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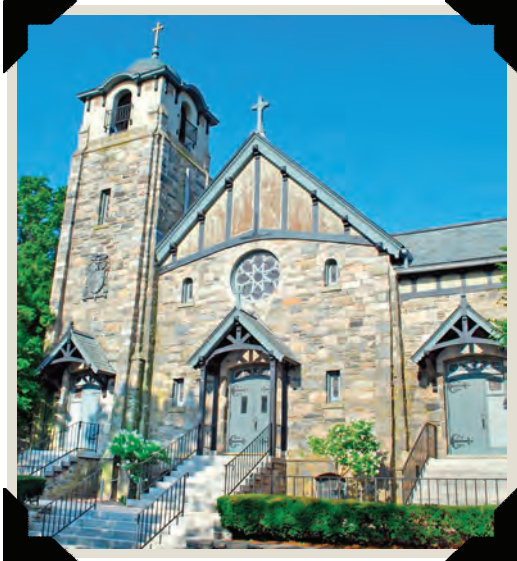
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Masses

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
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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 a priest. Due to the reduction in priests we can no longer accommodate Sunday weddings.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

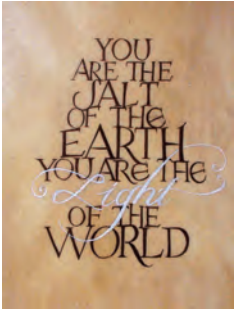
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Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Friday From 9:00 am—12:30 pm

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Francis Mass Intentions



- Saturday, February 4**
 4:30pm †Anna DeLuca
Requested by Family
- Sunday, February 5**
 9:00am †Domenic & Matilda Coppelino
Requested by Family
 11:00am †Tara Higgins
 (10th Anniversary Remembrance)
Requested by Family
- Monday, February 6**
 7:00am †Aldora, Joao & Alberto DeSousa
Requested by Jose & Venerina DaSilva
- Tuesday, February 7**
 7:00am For the People
- Thursday, February 9**
 7:00am †Rev. Francis J. Tuite
 (2nd Pastor)
107th Anniversary Remembrance
Rev. John A. O'Rourke
 (8th Pastor)
86th Anniversary Remembrance
- Friday, February 10**
 7:00am †Deceased Members of the Behie
 & O'Rourke Families
- Saturday, February 11**
 4:30pm †Jeannette & Anna DeLuca & Joe
 Luciano, III
Requested by Family
- Sunday, February 12**
 9:00am †Dennis Cottle
Requested by Laurie McConnell
 11:00am †Pam Tisdale
Requested by cousin, John

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

- Sunday, February 5**
 10:00am †Paul McGrath
Requested by M. Hayes-Cote
- Sunday, February 12**
 10:00am †John V, Helen & John V, Estes, Jr.
Requested by Family

Salt is priceless, as are we in the eyes of God.



You are the salt of the earth, Jesus said. In Jesus' time, salt was as good as gold. Roman soldiers were paid in salt. In Latin, salt is *sal*, from which we derive the word salary, drawing from this ancient Roman form of payment for services rendered. The soldiers did not complain when they were paid in this way. Salt was unbelievably valuable as a seasoning and spice, as medicine and as a preservative. It was used in temple worship and in sacrifice to God.

You are the light of the world. Without light, we cannot see the dangers that are lurking all around us, and we become easy prey. Light is a beacon, a guide, and a protector. Jesus came to be light for those who live in darkness. Jesus desires that we live in his light and reflect it in our dealings with others.


For all of ancient Israel's misfortune due to its small size, it was sitting on the largest deposit of salt in the Empire – the Dead Sea, the lowest point on earth. Harvesters would scoop salt into large vats and, through a lengthy process, guard the salt as the water eventually evaporated leaving only the pure mineral behind. Salt that was not pure was of no use.

Jesus warned us against the salt that loses its flavor and ends up in the trash – *thrown out and trampled underfoot*. This is what happens when our life is contaminated by sin and worldly attachments, or when we focus only on our needs and neglect those of others around us. The prophet Isaiah tells us how we can be salt and light for others: feed them, clothe them, house them, never turning our back on them. Those willing to help others will receive help from on high, he said. Conversely, those who will not give help should not expect to receive it.

