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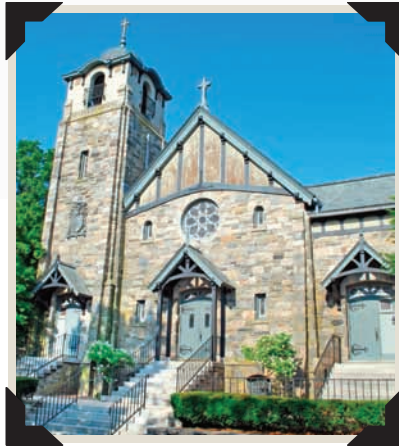
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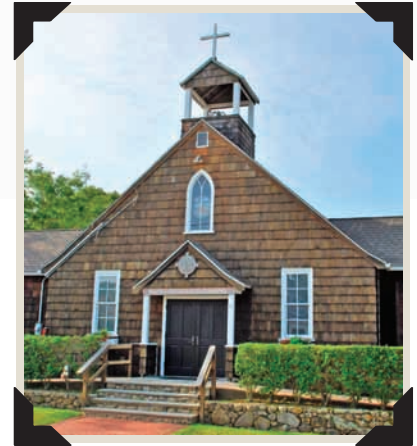
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And the crowds
that went before
him and that
followed him
were shouting,
“Hosanna to the
Son of David!
Blessed is he
who comes in
the name of the
Lord! Hosanna
in the highest!”

—Matthew 21:9



Hosanna!
Hosanna!

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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
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Washington County Office / Contact: ----- 401-783-3149
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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

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

St. Francis Mass Intentions



Saturday, April 1

4:30pm † Jeannette DeLuca & Joe Luciano, III
Requested by Family

Palm Sunday, April 2

9:00am † Enrico Garzilli
Requested by his Friends
11:00am † Charles C. White
Requested by a Friend

Monday, April 3

7:00am † Virginia Beauchaine
Requested by Ann & Ollie

Tuesday, April 4

7:00am † Tom McGair & Grandchildren
Requested by Jean



Holy Thursday, April 6

No 7:00am Mass

7:00pm For the People
Adoration to follow in lower church until 11:00pm

Good Friday, April 7

No 7:00am Mass

3:00pm Stations of the Cross
7:00pm The Passion Service

Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil), April 8

No 4:30pm Mass

7:30pm For the People

Easter Sunday, April 9

9:00am † Patrick Dufficy
(Birthday Remembrance)
Requested by his Mom & Family
11:00am † Joyce Shiels
Requested by Family

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Palm Sunday, April 2

10:00am † Martha & Blanche McElkenny
Requested by Family

Easter Sunday, April 9

10:00am † For the Deceased Members of the Perpetual Mass Association

Jesus is humbly obedient to his mission.



Today marks the beginning of Holy Week, the days in the Church year when we celebrate Christ's passion, death, and resurrection. Before we get to Easter, though, the Church invites us to ponder the meaning of Jesus' death. And we should start by recognizing that his death was neither an accident nor was it an unfortunate misunderstanding. No, Jesus was murdered by the religious and political leaders of his time who would not tolerate his challenges to their greed, power, and hypocrisy. Jesus' words and actions made them angry, and they initiated actions to bring about his demise.

For example, in the first Gospel reading, we hear Jesus planning a triumphant entry into Jerusalem. This procession gets the entire city's attention. We don't hear the next part of the story in today's Gospel, but it's important. With everyone's eyes on him, Jesus enters the temple area and drives out the animal vendors and the money changers. These actions challenge the temple officials' greedy abuse of the people's religious observance. This so angers the temple officials that they plot Jesus' death, which we hear unfold in the second Gospel reading about Jesus' passion and death.

Jesus was aware that his actions would probably lead to his suffering and death. This did not mean that he had a death wish. Rather, as the second reading proclaims, Jesus was being obedient to his mission to preach and make present the kingdom of God. Jesus was faithful to this mission whether it was convenient or inconvenient, whether it would be well received or poorly received. He would not turn away from his mission even if it meant torture and death.

And Jesus did all of this with great humility. For Jesus, it was never about looking important or being famous. As the reading from Philippians proclaims, *he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, and he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.* As a sign of this humility, when Jesus enters Jerusalem, he doesn't ride a war horse like the rulers of the time, but a humble donkey, the beast of burden used by the lowly.

