen.**

Wednesday, December 14th
6:30-8:15pm Confirmation I & II
Classes in Fr. Greenan Center



Saturday, December 17th
10-11:15am FGC

*Christmas Pageant
Rehearsal*

*All are invited to come to
our annual Christmas Pageant
Sunday, December
18th at 10:00 am in
Fr. Greenan Center.*



*For today in the city of
David a savior has been
born for you who is Messiah
and Lord. You will find an
infant wrapped in swaddling
clothes and lying in a manger.*

This Week

Monday, December 12

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

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

Thursday, December 15

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.



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.

Please return gift cards no later than NEXT weekend, 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**

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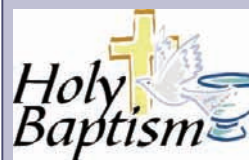
December 30: Christmas Lessons & Carols w/
Peter Fiore (5:00pm)

Month of January: Baby Shower

Baby Bottle Boomerang

A heartfelt thank you to St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Fr. Ranallo, and all the generous parishioners who raised \$3,108.08. Your generosity helps us continue providing pregnancy tests and ultrasounds throughout RI in our Ancora Women's Mobile Care Center, and stocking the shelves of our Maternity Hope Chest to serve mothers who have courageously chosen LIFE but need a helping hand caring for their precious little ones, whether it be diapers and wipes, clothing and blankets, bassinets and strollers, and many other must have items. May the Good Lord bless you many times over for your generosity.

*We would like to
congratulate Daniel
Griffin & Emma
Morgan who were recently mar-
ried at St. Francis Church. May
God bless you !*



Congratulations to the proud parents and godparents of Beatrice Rose Stroble who was baptized on November 27 by Fr. Dan Mahoney. *Your parish family rejoices with you!*



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.



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