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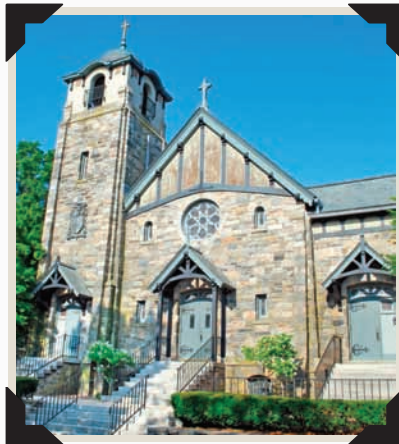
He is not here; he has risen, just as he said.  
 Come and see the place where he lay.  
 — Matthew 28:6

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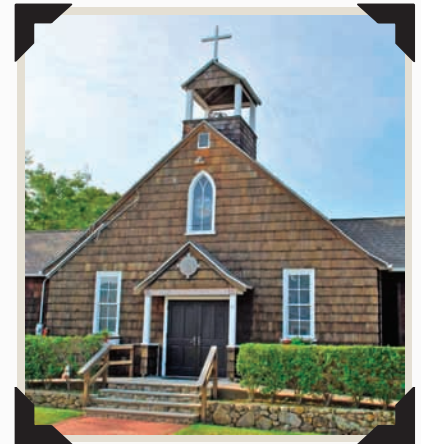


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**Masses**

**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

# EASTER SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

## St. Francis Mass Intentions



**Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil), April 8**  
7:30pm For the People

**Easter Sunday, April 9**  
9:00am †Patrick Dufficy  
(Birthday Remembrance)  
*Requested by his Mom & Family*  
11:00am †Joyce Shiels  
*Requested by Family*

**Monday, April 10**  
7:00am For the People

**Tuesday, April 11**  
7:00am †Kerri Bessette  
*Requested by Mom, Dad & Scott*

**Thursday, April 13**  
7:00am †Peter Reusch  
*Requested by his Wife*

**Friday, April 14**  
7:00am †Behie & O'Rourke Families

**Saturday, April 15**  
4:30pm †Louis & Amelia DiSalvo  
*Requested by Family*

**Sunday, April 16 (Divine Mercy)**  
9:00am †Anne Cottle  
(Birthday Remembrance)  
*Requested by Family*

11:00am †James J. Corcoran, III  
(Birthday Remembrance)  
*Requested by Family*

## St. Romuald Mass Intentions

**Easter Sunday, April 9**  
10:00am †For the Deceased Members of the  
Perpetual Mass Association

**Sunday, April 16 (Divine Mercy)**  
10:00am †Al Marchand  
(Birthday Remembrance)  
*Requested by Gerri & Al Marsocci*  
3:00pm †William Harding & Jim Abreu

*Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.*



Jesus blesses those who believe even when they can't see what lies hidden beyond the veil of mystery. The Easter story is about people daring to believe in Jesus' resurrection precisely because of what they could not see or find—his body in the tomb.

Mary Magdalene was making her way to the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea in the pre-dawn darkness. She wasn't going there expecting to find an empty tomb. She was going to wash and anoint Jesus' body for burial, according to Jewish custom. Mary found nothing but the stone rolled away and the grave emptied of its precious contents. When she ran to tell Simon Peter and the other disciple, she was thinking his body had been stolen as one final, cruel act of mockery.

The disciple whom Jesus loved *saw and believed*. Who did he see? No one. What did he see? Nothing, just the shroud. He believed even if he did not yet understand.

No one saw the moment when the Lord God raised Jesus from the dead, but the Apostles would soon see Jesus, touch him, and eat with him by the shores of Galilee. They would be strengthened by him and given the Holy Spirit to guide them in the important work that lay ahead of them – that of building the Church. There would be no looking back from that day forward.

The same can happen for us. If we let him, the risen Christ can change our hearts so that we, too, will never be the same again. The risen Lord wishes to draw our eyes and our attention to heaven, that we might seek and think of what is above. Just as God rolled the stone away from the tomb and called his Son to new life, the risen Lord Jesus is seeking to roll the stone away from our tombs as well, calling us forth to live our faith more deeply.

