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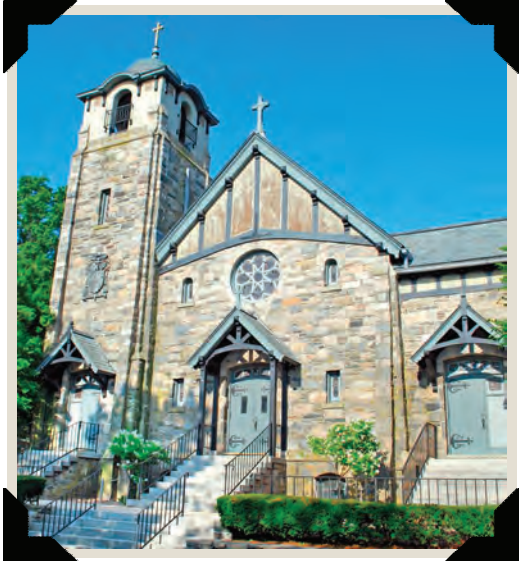
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Masses

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

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Francis Mass Intentions



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

Monday, January 30
 7:00am †Calvin Pepe, Jr.
Requested by Family

Tuesday, January 31
 7:00am †Peter Reusch
 (Birthday Remembrance)
Requested by Family

Thursday, February 2
 7:00am †Rev. Charles J. Burns
 (3rd Pastor)
 122nd Anniversary

Friday, February 3
 7:00am For the People

Saturday, February 4
 4:30pm †Anna DeLuca
Requested by Family

Sunday, February 5
 9:00am †Domenic & Matilda Coppolino
Requested by Family

11:00am †Tara Higgins
 (10th Anniversary Remembrance)
Requested by Family

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 29
 10:00am †Raymond A. Meloche
Requested by M. Hayes-Cote

Sunday, February 5
 10:00am †Paul McGrath
Requested by M. Hayes-Cote

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.




Once we see something from a different point of view, we cannot un-see it. It changes our perspective, and we never see the same way again. Consider the astronauts who looked back at the earth from the moon; it amazed them how beautiful, yet how delicate, our planet truly is. Pictures of the “blue marble” hanging in outer space make us feel more united and moved to take better care of the earth and each other. Consider how people from a small town find it so much smaller after seeing a big city. Or how insignificant we feel when we look out at the vastness of the ocean or look down from the top of a mountain.

Several times, Jesus brought his disciples to mountaintops to see things differently. He took Peter, James, and John to the mountaintop and allowed them to see his transfiguration, after which he headed resolutely to Jerusalem, fully aware of the danger awaiting him.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus leads his disciples to the mountaintop and teaches the beatitudes, an entirely different point of view on suffering and discipleship than the worldly perspective. Blessed are those who are poor, meek, and mournful. Blessed are those who are merciful, clean-hearted, and make peace. Blessed are those who are insulted and persecuted. Suffering will not be the end for them, because they will be comforted, they will see God, they will be rewarded in the kingdom of heaven.

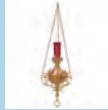
After hearing Jesus’ words, the disciples are reassured that following Jesus is worth the cost – that good will have the last word. We, too, can adopt this beatitude point of view and see our suffering and hardship in a different way. Saint Paul tells us that *God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and the weak of the world to shame the strong*. We do not have to be the wisest person, or the strongest person; we do not have to be “something” in the eyes of the world for we are everything in the eyes of the Lord.

The love and grace we receive in the Eucharist is a foretaste of the fullness of joy in Christ we will one day know. Suffering is real and discipleship is not without risk, but through his word and sacrament, we are within sight of the kingdom. We know the beatitudes, and we see the blessings.

	
Weekly Support	January 22
Budget envelopes used (109)	-
Loose Donations	-
Online Giving (# of donors-75)	-
Total Budget	\$7,391.50
Second Collection (Monthly Collection)	
Budget envelopes used (42)	-
Loose Donations	-
Online Giving (# of donors-5)	-
Total	\$1,763.50

This week’s second collection is for Latin America. Next week’s second collection is for St. Vincent DePaul.
As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

JANUARY 29, 2023



SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of John J. 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.

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 FORMATION
(401) 792-8684**

Sunday, January 29th

9:55-10:50am Grades 1-6 classes will meet in Fr. Greenan Center

Pray: Thank you, God, for giving each of us special gifts. Help me to find new ways to share my talents with other people. Amen.

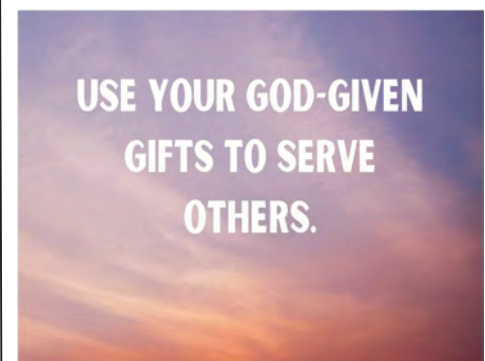
Wednesday, February 1st

6:30-8:15pm Confirmation I & II classes in Fr. Greenan Center. **Service reflections** should be brought to class and if not, are due no later than **Sunday, February 5th**.

Saturday, February 4th

TO THE HEART—Confirmation Retreat in Fr. Greenan Hall

Time: 10:30-4:30
(we will attend 4:30 Mass)



This Week

Monday, January 30

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

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

Thursday, February 2

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

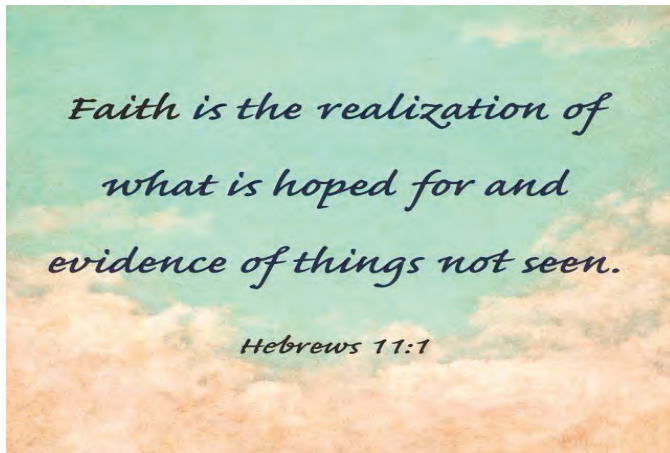
Dates: February 11th and 12th

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!



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)



This is the final weekend for the Baby Shower sponsored by the St. Francis of Assisi Social Outreach Committee (SOC) 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 .

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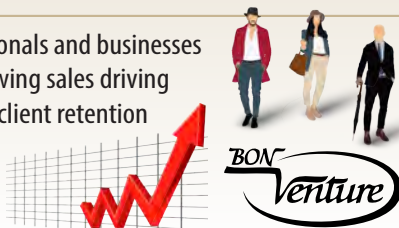


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