



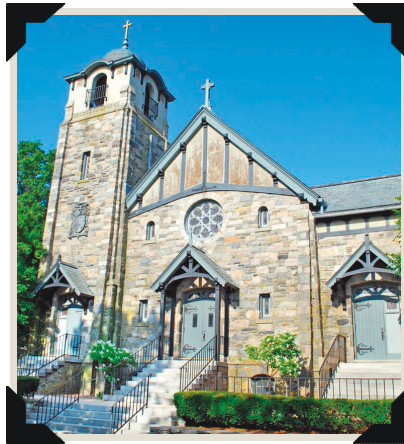
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SAINT FRANCIS CHURCH

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 COUNTY & ST. GABRIEL'S CALL

Washington County Office / Contact: -----Melanie Monteiro
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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.



"From Mary
we learn to
surrender to
God's Will
in all things.
From Mary
we learn to
trust even
when all hope
seems gone.
From Mary we
learn to love
Christ her Son
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of God!"

Pope John
Paul II

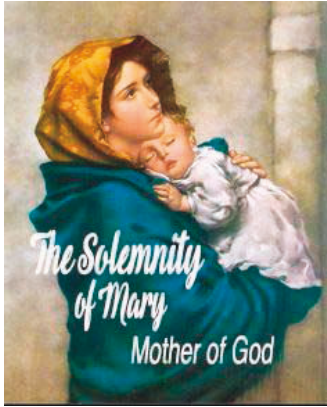


welcome

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

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

St. Francis Mass Intentions



Saturday, December 31

4:30pm †Karen Clark

Requested by Family

Sunday, January 1

9:00am †Johnson & Hawkins Families

Requested by Family

11:00am †Deceased Members of the

Perpetual Mass Association

Monday, January 2

7:00am For the People

Tuesday, January 3

7:00am †Catherine Fitzpatrick

Requested by Mary & Louie Pavao

Thursday, January 5

7:00am †Wilma Erchull

Req. by Pam, Craig & Dorothy Marciniak

Friday, January 6

7:00am †Carmel Martin

Requested by St. Francis Women's Club

Saturday, January 7

4:30pm †Fred & Arlene Robinson

Requested by Family

Sunday, January 8

9:00am †Harold Curry

Requested by John & Patty Grimes

11:00am †Raymond Selwyn

(5th Year Anniversary Remembrance)

Requested by Family

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 1

10:00am †Walter Thayer

Requested by Jean Fenaughty

Sunday, January 8

10:00am †Martha & Blanche McElkenny

Requested by Family

We honor the holiness of Mary and her rightful place as Mother of God, for this points to the divinity and perfection of her Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ.



January 1st marks the end of one calendar year and the beginning of another. So, too, the birth of Jesus marks the end of the reign of sin and the beginning of a new era of God's grace. As Paul explains to the Galatians in today's second reading, Jesus was born of a woman just as we were, like us in all things but sin. By adoption, we are children of God and children of our Blessed Mother.

Today's feast, the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, arises from the settling of a controversy among our early Christian ancestors. There were arguments about the divinity of Christ and the role that Mary plays in the story of salvation.

Nestorius was the patriarch of Constantinople in the 5th century. He taught that Mary was the mother only of Jesus' humanity. Although Scripture says, in the chapter before today's Gospel reading, *nothing will be impossible for God*, Nestorius did not think a mortal could bear the immortal, a human could not bring forth the divine. Nestorius left out the wondrous works of God in his thought process, and how our God can do or achieve anything he desires, solely because he desires that it be so.

If we embrace an image of God who makes all things possible, then these things are true: Mary is the Mother of Jesus, Jesus is God, and therefore as the mother of Jesus, Mary is *the Mother of God*. To deny the holiness of Mary and her rightful place as Mother of God is to downplay the divinity and perfection of her Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Why do we honor Mary? Because Jesus did, and he instructed us to do the same. Jesus honored Mary's wishes at Cana when she requested that he perform his first miracle, turning water into wine. It was there that she spoke her last words recorded in Scripture: *Do whatever he tells you* (cf. John 2:5).