Some people look at a cross and see an interesting geometric shape, a piece of art, or a Roman symbol of torture. For the believer, when we look upon a cross we see love and victory. Worldly people look at an empty tomb and they feel just like it—empty. Witnesses to the Resurrection look at the empty tomb with hearts full of faith, and we believe precisely because of what we can't see inside of it—the body of Jesus.

As we begin our 50-day celebration of Jesus' resurrection, may we be blessed for all that we do not see and still believe.



<b>Weekly Support</b>		<b>April 2</b>
Budget envelopes used (137)	-	\$4,177.50
Loose Donations	-	\$1,042.00
Online Giving (# of donors-73)	-	\$2,926.00
<b>Total Budget</b>	-	<b>\$8,145.50</b>

<b>Second Collection (Operation Rice Bowl)</b>		
Budget envelopes used (102)	-	\$2,460.50
Loose Donations	-	\$ 483.50
Online Giving (# of donors-5)	-	\$ 285.00
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>\$3,229.00</b>

This week's second collection is the Easter Collection (For the Diocese). There is no second collection next week.

**Catholic Charity Appeal as of April 2, 2023: Our goal is: \$104,595.00; Amount Pledged: \$70,261.00.**

**As always, thank you for your continued generosity.**

APRIL 9, 2023

SANCTUARY LAMP



This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Branden DeLuca.



We are glad that you are here with us this morning. Whether you moved here a while ago or are just here for a brief stay, we welcome you.

If you would like to become a part of this wonderful community, registering in the parish is an easy process. Please see Father Ranallo after Mass to inquire about registering. Again, welcome and God bless!

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.

Fill out the form below and include payment.

Return through the weekly offertory or mail to:

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FAITH FORMATION (401) 792-8684

Sunday, April 9, 2023

Happy Easter!!

No classes today.

Pray: Alleluia! I am filled with joy that Jesus has been raised from the dead. Help me, God, to share my joy with others. Amen.

Think: How do I share the Good News of Jesus' Resurrection with others?

The Faith Formation Office will be closed during school vacation, April 9th - 15th.

Easter Egg Hunt

On Saturday, April 1 families gathered at Fr. Greenan Center for our annual Easter Egg Hunt! Over 900 candy filled eggs transformed the hall into a colorful carpet of yellow, pink, purple, blue orange and green. Thank you to all of our young people in grades 7 and up who filled the eggs and helped make the annual event full of fun and surprises! And thank you to the Easter Bunny who made an appearance, to the delight of all of the children.



# This Week

## Monday, April 10

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

6:30pm Men of St. Joseph

**PARISH OFFICES ARE CLOSED**

## Wednesday, April 12

6:15pm Alpha (FGC)

## Thursday, April 13

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

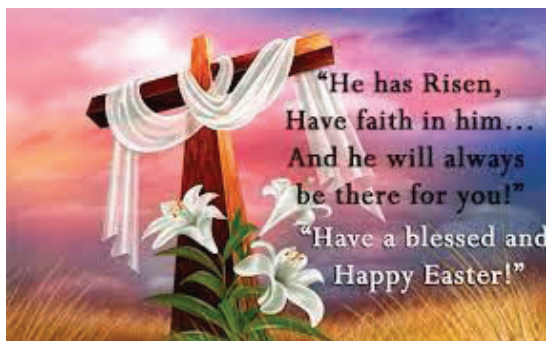
*Next Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> is Divine Mercy Sunday. Everyone is invited to a special Mass at 3:00pm at St. Romuald Chapel celebrated by Fr. Ranallo assisted by Deacon Dowd.*

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 Jim Abreu.

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

Refreshments will be served following this service.



*Fr. Ranallo, Deacon Dowd and the entire staff want to wish you all a very blessed Easter. He has Risen!*

# 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)



*Intention for Easter Sunday, April 9 at 10:00am at the Chapel*

*The Deceased Members of the Perpetual Mass Association*

*John & Marie Champion*

*Yvonne Fanning*

*Paul F. & Susan Greene*

*Marilyn Maley*

*Edna Otto*

*Anthony & Kathleen Rose*

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