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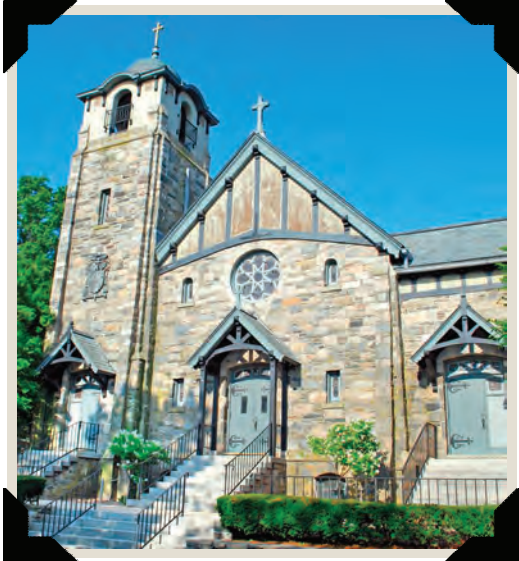
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Masses

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

Please call the rectory.

welcome

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

# THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## St. Francis Mass Intentions



- 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*
- Monday, February 13**  
 7:00am †Maureen Schreiner  
*Requested by Mary Terry*
- Tuesday, February 14**  
 7:00am †Jeannette DeLuca  
*Requested by Family*
- Thursday, February 16**  
 7:00am †Marsha Signorelli  
 (Birthday Remembrance)  
*Requested by Husband*
- Friday, February 17**  
 7:00am †Joseph DeLuca  
*Requested by Family*
- Saturday, February 18**  
 4:30pm †Steven Hunt  
*Requested by Event Committee*
- Sunday, February 19**  
 9:00am †Albert & Eileen Ranallo  
 11:00am †Henry P. Falcone  
*Requested by Anne & William Gibson*

## St. Romuald Mass Intentions

- Sunday, February 12**  
 10:00am †John V, Helen & John V. Estes, Jr.  
*Requested by Family*
- Sunday, February 19**  
 10:00am †Dan Fenaughty  
 (Anniversary Remembrance)  
*Requested by Family*

*Jesus is the only one who can fulfill the law.*




Our Gospel readings these last couple of Sundays have been from Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount. He extols and honors the law that the people were given by Moses, but he also draws them into a deeper appreciation of what the commandments mean, and why they exist. The Law of Moses made the people of Israel different from the nations around them. The law was the way in which the people honored God and honored each other in relationship, and made them righteous in their faith. Jesus is extending the meaning of the law to include an interior disposition, and not just exterior actions.

It is against the law to kill, but Jesus commands that we also repent of anger and verbal attacks. The law forbids adultery, but Jesus calls his disciples to repent of the sin of lust. Even when Jesus says that the whole law can be summed up with the great commandments of loving God and loving our neighbor, he calls us to deeper commitments and sacrifices. Jesus is not giving us a pass on the commandments of Moses, but rather calling us to the virtues that make holiness possible.

This would, of course, be problematic for ancient Jewish listeners, for whom the law was already complete and not in need of “extension.” While one could argue for particular interpretations of various laws and prophecies, which the ancient rabbis did all the time, no one would dare try to correct or improve upon what Moses had given them. For this young preacher to contrast himself with Moses was audacity to the extreme.

For Jesus to say, *You have heard it said* – and then quote Moses, only to continue, *but I say* – and then offer some correction or change, would have been condemned in the strongest way by the religious leaders of the time: “How dare you suggest that we should consider you a source equal to Moses!” It is another subtle way that Jesus would reveal his divine nature. The people wouldn’t have completely understood that at the time, but to compare himself to Moses was a very bold and dangerous move. It is not hard to see why they accused him of blasphemy and sought to have him killed.

Moses walked with God. He spoke to God as a friend like none before him. He helped to deliver his people out of slavery. Moses is a holy man worth honoring. Matthew’s Gospel portrays Christ as the new Moses. Jesus, like Moses, went up a mountain to bring the word of God to the people and to set them free. The difference is that Jesus is also the divine Son who died and rose for the salvation of the whole world.



<b>Weekly Support</b>		<b>February 5</b>
Budget envelopes used (113)	-	\$3,580.50
Loose Donations	-	\$ 835.00
Online Giving (# of donors-89)	-	\$4,648.00
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$9,063.50</b>
<b>Second Collection (St. Vincent DePaul)</b>		
Budget envelopes used (71)	-	\$1,421.50
Loose Donations	-	\$ 301.00
Online Giving (# of donors-10)	-	\$ 205.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$1,927.50</b>

This week’s second collection is the Monthly Collection. Next week’s second collection is for Ongoing Maintenance.  
**As always, thank you for your continued generosity.**

# FEBRUARY 12, 2023

## SANCTUARY LAMP



This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Jeannette DeLuca.



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  
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**Sunday, February 12, 2023  
9:55-10:50am** Grades 1-6 FGC

**Pray: Thank you, Jesus, for giving us rules to guide us. Help us to follow them as you want us to. Amen.**

**Next Sunday, Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>** begins school vacation-there will be **NO Faith Formation Classes**. Classes will resume on Sunday, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> for Grades 1-6.

***The Faith Formation Office is closed during school vacation.***

**Give a Guy a Coat Drive**-this year marked the third coat drive sponsored by the Hand brothers and each year the number of coats donated increased, 33 coats, 56 coats, 120 coats! The Hands distributed fliers in their neighborhood advertising the drive and collected items the following week. Nevin Hand organized the first drive for his Confirmation service project and his brothers, Jonathan and Ryan kept the tradition going for their Confirmation service project. The coats collected were distributed through the St Vincent de Paul Society, as well as, the Diocesan Catholic Social Services Office located in St Francis Church. Many people are being kept warm this winter through your efforts!

***"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me". Matthew 25:40***

# This Week

## Monday, February 13

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

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

## Thursday, February 16

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.*



### STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT ST. FRANCIS CHURCH

Fridays at 7:00pm beginning February 24 through March 31; Good Friday, April 7 at 3:00pm

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT ST. ROMUALD CHAPEL

Wednesdays at 12:30 beginning March 1 through April 5



### LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

On each of the six Fridays of Lent from 5:30 to 6:30pm, a simple meatless meal of home made soup, bread and water will be prepared and offered to all. There is no charge for this Lenten supper but a basket will be available to receive free will donations. These donations will be given to our St. Vincent de Paul Conference for distribution to needy families in our area. So come and join us for soup on Fridays in Father Greenan Center! Bring a friend...it is a wonderful lead into Stations at 7.

## 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)



*As we come forward to the Eucharistic table, let us ask God to give us the grace to always have the eyes and ears to sense that he is the only one who can give us true satisfaction.*



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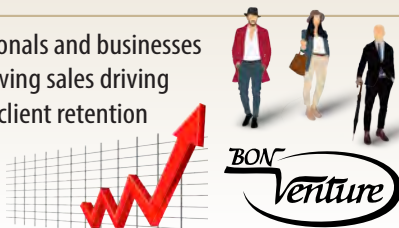
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