In the Gospel today, we see how Mary and Joseph honored God the Father and God the Son in fulfilling all the duties of their religion in taking Jesus to be circumcised and giving him his name, literally translating as "God helps."

When the shepherds adored and praised God at the Christ Child's manger, Mary pondered these things in her heart, marveling at the favor God had shone in choosing her above all others to be the mother of his son. As we begin this new year and we contemplate our resolutions, let us resolve to imitate Mary our mother in devotion to God the Father and God the Son. In that way, the Lord will bless us and keep us, making his face to shine upon us and giving us peace.



Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (104)	-	\$4,968.00
Loose Donations	-	\$5,078.00
Online Giving (# of donors-80)	-	\$2,878.00
Total Budget	-	\$12,924.00

December 25

Second Collection (Christmas Collection)

Budget envelopes used (116)	-	\$4,890.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 928.00
Online Giving (# of donors-12)	-	\$ 650.00
Total	-	\$6,468.00

This week's second collection for the Solemnity of Mary. Next week's second collection is for Ongoing Maintenance. **As always, thank you for your continued generosity.**

JANUARY 1, 2023

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Alice Marcoux.



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.



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Sunday, January 1st

Happy New Year!
No classes today



Pray: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Think: Mary keeps everything in her heart. What do you imagine she is thinking?

Wednesday, January 4th
6:30-8:15pm Confirmation I and II Classes in Fr. Greenan Center



Intention for Sunday, January 1 at 11:00am

*The Deceased Members of the Perpetual
Mass Association*

John & Marie Champion

Yvonne Fanning

Paul F. & Susan Greene

Marilyn Maley

Edna Otto

Anthony & Kathleen Rose

Christopher Shafer

Daniel Shea

Laura Webb

This Week

Monday, January 1

NO ADORATION-OFFICES CLOSED

Tuesday, January 3

7:00pm SVDP Meeting (HBH)

Thursday, January 5

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.

ROSARY REPAIRS

We have an anonymous volunteer who has offered to repair rosaries. If you have a rosary that you would like repaired please place the rosary in an envelope and place your name and phone number on the outside of the envelope so that when the repair is complete you can be notified. Please drop your envelope off at the rectory or place it in the black mailbox next to the rectory door.



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

Month of January: Baby Shower



The St. Francis of Assisi Social Outreach Committee (SOC) is sponsoring a Baby Shower during the month of January 2023 to assist St. Gabriel's Call. St. Gabriel's Call provides supportive services to women and families facing unexpected pregnancies. If you, or someone you know, is in need of baby items, please contact Melanie at the St. Francis Diocesan Office at 401-783-3149.



Items needed:

Diapers (All sizes up to 6/XL)
Warm Sleepers (0-24 months)
Warm Children's Clothing (2T-4T, 5-6)

Baby Wipes

Bibs

Infant Onesies

Pacifiers

Baby Blankets

Baby Bottles & Bottle Brushes

(Cash donations are gratefully accepted: Checks to be made out to **Retreat House**)

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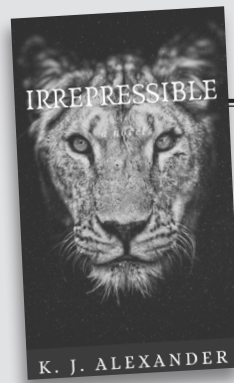
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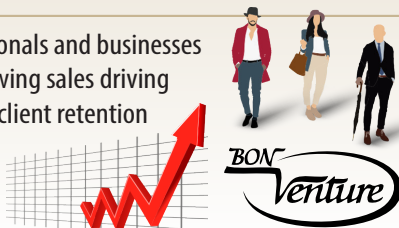


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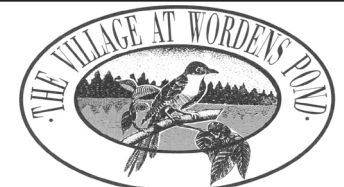


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