

# SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

*Jesus, I Trust in You*

## THE SIMPLE ABC MESSAGE...

- A**sk for His Mercy
- B**e Merciful
- C**ompletely Trust in Jesus

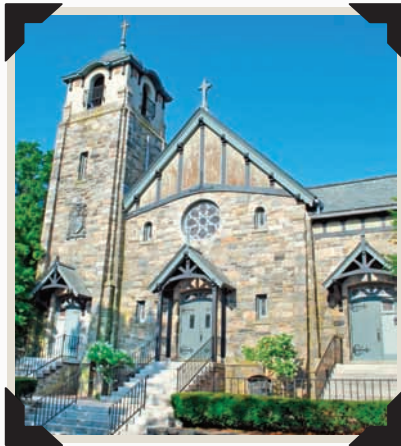


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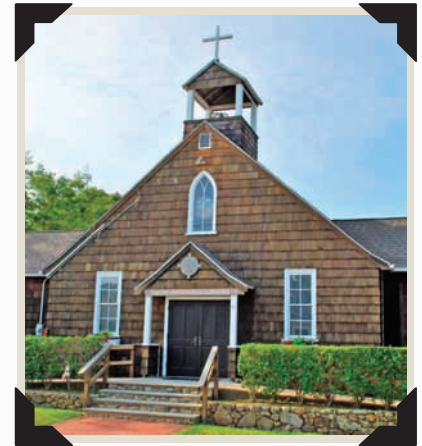


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### Masses

**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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### 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

# SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)

## St. Francis Mass Intentions



- Saturday, April 15**  
 4:30pm †Louis & Amelia DiSalvo  
*Requested by Family*
- Sunday, April 16**  
 9:00am †Anne Cottle  
 (Birthday Remembrance)  
*Requested by Family*  
 11:00am †James J. Corcoran, III  
 (Birthday Remembrance)  
*Requested by Family*
- Monday, April 17**  
 7:00am For the People
- Tuesday, April 18**  
 7:00am †Mae & Bertrand Bessette  
*Requested by Family*
- Thursday, April 20**  
 7:00am †Edith Boisclair  
*Requested by Family*
- Friday, April 21**  
 7:00am †Sylvia DeLuca  
*Requested by Family*
- Saturday, April 22**  
 4:30pm †Branden J. DeLuca  
*Requested by Family*
- Sunday, April 23**  
 9:00am †John & Marie Champion  
*Requested by Family*  
 11:00am For the People

## St. Romuald Mass Intentions

- Sunday, April 16**  
 10:00am †Al Marchand  
 (Birthday Remembrance)  
*Requested by Gerri & Al Marsocci*  
***Divine Mercy Mass***
- 3:00pm** †William Harding & Jim Abreu
- Sunday, April 23**  
 10:00am †James Corcoran, III  
 (Birthday Remembrance)  
*Requested by Jane Estes*

At every Mass, we share in the same joy of the first disciples who received the resurrected Christ!



As we continue to bask in the joy of Easter, we recognize that the joy we experience is the same joy of the first disciples, who received the Lord in his risen body. Through receiving Jesus in word and sacrament in the celebration of the Mass, we are experiencing the resurrected presence of Christ in a very real way.

Today's Gospel passage says that the proof of Jesus' resurrection was written down so that we might come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, and that through this belief we *may have life in his name*. The Scriptures we proclaim are not merely words on a page, but the living and active word of God, able to penetrate our minds and hearts with the truth about the resurrection of Christ and the promise of eternal life.

When Jesus appeared to the first disciples, he breathed on them and spoke to them in order to communicate the gift of the Holy Spirit. When we hear the Scriptures proclaimed, Jesus is also speaking to us with the breath of the Holy Spirit. Jesus was not content to merely have a written record of his life that we could appreciate in a historical sense. Jesus wants to speak to us personally and powerfully through the Scriptures. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we can know his voice – as Thomas and the other disciples came to know his voice.

Let us also consider the resurrected presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Though we do not yet see Jesus in his human form, we truly see and receive his sacramental body, blood, soul, and divinity in the Eucharist. Through the celebration of holy Communion, Jesus Christ gives his whole self to us in a way that unites us to the experience of the first disciples. Once again, Jesus was not content to merely show his resurrected body to the first disciples and have us wait for his second coming. Jesus wants to give his resurrected body to every disciple in the Eucharist.

Because we receive Jesus' body into our bodies, the celebration of the Eucharist creates a deeper union with him than even what Thomas experienced. Instead of seeing the marks of the nails in his hands, we receive him into our hands. Instead of putting our hand into his pierced side, we receive him into our hearts.

