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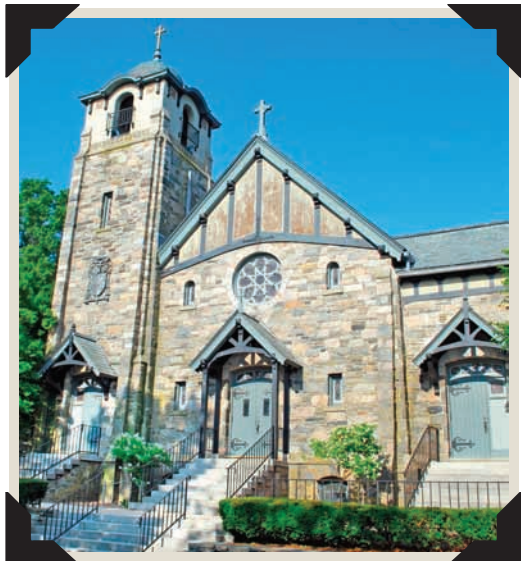
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Masses

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
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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

welcome

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

St. Francis Mass Intentions



Saturday, March 18

4:30pm †Rals T. Levesque

Requested by Family

Sunday, March 19

9:00am †Margaret R. Haggerty

Req. by sister, Lynne M. Haggerty

11:00am †Henry P. Falcone

Req. by Katherine & Stephen Demetrick

Monday, March 20

7:00am †Gloria Carney

Requested by Jeff and Kathleen Carney

Tuesday, March 21

7:00am For the People

Thursday, March 23

7:00am †Paul Anthony Murphy & Family

Friday, March 24

7:00am †Rev. James E. Greenan
(9th Pastor)

71st Anniversary Remembrance

Saturday, March 25

4:30pm †Reinaldo Flores

(Anniversary Remembrance)

Requested by Holly & Angelica Flores

Sunday, March 26

9:00am †Tom Wichser

(Birthday Remembrance)

Requested by Jim & Susan Meehan

11:00am †Judith Ferra

Requested by Dorine DiConti

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 19

10:00am †James Corcoran, III

Requested by Peace Dale Dinner Table

Sunday, March 26

10:00am †Martha & Blanche McElkenny

Requested by Family

I do believe, Lord.



There's a lot to unpack in today's readings. At the center is Jesus' miraculous healing of a man born blind. He used tangible things (mud and spittle) in this miracle, just as we use tangible things (oil and water, for example) in the sacraments of the Church.

Today, however, let's focus on the interaction between Jesus and the man born blind at the end of the Gospel, after the man has regained his sight.

Some of the Pharisees believed Jesus must have been a sinner because he performed this miracle on the Sabbath. The great irony, of course, is that they themselves were blind to the Light of the World: Jesus, the Son of God. The Pharisees questioned both the man and his parents and determined that the man had indeed been born blind. The parents didn't want to say how he gained his sight because they didn't want to be expelled from the temple and they were afraid. The man, however, maintained that Jesus opened his eyes and that God listens to those who worship and obey him, so Jesus must be of God.

By the end of their heated discussion, the man born blind was driven out of the temple.

What does Jesus do when he hears of the man's expulsion from the temple? Jesus goes to him. Jesus seeks him out and says, *Do you believe in the Son of Man? ... The one speaking with you is he.* And the man born blind worshipped him.

Friends, when any member of the body of Christ is hurt by another person, and especially by a member of the Church, Jesus seeks that member of his body. Jesus wants to find every lost or hurting sheep. If anyone has been hurt by a member of the Church or made to feel unwelcome or unloved, Jesus himself is seeking that person. Why? Because those types of behaviors are not of God. God is perfect. We humans are not. But Jesus knows our hearts, and he seeks out every single person, especially those most in need of healing.

And when he finds us, sitting with our wounds or working through them, he comes with compassion. He asks us, *Do you believe in the Son of Man?* May he find each of us able to proclaim, "Yes, Lord, I believe."

Yes, Lord, we believe that you are the Son of God. Lord, we believe that you are truly present in the holy sacrament of the altar. Lord, we believe that you died and rose again, and that you can heal our every wound.

We believe, Lord. Help our disbelief. We long to see you, Lord. Heal our blindness.



