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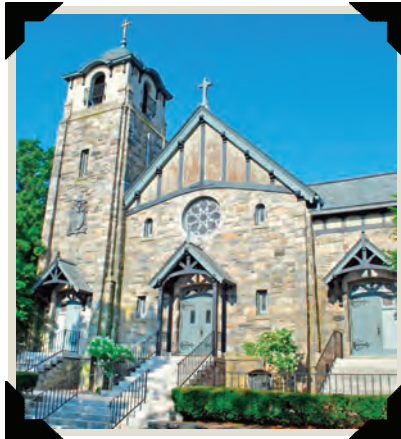
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Masses

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
 ----- 401-783-3149
 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
 Please call the rectory.

welcome

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

Respect
Life

Jesus loves the
children of the
world, the born
and the unborn.

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Francis Mass Intentions



Saturday, January 21

4:30pm †Branden J. DeLuca
Requested by Family

Sunday, January 22

9:00am †Phil Lavigne
Requested by the Gilman Family
11:00am †Domenic Coppolino
Requested by his Sister

Monday, January 23

7:00am †Tory Lynn Andreozzi
Requested by Jose & Venerina DaSilva

Tuesday, January 24

7:00am †Steven Hunt
Requested by Joe & Ellen Schwab

Thursday, January 26

7:00am For the People

Friday, January 27

7:00am †Teresa Marie Arganese Lenzo
(Birthday Remembrance)
Requested by Family

Saturday, January 28

4:30pm †Anna DeLuca
Requested by D. Smith

Sunday, January 29

9:00am †Domenic & Matilda Coppolino
(Anniversary Remembrance)
Requested by Family
11:00am †Edward Sylvia
Requested by Mark & Diane Castro

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 22

10:00am †Mary Marchand
(Birthday Remembrance)
Requested by Gerri & Al Marsocci

Sunday, January 29

10:00am †Raymond A. Meloche
Requested by M. Hayes-Cote

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.



New beginnings appear in our lives in many ways and at different times. Not too long ago we began yet another new year. It offered us a time to look back and reflect, as well as a time to look forward and dream of possibilities. Of course, turning the calendar is not the only new beginning we come across in life. Graduations, new jobs, weddings, births, and so many other life events offer us times of not only looking forward but also being mindful of the past.

Today's Gospel passage tells the story surrounding a new beginning in salvation history. It describes the start of Jesus' ministry in Galilee. The first thing Jesus sets out to do is to preach that the kingdom of God is at hand. Although we do not hear the full story of the Gospel in today's passage, we have the privilege of knowing what comes after this. Indeed, what follows is Jesus demonstrating through words and action just what he means when he proclaims that the kingdom of God is at hand. The blind see, sinners are forgiven, the marginalized have a place at the table, and all of us are brought to salvation through Jesus' sacrificial death.

We also have the privilege of knowing what has been before this point. Indeed, there is a very clear call back to the first reading. Isaiah acknowledges the yearning, the need, and the pain of our experience before the Messiah, and yet he also announces that this darkness will not be the final word. Salvation is coming. When we read about the beginning of Jesus' ministry, this new beginning directly connects to the past. It makes the present that much more glorious because it shows that God has kept his promise and the world is not overcome by darkness.

As baptized members of the Church, we can see both sides of this point in salvation history. We live the truth of fulfillment, but we do not forget the past. It shows the magnitude, the power of our salvation which we now enjoy. As we recognize this great gift, we are called to live Jesus' message of repentance. We can benefit from being mindful of how we can turn away from that which separates us from God. We can grow in our understanding of how we are called to live the truth of the kingdom of God.

God is calling us back to him. Our new beginnings are at hand, and we can grow in a deeper commitment to our faith. Indeed, every time we receive the body of Christ, it is a new beginning. May God continue to guide us on this journey.



Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (104)	-	\$4,172.50
Loose Donations	-	\$2,283.00
Online Giving (# of donors-80)	-	\$2,807.00
Total Budget	-	\$9,262.50

January 15

Second Collection (Catholic University)

Budget envelopes used (61)	-	\$864.50
Loose Donations	-	\$276.00
Online Giving (# of donors-4)	-	\$ 35.00
Total	-	\$1,175.50

This week's second collection is the Monthly Collection. Next week's second collection is for Latin America.
As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

JANUARY 22, 2023



SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Branden J. DeLuca and the lamp at the Chapel burns in the memory of Rhonda Vespia & Chad O'Brien.



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.

Doing the will of the Father is to live faithfully as a member of the body of Christ.



As members of the body of Christ, may we all seek to live faithfully as children of the Father so as to help lead others to the font of mercy.

THANK YOU

The Giving Tree was another great success as this wonderful parish continues to demonstrate its generosity. Your gift cards provided much needed support to our own St. Vincent de Paul Conference as well as the Jonnycake Center and families in need. Thank you and may God continue to bless you in this new year. *The Social Outreach Committee*



FAITH FORMATION
(401) 792-8684

Sunday, January 22nd
9:55-10:50am Grades 1-6 classes will meet in Fr. Greenan Center

Pray: God, we pray for our priests, seminarians and those thinking about becoming priests. Be with these men as they fish for men, women, and children who desire to feel your love. Amen.

Next Sunday, January 29th at 9am
Mass-Celebration of *Listening to God's Word.*

Our children preparing for First Holy Communion will be attending with their families and will reflect on the importance of hearing God's Word.



This Week

Monday, January 23

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

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

Thursday, January 26

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.

OPEN HOUSE AT MONSIGNOR CLARK SCHOOL

Monsignor Clarke School will be hosting an Admissions Open House on Sunday, February 5th from 12-2pm.

Come tour the school, meet our teachers and staff and Discover the Difference. Interested families should register www.monsignorclarkeschool.org



2023 Steubenville Youth Conferences

Calling all high schoolers! In our ever-changing world, Jesus is the answer to the longing of our hearts for meaning, fulfillment, security, and love. Join hundreds of Catholic teens at *Steubenville East Youth Conference in Springfield, MA on July 21-23, 2023* to experience the peace of Jesus Christ, who is our refuge and never wearies of loving us.

All rising freshmen in high school through rising freshmen in college are invited to attend this retreat with our group.

Learn more at:

<https://steubenvilleconferences.com/events/conf-east/>,

or contact **Diane Castro** at:

diane.castro@stfranciswakefield.com for more information.

SAVE THE DATE

Month of January: Baby Shower

February 22: Ash Wednesday; Stations begin at Chapel on Wednesdays during Lent (12:30)

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



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**)

Place donations in the collection baskets located in St. Francis Church and St. Romuald Chapel during the weekends of January 2023.

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