Jesus' willingness to accept suffering and even death is part of his saving work. His obedience should inspire us to stay faithful to our mission to proclaim the kingdom of God. This means loving others, even when they don't return our love. It means speaking the truth, even when others do not want to hear it. It means asking for forgiveness when we have been wrong. It means caring for others, even when that is difficult or inconvenient. And it means doing all of these things with humility. It isn't easy, but Jesus does not leave us alone in our efforts. Every time we come to the Eucharistic table, he gives himself to us, strengthening us to follow his example.



Weekly Support		March 26
Budget envelopes used (106)	-	\$3,174.00
Loose Donations	-	\$1,083.00
Online Giving (# of donors-86)	-	\$3,066.00
Total Budget	-	\$7,323.00

This week's second collection is for Operation Rice Bowl.
Next week's second collection is the Easter Collection (For the Diocese)

Catholic Charity Appeal as of March 22: Our goal is: \$104,595.00; Amount Pledged: \$49,721.00.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

APRIL 2, 2023



SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Palma Larney.



St. Francis of Assisi Sacred Music Presents
Organ Concert for Lent & Passiontide

The Dr. Enrico F. Garzilli Memorial

This Sunday, April 2, at 2:30pm

Peter Fiore, Organ

MAY MONEY MADNESS

Tickets for May Money Madness are being sold after Masses on April 15/16, 22/23 & April 29/30. They can also be purchased at the parish office, Monday through Thursday 9am to 4pm and Friday 9am-12:30pm. **The last day to buy tickets is April 30.**



Ticket prices are: \$10 each, 6 for \$50 or 12 for \$100. A fun parish event with prizes awarded daily throughout the month of May.

Drawing Prizes: Monday thru Saturday—\$50;
Sunday—\$100; May 31 drawing—\$500.

Fill out the form below and include payment.
Return through the weekly offertory or mail to:
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Sunday, April 2, 2023
9:55-10:50am Grades 1-6 FGC

Pray: God, help me to be selfless like Jesus and put other people's needs before my own. Amen.

The Faith Formation Office will be closed during school vacation, April 9th – 15th.

Confirmation was celebrated here on Saturday, March 25th for 12 of our families and 12 families from St Mary's-St. James and 5 families from Christ the King. A lovely reception was held in Fr. Greenan Center, hosted by our Hospitality Committee. Thank you to the committee for the tasty fare and for your gracious hospitality!!



This Week

Monday, April 3

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

6:30pm Men of St. Joseph

Tuesday, April 4

7:00pm SVD Meeting (HBH)

Wednesday, April 5

12:30 Stations of the Cross at the Chapel

Thursday, April 6, HOLY THURSDAY

PARISH OFFICES ARE CLOSED

7:00pm Holy Thursday Service followed by Adoration in the lower church until 11:00pm (Church)

Friday, April 7, GOOD FRIDAY

PARISH OFFICES ARE CLOSED

3:00pm Stations at the (Church)

7:00pm Passion of the Lord (Church)

Saturday, April 8, SATURDAY, EASTER VIGIL

3-4:00pm Confessions (Church)

7:30pm Easter Vigil Service (Church)

Easter Monday, April 10

PARISH OFFICES ARE CLOSED. THERE WILL BE ADORATION

The parish office is open 9am to 4pm Monday through Thursday and 9am to 12:30 on Friday.



By his death, Jesus has transformed our death into the promise of eternal life.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

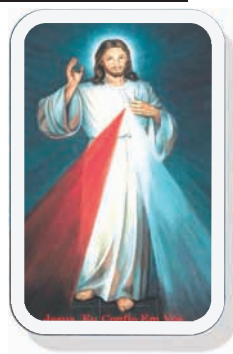
April 16th is Divine Mercy Sunday. Everyone is invited to a special Mass at 3:00pm at St. Romuald Chapel celebrated by Fr. Ranallo assisted by Deacon Dowd.

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at 1:00pm. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed at 2:50pm. (materials will be provided)

The afternoon concludes with the Celebration of Mass at 3:00pm, the hour of mercy. This Mass will be for the intention of Bill Harding & Jim Abreu.

Confessions WILL be offered from 2-2:50pm.

Refreshments will be served following this service.



SAVE THE DATE

April 16: Divine Mercy Mass at Chapel followed by reception (3:00pm)

April 22-30: Social Outreach Food Drive

Month of May: May Money Madness Drawings (Tickets to be sold in the month of April)



Intention for Sunday, April 9 at 10:00am at the Chapel

*The Deceased Members of the Perpetual
al
Mass Association*

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