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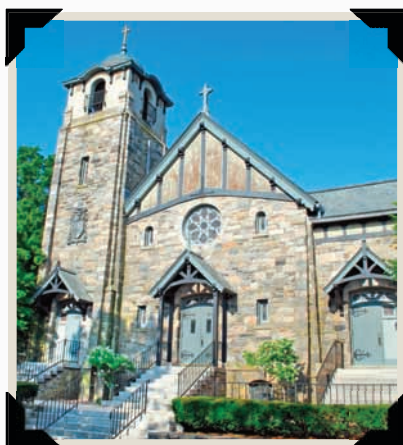
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Masses

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)

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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.

welcome

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

40
Days
Giving
Fasting
Praying
Repenting
Forgiving

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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St. Francis Mass Intentions



Saturday, February 25

4:30pm †Anna DeLuca

Requested by Family

Sunday, February 26

9:00am †Steven Hunt

Requested by Jeff & Kathleen Carney

11:00am †Deceased Members of the McGrath Family

Requested by Eve Sweeney

Monday, February 27

7:00am For the People

Tuesday, February 28

7:00am †Andres DeLisi

Requested by Jose & Venerina DaSilva

Thursday, March 2

7:00am †Steven Hunt

Requested by Michele & Bruce Nielson

Friday, March 3

7:00am Amanda Bremner

(Special Intention)

Saturday, March 4

4:30pm †Richard Brandon

Requested by Barbara & Dave Monaghan

Sunday, March 5

9:00am †Sharon Carney

(Anniversary Remembrance)

Requested by Family

11:00am †Deceased Members of the Sweeney Family

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 26

10:00am †Elizabeth Tyrrell

Requested by Evelyn Luther

Sunday, March 5

10:00am †Catherine Fitzpatrick

Requested by Jane Estes

We are called to grow closer to God.



In these early days of Lent, we consider what practices we might take on during these 40 days. Perhaps we have already started them, or perhaps we are still discerning what we can do. Whatever path we choose, we all have the same aim: to grow closer to God. Our Lenten practices are meant to help us not only grow in understanding of him but also to grow in understanding of how we can live out his love in the world.

We have these 40 days to consider our relationship with God, specifically where we are disobedient and fail to trust him – like the woman and man in our first reading. We know God should be at the center of everything we do; we are at our best when this is the case. And we have this time to focus on how we can keep him there, and resist all temptations otherwise, as Jesus did in the Gospel.

Our Lenten practices focus on three ways in which we can grow closer to God. First, we have prayer. There are so many different ways in which to pray. We can consider which prayer has helped us grow closer to God. Or perhaps there is a type of prayer we would like to try. These 40 days are our opportunity to explore and to pray in ways that help us to recenter God in our lives.

Second, we have the practice of fasting. There is power in our communal practices when we fast together on Fridays, but perhaps there are individual practices of fasting that will help us to remove any distractions or obstacles in our relationship with God. Fasting is a way to be more mindful of our reliance on God in our daily lives.

Finally, we have the practice of almsgiving. Offering up what we have reminds us that all we have is a gift from God. God calls us to share our gifts with others, especially those in most need. Perhaps there is a group that needs our sacrifices on this day; we could focus our almsgiving efforts there.

As we continue our liturgy, let us remember that our Lenten practices require nourishment at this Eucharistic table. God is always with us and calls us to grow closer to him as we journey these next 40 days.



Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (112)	-	February 19 \$3,872.50
Loose Donations	-	\$ 635.00
Online Giving (# of donors-76)	-	\$2,808.00
Total Budget	-	\$7,315.50

Second Collection (Ongoing Maintenance)

Budget envelopes used (72)	-	\$1,041.50
Loose Donations	-	\$ 234.00
Online Giving (# of donors-7)	-	\$ 111.00
Total	-	\$1,386.50

There is no second collection this week. Next week's second collection is the Monthly Collection.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

FEBRUARY 26, 2023

SANCTUARY LAMP



This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of James Flynn.



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.



LENTEN MISSION: EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL March 27, 28 & 29

We will be presenting our Lenten Mission led by the Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth on March 27, 28 & 29 beginning at 6:30pm.

