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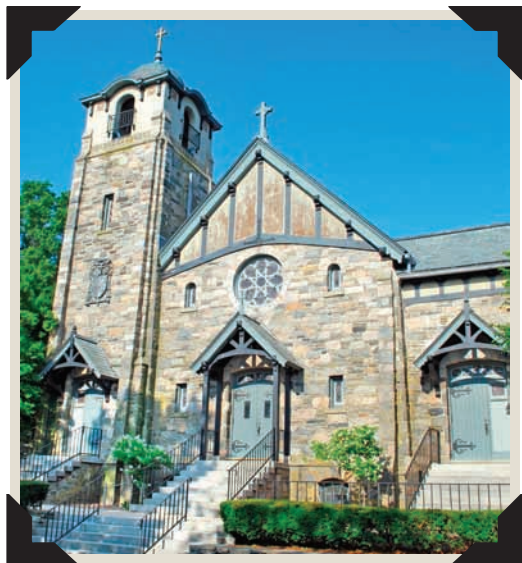
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Masses

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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## St. Francis Mass Intentions



### 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*

### Monday, May 1

7:00am †Nancy Mederois  
*Requested by Kathleen Carney*

### Tuesday, May 2

7:00am †Carmine Gallucci  
*Requested by Joyce*

### Thursday, May 4

7:00am †Marie Rositani  
*Requested by Laura Warner*

### Friday, May 5

7:00am For the People

### Saturday, May 6

4:30pm †Luke & Henrietta Pucella  
*Requested by Family*

### Sunday, May 7

9:00am †Dec. Members of the Racca Family  
*Requested by Family*

11:00am †Joseph Pouliot  
(3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Remembrance)  
*Requested by Family*

## St. Romuald Mass Intentions

### Sunday, April 30

10:00am †Al Marchand  
(Anniversary Remembrance)  
*Requested by Al & Gerri Marsocci*

### Sunday, May 7

10:00am †Roger Fenaughty  
(Anniversary Remembrance)  
*Requested by Family*

*The sheep follow Christ because they recognize his voice.*



This passage has so many powerful images and, if we allow our imagination to explore all that Jesus offers us here, we will encounter much richness. But today, we will focus on this line:

*The sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice.*

We all *know* we should follow Jesus. We have been told how he longs to lead us to the goodness for which we were created.

But many of us struggle with the next part – actually hearing his voice and following. How do we recognize his voice? How do we quiet all of those voices of “strangers” that Jesus mentions? How do we learn to follow as we ought?

In the Acts of the Apostles, we see a powerful example of this type of hearing. Peter stands up with the Eleven and proclaims Christ, and the people *were cut to the heart*. Three thousand people accepted his message and followed the voice of Christ, speaking through his Apostles, on that day!

Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd, is calling *us* today. He is present, leading *us*. That is why we are here, at this Mass. We have been willing to recognize his voice speaking, perhaps clearly in our hearts, but maybe through a family member or simply through the habits we’ve acquired through a lifetime of practice. Whatever form it took, Christ called us to this place at this moment. And we practiced listening.

And we’re still practicing listening. Jesus speaks to us through the Scriptures and through his disciples. Just as Christ sent Peter, he sends his faithful out to call his sheep today. Let us pray for all who seek to participate in this call.

How do we learn to recognize his voice and sort out the voices of strangers who would lead us to slaughter and destruction? Just as sheep learn the voice of their shepherd – through time, proximity, and practice. The sheep hear the shepherd’s voice every day, time and time again.

We celebrate the Mass. We take time to read and reflect on Scripture. And perhaps we intentionally seek out holy friends, and make the effort to speak about God and faith with them.

Even if, like sheep, we have gone astray, we are here together at this Mass; *we have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of [our] souls*. May Christ, in the Eucharist, teach us to hear his voice more clearly, draw us closer to him, and protect us from all evil.



### Weekly Support

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| Budget envelopes used (131)    | - | \$5,018.50        |
| Loose Donations                | - | \$1,020.00        |
| Online Giving (# of donors-79) | - | \$2,845.00        |
| <b>Total Budget</b>            | - | <b>\$8,883.50</b> |

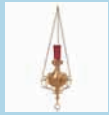
### Second Collection (Ongoing Maintenance)

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| Budget envelopes used (93)    | - | \$1,540.50        |
| Loose Donations               | - | \$ 268.00         |
| Online Giving (# of donors-6) | - | \$ 90.00          |
| <b>Total</b>                  | - | <b>\$1,898.50</b> |

This week’s second collection is the Monthly Collection for April. Next week’s second collection is the Monthly Collection for May.

**CC Appeal Goal \$104,595. As of April 19, 2023 amount pledged: \$77,801.00. Thank you for your continued generosity.**

APRIL 30, 2023



**SANCTUARY LAMP**

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Bob Brown.



**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.



**FAITH FORMATION  
(401) 792-8684**

**Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>**

**6:00pm** First Communion Rehearsal  
All students and parent(s) please report to the lower church to begin.

**Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**

First Holy Communion at **11:00am** Mass and May Crowning to follow. Our First Communion students will lead us in the procession and traditional crowning in honor of our Blessed Mother Mary.



**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**

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Save the Dates for  
**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

When: June 26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>

Time: 9:00-12:00

Who: Children completing Grades K-4

Where: Right here at St Francis Church!!

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For more information check out:

<https://catchat.ca/wilderness-adventure>

# This Week

## Monday, May 1

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

6:30pm Men of St. Joseph

## Tuesday, May 2

7-8:30pm SVDP Meeting (HBH)

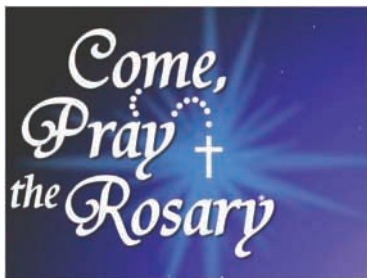
## Wednesday, May 3

6:15pm Alpha (FGC)

## Thursday, May 4

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!

### ADORATION ADORERS

Jesus asked His Apostles to spend some time with Him as He prayed before His death. Today, He is also asking us to pray before Him in the Blessed Sacrament. Here at St. Francis you can do just that! Each Monday morning from 7:30 until 11:00 our Lord is exposed in the Monstrance. This gives parishioners and others in the community the opportunity to come visit Jesus on a more personal level, for quiet prayer and reflection. Father concludes Adoration with Benediction. This is a wonderful way to bring spiritual growth to oneself and the Parish as a whole.



If you can come for an hour or even a half-hour, we would love to have you!! If you have any questions or would like to be an Adorer of the Blessed Sacrament, please feel free to email Liz Soltysiak at: [lizsoltysiak@gmail.com](mailto:lizsoltysiak@gmail.com).

## 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 ends this weekend. 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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