Weekly Support

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| Budget envelopes used (118) | - | March 12 \$10,701.53 |
| Loose Donations | - | \$1,259.00 |
| Online Giving (# of donors-80) | - | \$2,925.00 |
| Total Budget | - | \$14,885.53 |

This week's second collection is for Ongoing Maintenance. There is no second collection next week.

Catholic Charity Appeal as of March 8, 2023: Our goal is: \$104,595.00; Amount Pledged: \$38,976.00.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

MARCH 19, 2023

SANCTUARY LAMP



This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Gloria Carney.



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.



March 20: Feast of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Joseph stands before us as a model of faithful and intentional discipleship. His courage and trust shine forth as an example for our daily lives. Whether married or single, young or old, each one of us has been chosen by God and entrusted with a sacred task—the task of bringing Christ into our homes, schools, and places of work by our words, actions, and choices. Yes we, too, can be full of questions and doubts. But let us hope that, like Joseph, we can overcome those obstacles and commit our lives to the service of Christ and his Gospel. (Taken from *Faith Catholic*)



FAITH FORMATION (401) 792-8684

Sunday, March 19th 9:55-10:50am Grades 1-6 FGC

Pray: God, open my eyes so that I will see you in all of Creation. Amen.

Think: If you were blind and suddenly could see, who or what would you be most excited to see?

10:00am Final First Eucharist Parent Meeting HBH

6:30-8:00pm Youth Group gathering in FGC. Youth in Grades 7 and up are invited! Activities and games as well as filling of Easter Eggs for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Come, invite a friend and share ideas for future gatherings!

Wednesday, March 22nd

6:00pm Confirmation Rehearsal and Reconciliation for Candidates and Sponsors. We will begin in the lower church.

Saturday, March 25th

In the Sacrament of Confirmation, the baptized person is "sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit" and is strengthened for service to the Body of Christ. On Saturday March 25th at 10am Most Reverend Thomas J. Tobin D.D. will be conferring the sacrament of Confirmation on 29 youth; 12 from St Francis of Assisi parish, 12 from St Mary-St James parish and 5 from Christ the King. Come Holy Spirit!

St. Francis of Assisi's Annual Easter Egg Hunt

When: Saturday, April 1st at 10:00 Where: Fr. Greenan Parish Center All ages are invited to hunt for eggs!

Donations of wrapped candy and plastic eggs gratefully accepted.

Collection boxes located at the entrance to the church and chapel. Thank you for your support!

This Week

Monday, March 20

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

6:30pm Men of St. Joseph

Tuesday, March 21

7:00pm SVD Meeting (HBH)

Wednesday, March 22

12:30 Stations of the Cross at the Chapel

6:15pm Alpha Course (FGC)

Thursday, March 23

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

6:30pm Choir Rehearsal (HBH)

Friday, March 24

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 through March 31; Good Friday, April 7 at 3:00pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT ST. ROMUALD CHAPEL

Wednesdays at 12:30 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

Thru March 31: Stations at Church on Fridays during Lent (7:00pm)

Thru April 5: Stations at Chapel on Wednesdays during Lent (12:30)

March 27-29: Lenten Mission (6:30pm)

April 2: Organ Concert for Lent: Dr. Enrico Garzilli Memorial (2:30pm)

April 22-30: Social Outreach Food Drive

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



LENTEN MISSION: EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL March 27, 28 & 29

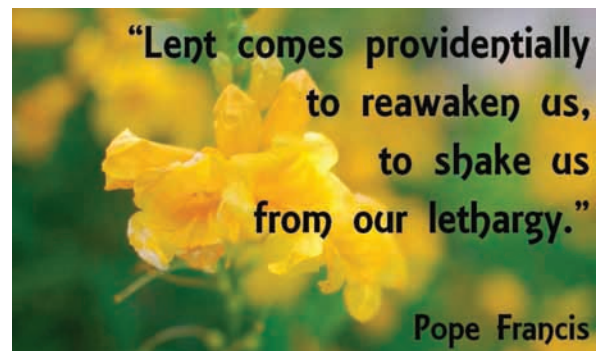
We will be presenting our Lenten Mission led by the Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth on March 27, 28 & 29 beginning at 6:30pm.

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!





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