Monday, March 27 (6:30pm): Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Talk, Benediction & Reposition

Tuesday, March 28 (6:30pm): Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions, Talk, Benediction & Reposition

Wednesday, March 29 (6:30pm): Closing Talk & Mass

Remember to mark your calendars!



CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL IN-PEW SOLICITATION

As you all know this year's Catholic Charity Appeal has begun. You have probably already received information regarding this Appeal directly from the Diocese.

Your sacrificial gift to the CCA multiplies God's love in our community. A gift to the Appeal immediately helps individuals and families struggling with food insecurity, homelessness, heating assistance and more. Your support also builds up key ministries and programs of the church in the areas of Evangelization, Faith Formation, Youth Ministry, Seminarian Education, Catholic School Tuition Assistance, and Life and Family Ministry, to name a few.

For those of you that have already donated or pledged we want to thank you for your support. *For those that have not already done so we will be having our in-pew solicitation at the Chapel this Sunday, February 26 and at the Church the weekend of March 4/5.*

As of February 15, 2023: Our goal is: \$104,595.00; Amount Pledged: \$25,085.00



FAITH FORMATION (401) 792-8684

Sunday, February 26, 2023

9:55-10:50am Grades 1-6 FGC

Pray: God, I make difficult choices every day. Help me to make loving, safe, and healthy choices. Amen.

Think: What sacrifice or extra commitment are you going to make this Lent?

Join us! The annual Diocesan Faith Formation Convocation is an opportunity to grow in personal and missionary discipleship and to encourage one another for the mission of evangelization. The day includes: Holy Mass-Keynote Presentations -Choice of Workshops-Exhibits-Lunch, Adoration and Benediction.

STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE INFORMATION NIGHT

On Monday, March 6th at 6:30pm we will be having a planning meeting on the second floor of Fr. Greenan Hall for all teens in grades 8-12 who may be interested in attending this conference. The conference this year will be held July 22-23 at the Mass Mutual Center in Springfield, MA. A non-refundable deposit of \$125 will be required to reserve your spot. Registration forms will be distributed that evening.

Why should you consider attending this conference?

- It's life changing
- There's awesome music
- It's loads of fun
- There are amazing and inspirational speakers
- You will build a small community of parish friends supporting you.

Don't forget to invite a friend to join you!

If you have any questions, please contact Barbette Cullen at 792-8684 or by email at cullen_stfrancis@verizon.net or Jacqui Shardow at: jacquelyn.shardlow@gmail.com

This Week

Monday, February 27

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

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

Wednesday, March 1

12:30 Stations of the Cross at the Chapel

Thursday, March 2

6-7:00pm Bible Study-Gospel of Mark (HBH)

6:30pm Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Friday, March 3

5:30-6:30pm Lenten Soup Supper (FGC)

7:00pm Stations of the Cross at the 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 24:** Stations begin at Church on Fridays during Lent (7:00pm)
- March 1:** Stations begin at Chapel on Wednesdays during Lent (12:30)
- March 27-29:** Lenten Mission (6:30pm)

ST. MARK CHURCH: LECTURE ON SHROUD OF TURIN (MARCH 5)

St. Mark Church in Jamestown, RI will be hosting a lecture by Jim Bertrand, an expert on the Shroud of Turin, on March 5, 2023 at 2:00pm. Jim has appeared on EWTN with Fr. Mitch Pacwa, March 23, 2022. He has given more than 260 talks across 50 states to over 26,000 people. Please join us at 2:00pm to hear his enlightening presentation. Admission is free; we will ask for a free-will donation at the door.



FAITH, FOOD, & FELLOWSHIP Sign Up to Attend Alpha

In 2019 our parish hosted ALPHA: a series of interactive sessions exploring the basics of the Christian faith. The program is intended for everyone—including those questioning their faith or those simply searching for something to believe in. It's also a special opportunity for you to deepen your relationship with Christ alongside members of the St. Francis community.

We're hosting the program again! **Join us on Wednesday March 15th at 6:15pm** in the lower level of the church to attend our introductory session sharing faith, food, and fellowship.

Sign up by emailing: alpha@stfranciswakefield.com.
For more information visit: stfranciswakefield.com/faith-formation/alpha/

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