

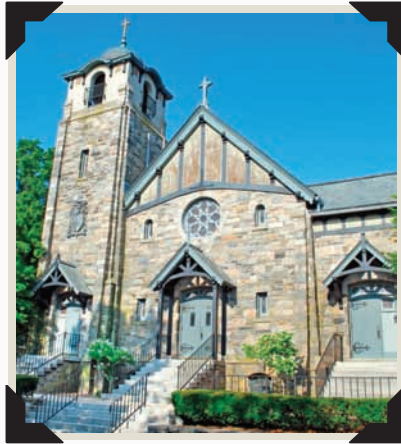
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This High  
Priest of ours  
is One who  
has taken  
His seat in  
heaven, on  
the right  
hand of that  
throne where  
God sits in  
majesty.

—Hebrews 8:1

## Parish Staff

- |   |   |
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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  
Third 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 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## St. Francis Mass Intentions



### Saturday, May 20

4:30pm †Norman, Dolores & Stephen Iacuele

*Requested by Family*

### Sunday, May 21

9:00am †Thomas Pullano

*Requested by Family*

11:00am †Deceased Members of the Perpetual Mass Association

### Monday, May 22

7:00am †Shirley D'Amico

### Tuesday, May 23

7:00am †Valerie Kenny

### Thursday, May 25

7:00am For the People

### Friday, May 26

7:00am †Kay Foster

### Saturday, May 27

4:30pm †Richard A. DeJoseph (8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Remembrance)

*Requested by Wife*

### Sunday, May 28

9:00am †Steven Hunt

*Requested by Eve Sweeney*

11:00am †Rick Soltysiak

*Requested by Family*

## St. Romuald Mass Intentions

### Sunday, May 21

10:00am †James Corcoran, III

*Requested by Fran Fitzpatrick*

### Saturday, May 27

5:30pm †Kathleen Dwyer

*Requested by Family*

### Sunday, May 28

8:00am †Robert & Mary Cochrane

*Requested by Al & Gerri Marsocci*

10:00am †Blanche & Martha McElkenny

*Requested by Family*

## Jesus reveals God's great love for us.

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We are nearing the end of the Easter season, and our Gospel passage today from John is Jesus' prayer to the Father before his passion. Jesus knows what lies ahead for him, and this prayer reflects what is on his heart. Even though he is facing brutal suffering, Jesus prays not for his own benefit or relief from pain, but for those he loves: *I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for the ones you have given me, because they are yours, and everything of mine is yours and everything of yours is mine, and I have been glorified in them.* His prayer is for us, that his mission might be fulfilled.

This is a powerful reflection of his love for us. Any of us would understand if this last prayer was for his own strength and courage to get through what he was facing. Instead, he thinks of us. Embodying love, Jesus has dedicated his life to teaching us the way to the Father. He has shown us that we belong to the Father. This has an impact on our whole being.

We see this impact on the earliest disciples: The first reading tells us what the disciples did after they witnessed Jesus' glorious ascension to heaven. They returned to Jerusalem and *devoted themselves with one accord to prayer.* We are told their names, and see that the group includes Jesus' mother and brothers. They have begun their work for the mission Jesus gave them.

Gathered here today, we know that the small group mentioned in this passage has turned into millions and millions throughout the world for centuries. This is the power of living one's life to glorify God.

This incredible spread of Jesus' mission does not happen by accident. It speaks to the power of God's love for us. God knows each of us by name, and calls us to great things with the gifts he has given to us. Jesus has shown us the way, and there is nothing we cannot do because we have the love of God.

During the remainder of the Easter season, may we continue to grow in the light of Christ that has been revealed to us. May we continue to grow in understanding of God's love for us, especially in what we celebrate at the Eucharistic table.



### Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (133)	-	\$4,186.50
Loose Donations	-	\$ 992.00
Online Giving (# of donors-78)	-	\$2,765.00
<b>Total Budget</b>	-	<b>\$7,943.50</b>

### May 14

### Second Collection (St. Vincent De Paul)

Budget envelopes used (93)	-	\$1,750.50
Loose Donations	-	\$ 679.00
Online Giving (# of donors-4)	-	\$ 55.00
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>\$2,484.50</b>

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

**CC Appeal Goal \$104,595. As of May 14, 2023 amount pledged: \$99,044.00. Thank you for your continued generosity.**

MAY 21, 2023

SANCTUARY LAMP



This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of James Smith.



