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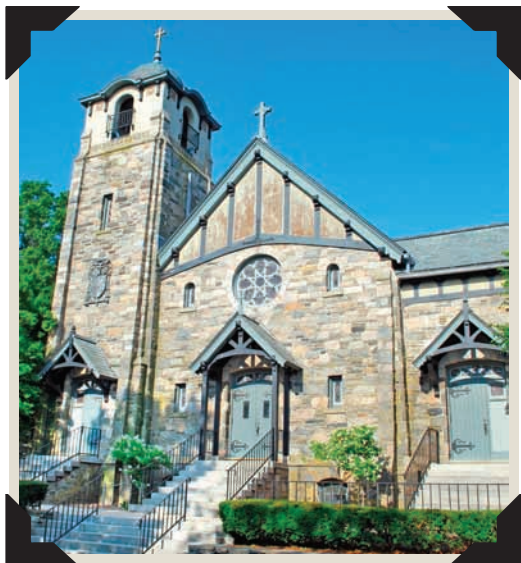
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Masses

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

# THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

## St. Francis Mass Intentions



### 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

### Monday, April 24

7:00am †Special Intention

*Requested by Marilyn Pepler*

### Tuesday, April 25

7:00am †Steven Hunt

*Requested by Al & Geri Marsocci*

### Thursday, April 27

7:00am †Sean Michael Arbige

*Requested by Irene Clark McLaughlin*

### Friday, April 28

7:00am †Ted Carney

*Requested by Jeff & Kathleen Carney*

### Saturday, April 29

4:30pm †Bob Brown

(Anniversary Remembrance)

*Requested by his Wife*

### Sunday, April 30

9:00am †The Johnson & Hawkins Families

*Requested by Family*

11:00am †Judith Ferra

*Requested by Michael Cascio*

## St. Romuald Mass Intentions

### Sunday, April 23

10:00am †James Corcoran, III

(Birthday Remembrance)

*Requested by Jane Estes*

### Sunday, April 30

10:00am †Al Marchand

(Anniversary Remembrance)

*Requested by Al & Geri Marsocci*

## Christ fulfills God's plan of salvation for us.

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On this third Sunday of Easter, we continue to celebrate in a more pronounced way the power and meaning of the Resurrection. Luke and Peter, whose words we hear today, were witnesses to the Resurrection and had interactions with the risen Christ. They were among the first to grapple with what it all meant and to share its Good News. We are recipients of that Good News and come together in worship – to be glad and rejoice in it.

Just as we return to their texts today, Luke and Peter turned to the most sacred texts of their time to make meaning of the Resurrection. As we still do, they sang the ancient psalms of David: *My heart has been glad and my tongue has exulted ... because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld, nor will you suffer your holy one to see corruption.* A thousand years after King David, this verse was sung anew by the disciples who witnessed the Resurrection. After their experience of Jesus and the first Easter, they found new meaning in these ancient lines about salvation.

Prior to Jesus, this psalm was sung in joyful anticipation of a king like David to restore his powerful throne. God's people would triumph, saved from corruption and the netherworld, through this mighty and regal descendent. But when judges, prophets, and kings [like David] failed to turn his people from sin and its destruction, and bring them to repentance, God sent his only Son as priest, prophet, and king. He would reconcile us to the Father, and would save our souls not through silver or gold but by his own precious blood.

It was difficult for the disciples to understand all the events surrounding Jesus. Cleopas and his companion were debating all that had happened as they walked to Emmaus. It was not until a traveling companion interpreted Scripture for them and broke bread with them that they saw Jesus and comprehended how he had fulfilled the Scriptures.

Fulfillment in Christ was known by God before the foundation of the world, Peter tells us. Salvation through Christ's sacrificial love poured forth was always the plan. The world was founded on it, the disciples witnessed it, and we are all redeemed by it. This is what we continue to celebrate this Easter season: God's love and mercy from the foundation of the world through Christ, broken and shared for us. Let us be glad and rejoice!



### Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (112)	-	April 16	\$3,900.50
Loose Donations	-		\$1,754.00
Online Giving (# of donors-78)	-		\$2,943.00
<b>Total Budget</b>	-		<b>\$8,597.50</b>

This week's second collection is for Ongoing Maintenance.  
Next week's second collection is the Monthly Collection.

**Catholic Charity Appeal as of April 12, 2023: Our goal is: \$104,595.00; Amount Pledged: \$73,946.00.**

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

APRIL 23, 2023

SANCTUARY LAMP



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



PRAYER SHAWLS

The St. Francis of Assisi Prayer Shawl Group has many beautiful prayer shawls available. If you know of someone who could benefit from receiving a prayer shawl please contact Jean McGair at 401-783-1633.

MAY MONEY MADNESS

Tickets for May Money Madness are being sold after Masses on April 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: May \$ Madness, St. Francis Church, 114 High St., Wakefield, RI 02879

Tickets will be forwarded to you.

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No. of Tickets: \_\_\_ \$10 each \_\_\_ 6 for \$50 \_\_\_ 12 for \$100



FAITH FORMATION (401) 792-8684

Sunday, April 23rd 9:55-10:50am Final Class for Grades 1-6

Pray: Jesus, our hearts are full of love for you. Help us to notice your presence with us. Amen.

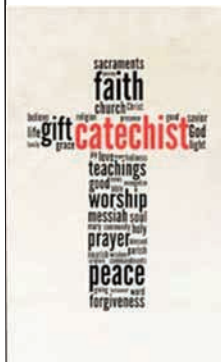
Think: When do I recognize that Jesus is with me?

Friday, April 28th

FAMILY NOVENA FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION BEGINS FRIDAY APRIL 28TH.

Jesus, help me prepare my heart for you...

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND MAY CROWNING IS SUNDAY, MAY 7TH AT 11:00.



In appreciation... We are grateful for our catechists who are living out their baptismal call by serving and proclaiming the Gospel in their lives and by serving our youth. Thank you for this past year of classes! May we grow in faith together, that we may continue to do the work the Lord has asked of his disciples. Amen!



# This Week

## Monday, April 24

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

6:30pm Men of St. Joseph

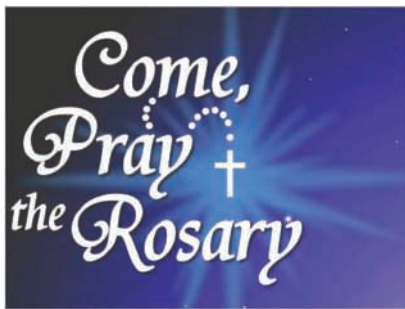
## Wednesday, April 26

6:15pm Alpha (FGC)

## Thursday, April 27

6:30pm Choir Rehearsal (HBH)

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



### 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!



### Coffee 'an Fundraiser for Steubenville April 30<sup>th</sup> after the 10am Mass at the Chapel

Mark your calendars: On Sunday April 30<sup>th</sup> after the 10am Mass at St. Romuald Chapel those young parishioners attending this year's Steubenville East Conference will be holding a Coffee 'an fundraiser to help with this cost of this event.

They look forward to meeting you. Please stop by to enjoy and give them your support. Thank you.

## SAVE THE DATE

- 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)



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.

### ROSARY REPAIRS

We have an anonymous volunteer who has offered to repair rosaries. If you have a rosary that you would like repaired please place the rosary in an envelope and place your name and phone number on the outside of the envelope so that when the repair is complete you can be notified. Please drop your envelope off at the rectory or place it in the black mailbox next to the rectory door.





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