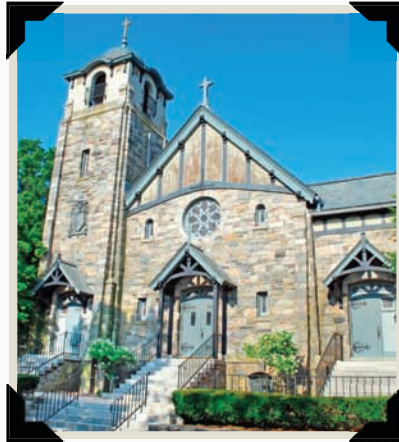


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SAINT FRANCIS CHURCH

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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Sacraments

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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St. Francis Mass Intentions



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

Monday, March 6

7:00am †Steven Hunt
Requested by Mary Ellen Walsh

Tuesday, March 7

7:00am For the People

Thursday, March 9

7:00am †Steven Hunt
Requested by Rick & Liz Soltysiak

Friday, March 10

7:00am †Steven Hunt
Requested by Tom Clark

Saturday, March 11

4:30pm Matthew & Kathleen Oliverio
 (40th Wedding Anniversary)
Requested by Family

Sunday, March 12

9:00am †Steven Hunt
Requested by Barbara Humphries
 11:00am †Johanna Henley
 (Birthday Remembrance)
Requested by Family

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 5

10:00am †Catherine Fitzpatrick
Requested by Jane Estes

Sunday, March 12

10:00am †Catherine Fitzpatrick
Requested by Marsha & James Corcoran

This is my beloved Son...listen to Him.



As we continue our Lenten journey with its many disciplines, we all need a little encouragement and support. How often does our initial enthusiasm for resolutions run out of steam? For the first few days it knows no bounds. We are full of excitement, and then slowly it wanes, and we grind to a halt. This is all the more true when we realize that those resolutions demand change and self-denial.

Today's Gospel, then, is a good reminder of the true purpose of Lent. It is a reminder that, as disciples, we have ultimately one goal: to strengthen our relationship with Christ so we might come to share in his eternal glory. It's a Gospel that both encourages and keeps us focused: By recalling the Transfiguration, we glimpse that glory, the same glory that is offered to us if we are steadfast in our lives of faith.

And in our striving to be steadfast, aren't we all just a little bit like Peter at times? He is eager, loyal, headstrong, and opinionated. He is also wise, and at the same time prone to misunderstanding. The Transfiguration event demonstrates Peter's lack of understanding. For him, this glimpse of Christ's glory was an opportunity for celebration, just as the Jewish feast of Tabernacles celebrated the glorious presence of God as he traveled with his people through the desert. He wanted to pause all that was going on, and build booths for all to revel in what he'd seen. Yet what Peter thinks is good is the glory itself, which he is quite ready to embrace and celebrate, but he has not yet come to grasp the suffering that must precede it.

We can all sympathize with Peter because we also have to learn that true discipleship is not about comfort or security, but about embracing the mystery of Christ crucified and risen. Discipleship is about hearing, again and again, those words: *This is my beloved Son ... listen to him.*

Today, as we begin the second week of Lent, we learn again that the Transfiguration is only a preview of Christ's glory; another mountain has yet to be climbed. Jesus has to be transformed and clothed in the naked pain of Calvary before he puts on the eternal glory of his resurrection. It is a glimpse of hope, however, meant to fortify us on our journey to Calvary with Christ. May this hope be our guide and our sustenance.



<u>Weekly Support</u>	<u>February 26</u>
Budget envelopes used (110)	-
Loose Donations	-
Online Giving (# of donors-80)	-
Total Budget	\$14,343.50

Collection for Ash Wednesday: \$1,325.00

This week's second collection is the Monthly Collection. There is no second collection next week.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

MARCH 5, 2023

SANCTUARY LAMP



This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Sandra Thomas.

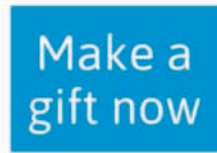


The work of our St. Francis of Assisi Conference of St. Vincent de Paul is supported by parish donations. Donation boxes are in the Church and Chapel; the parish online giving site has a SVDP option. Grocery store gift cards are welcome. Our Conference assists neighbors in need in our area and supports 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.



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 Church this weekend of March 4/5.*

As of February 22, 2023: Our goal is: \$104,595.00; Amount Pledged: \$31,685.00



FAITH FORMATION (401) 792-8684

Sunday, March 5, 2023 9:55-10:50am Grades 1-6 FGC

Pray: God, we know that Jesus is your beloved Son. Help us to listen to him. Amen.

Think: How can you listen to God when you pray?

ANNUAL DIOCESAN FAITH FORMATION CONVOCATION

Tickets are now on sale for the annual Diocesan Faith Formation Convocation to be held Saturday, March 18 at Bryant University, Smithfield, RI. For more information and to purchase tickets visit the Convocation website: faithformationconvocation.com

STEBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE INFORMATION NIGHT

This 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.shardow@gmail.com

This Week

Monday, March 6

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

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

Tuesday, March 7

7:00pm SVD Meeting (HBH)

Wednesday, March 8

12:30 Stations of the Cross at the Chapel

Thursday, March 9

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

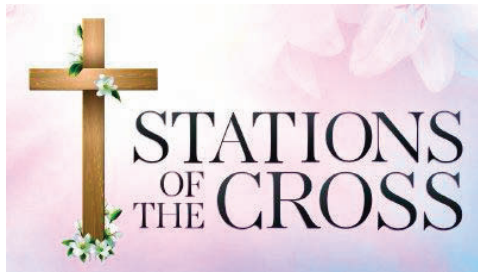
6:30pm Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Friday, March 10

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

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)

JOIN US FOR THE RETURN OF ALPHA!

RSVP for Alpha 2023 and join us for the first session on Wednesday March 15th, 2023 at 6:15pm in the lower level of the church

Alpha is an 11-week program that creates a space for honest-and-open discussions about faith and life's biggest questions. It consists of weekly gatherings that begin by sharing a delicious and nourishing meal to build personal connections and community. Dinner is followed by a short film exploring life's biggest issues through the Christian faith by addressing questions like "Who is Jesus?", "Why and how do I pray?", and "How does God guide us?" Afterwards, participants break into small groups to share ideas and listen to others in a safe, judgment-free setting.

Reserve your place by visiting:

stfranciswakefield.com/faith-formation/alpha/

Everyone is welcome to join. Tell a friend!



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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