MAY MONEY MADNESS WINNERS!  
Congratulations

May 9	Michelle Nielson	\$50
May 10	Marnie DeLuca	\$50
May 11	Pat Lefoley	\$50
May 12	Gail Tarzwell	\$50
May 13	Linda Thompson	\$50
May 14	Brendan Behie	\$100
May 15	Jane Estes	\$50



THIRD ANNUAL MASS FOR ESSENTIAL WORKERS

St. Francis of Assisi Church will host this year's Diocesan Mass for Essential Workers. The Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am on June 25, 2023. The Celebrant for the Mass will be the

**Most Reverend Richard G. Henning**  
Bishop of Providence

This Mass is sponsored by the Diocesan Office of Pastoral Care for Healthcare Facilities, which is coordinated by our own Father Ranallo. This annual Mass offers prayer and thanksgiving for all essential workers—healthcare, emergency responders, military, food service, sanitation, postal service, transport—all those who contribute to our safety and wellbeing. Please join us in welcoming Bishop Henning and celebrating all essential workers.

If you are a parishioner, and an essential worker, we would love to have you participate in the Entrance Procession for the Mass. For more information, or to volunteer for the procession, please email:

[registration@stfranciswakefield.com](mailto:registration@stfranciswakefield.com) by Monday June 5, 2023.



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Join the VBS Team!

Calling all youth in grade 5 and up and adults.... if you are interested in helping with VBS the week of June 26<sup>th</sup> - June 30<sup>th</sup> and/or help the week before VBS to paint, decorate and practice skits...contact Barbette at 792-8684 or [Cullen\\_stfrancis@verizon.net](mailto:Cullen_stfrancis@verizon.net) Come and join the Wilderness Adventure Through the Sacraments!



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!!

REGISTRATION FORMS AT THE DOORS TO THE CHURCH

For more information check out:  
<https://catchat.ca/wilderness-adventure>



# This Week

## Monday, May 22

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

6:30pm Men of St. Joseph

## Wednesday, May 24

6:15pm Alpha (FGC)

## Thursday, May 25

6-7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

6:30pm Choir Rehearsal (HBH)

## Monday, May 29

**NO ADORATION-HOLIDAY-OFFICES CLOSED**

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



### SUMMER BIBLE STUDY BEGINS THURSDAY, MAY 25

The summer bible study will begin on Thursday, May 25 from 6-7:00pm in Father Greenan Center. The group will meet every Thursday evening at the same time. They will be studying the Letters of St. James, St. Peter and St. Jude. All are welcome!



Join Us For  
Breakfast

*Steubenville Youth Conference Fundraiser*

### Breakfast Cafe (Pentecost Sunday)

**When:** *Next Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>* after the 9am Mass

**Where:** Outside St. Francis Church weather permitting

(It will be held in the lower level of church if inclement weather)

**Cost:** Free will donation

## SAVE THE DATE

- Month of May:** May Money Madness Drawings
- Month of May:** Weekday May Devotions at Chapel (6:30pm)
- May 28:** Steubenville Fundraiser: Breakfast between Masses at Church
- June 10:** Steubenville Taco Dinner Fundraiser (6-8pm)—more information to follow
- June 25:** Diocesan Mass for Essential Workers officiated by Bishop Henning (9am at St. Francis); reception to follow; all are welcome
- July 8:** Steubenville Car Wash Fundraiser (9-Noon) in church parking lot
- August 27:** Parish Breakfast in Matunuck (8:30-11:30am)



*In Loving Memory*

*Intention for this Sunday, May 21  
at 11:00am at the Chapel*

*The Deceased Members of the  
Perpetual Mass Association*

*John & Marie Champion*

*Yvonne Fanning*

*Paul F. & Susan Greene*

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