Let us rejoice, then, with the same joy of the first disciples! Jesus will come again today to give us his body. May the Holy Spirit deepen our faith in the word of God and the body of Christ as the presence of Jesus among us. We can come to every Mass expecting to encounter the risen Lord. As we receive Jesus in the Eucharist, we can proclaim with Thomas the Apostle: *My Lord and my God!*



<b>Weekly Support</b>		<b>April 9</b>
Budget envelopes used (107)	-	\$4,042.00
Loose Donations	-	\$2,163.00
Online Giving (# of donors-103)	-	\$3,880.00
<b>Total Budget</b>	-	<b>\$10,085.00</b>

<b>Second Collection (Easter Collection)</b>		
Budget envelopes used (117)	-	\$3,099.00
Loose Donations	-	\$1,084.00
Online Giving (# of donors-6)	-	\$ 375.00
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>\$4,558.00</b>

**Good Friday: \$499.00**

There is no second collection this week. Next week's second collection is for Ongoing Maintenance.

Catholic Charity Appeal as of April 9, 2023: Our goal is: \$104,595.00; Amount Pledged: \$72,331.00. Thank you for your continued generosity.

APRIL 16, 2023



SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Louis & Amelia DiSalvo.

PLEASE HELP US TO REACH OUT!



We are always interested in those parishioners who are unable to attend our services—whether it be for short term or a long time.

If you know of someone who is in a *convalescent home* or *who is home-bound*, please call the office and give us the information.

We want to reach out to and stay connected with all of our community members. *Thank You in Advance...* Contact Jacki at the parish office, 783-4411.



FAITH FORMATION  
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Sunday, April 16, 2023  
9:55-10:50am Grades 1-6 FGC

*First Communion  
Banners are due today.*



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.**

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Pray: Lord Jesus, help us remember the words of Thomas: "My Lord and my God," and to make them our own prayer. Help us to see you in the actions and words of the people we meet, so that day by day our belief in you will grow stronger. Amen.



# This Week

## Monday, April 17

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

6:30pm Men of St. Joseph

## Tuesday, April 18

7:00pm SVD Meeting (HBH)

## Wednesday, April 19

6:15pm Alpha (FGC)

## Thursday, April 20

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

6:30pm Choir Rehearsal (HBH)

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

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

*This Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> 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.*

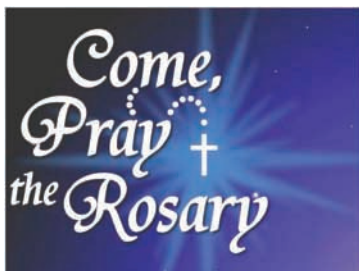
The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at 1:00pm. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed at 2:50pm. (materials will be provided)



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 and Jim Abreu.

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

Refreshments will be served following this service.

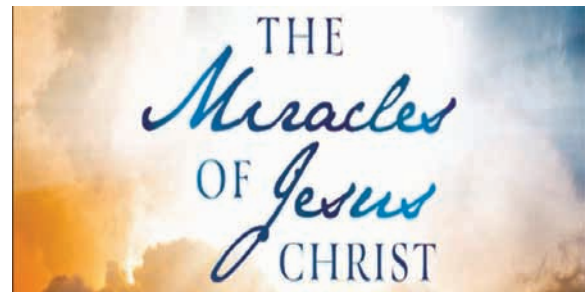


### MAY DEVOTIONS AT ST. ROMUALD DURING THE MONTH OF MAY

May is the month of Mary. Once again the rosary will be recited at 6:30pm Monday through Friday at St. Romuald Chapel. The Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary will also be recited at the closing followed by the Salve Regina. All are welcome!

## 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)
- Month of May:** Weekday May Devotions at Chapel (6:30pm)



*Let us see with the eyes of faith the great and magnificent wonders Jesus works on our behalf.*



The Social Outreach Committee is again sponsoring the spring Food Drive to benefit the Jonnycake Center for Peacedale's vacation breakfast and lunch program. This program benefits client's children who participate in nutrition assistance programs at school. **The food drive will run for two weeks, from April 22 until April 29.** The foods being requested are: cereal, soup, fruit cups (100% juice), granola bars, sun chips and whole grain crackers (Triscuits, Goldfish). There will be receptacles in the Church and St. Romuald Chapel for the donations.

Our St. Francis family has always answered the call when asked to help others less fortunate in our community. Thank you for your continued generosity especially during these difficult times.



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