Much like the process that purifies the salt, earthly suffering can chip away all that is not of God so that what remains is of him, from him, and for his glory. The Apostle Paul experienced this process of pruning and purging in his work on behalf of the Church. He writes to the Corinthians how he *came to [them] in weakness and fear and much trembling*, aware that his own words were not persuasive or wise.

Instead, his message and proclamation were *a demonstration of Spirit and power* working through him. Paul experienced a lifelong process of conversion that brought him from darkness to light, and from death to new life.

God desires that same transformation of faith for all of us, that we, too, may come out of the shadows and live in the light and the love of God in Christ Jesus. As priceless as salt, God thinks we matter a great deal, so much so that he was willing to choose death that we might be chosen for eternal life. Pray that we might find the same priceless salt and light shining in those around us.

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| Weekly Support | January 29 |
| Budget envelopes used (109) | - |
| Loose Donations | \$ 3,511.50 |
| Online Giving (# of donors-78) | - |
| Total Budget | \$ 2,715.00 |
| Second Collection (Latin America) | |
| Budget envelopes used (64) | - |
| Loose Donations | \$ 1,006.50 |
| Online Giving (# of donors-5) | - |
| Total | \$ 321.00 |
| <p>This week's second collection is for St. Vincent DePaul. Next week's second collection is the Monthly Collection. As always, thank you for your continued generosity.</p> | |

FEBRUARY 5, 2023

SANCTUARY LAMP



This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Sandra Thomas.



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.



Ash Wednesday Schedule
Wednesday, February 22

- 7:00am Mass with distribution of Ashes
- 12Noon Liturgy of the Word with distribution of Ashes
- 6:30pm Mass with distribution of Ashes



FAITH
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(401) 792-8684

Sunday, February 5th
9:55-10:50am Grades 1-6 classes
will meet in Fr. Greenan Center

Service reflections for Confirmation I & II are due today.

Pray: Thank you, God, for the light we each have inside of us. Help us to keep our light shining brightly by receiving the sacraments and sharing our gifts with those in need. Amen.

Wednesday, Feb. 8th
6:30-8:15pm Confirmation I & II
classes in Fr. Greenan Center



This Week

Monday, February 6

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

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

Tuesday, February 7

7:00pm SVDP Meeting (HBH)

Thursday, February 9

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.

CLOTHING DRIVE

Dates: **Next weekend:** February 11th and 12th

Hosted by Monsignor Clarke Students : Daniel Lefoley, Riley Selwyn, Will Coogan



Share your love with someone in need this Valentines Day. Students will be collecting clothing donations before and after every Mass at the side entrance to the church and at Father Greenan Hall. Donations will be distributed by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Rhode Island.

All Adult and child sizes for all clothing are needed: pants, shirts, shorts, T-shirts, jackets and dress clothes all in clean and usable condition. Thank you for your support!



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.

SAVE THE DATE

February 22: Ash Wednesday

February 24: Stations begin at Church on Fridays during Lent (7:00pm)

March 1: Stations begin at Chapel on Wednesdays during Lent (12:30)



May we rest here in his presence today. In this sacrament, may we be filled with his love. May Christ furnish us with all that is good, that we may do his will.



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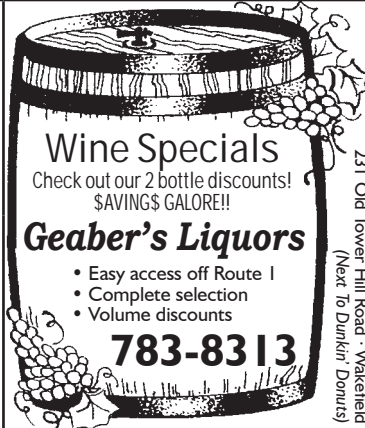
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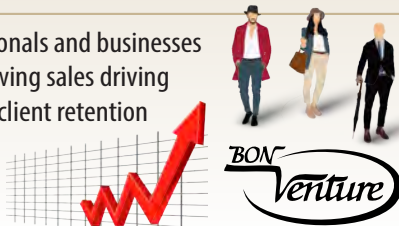


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