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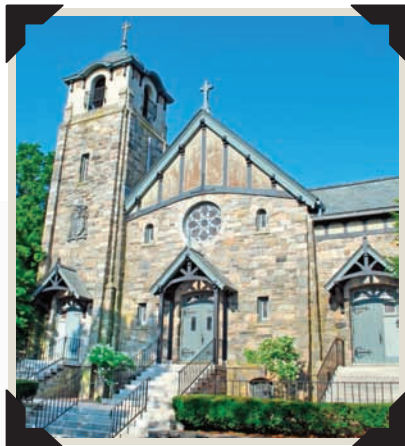
Psalm 33:12



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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.



Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Friday From 9:00 am—12:30 pm

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Francis Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 1

4:30pm For the People

Sunday, July 2

9:00am †Steve Hunt

Requested by Jane Estes

11:00am †Bryan Maguire

Requested by Family

Monday, July 3

7:00am †Rick Boisvert

Requested by Mary Ellen Walsh

Tuesday, July 4

HOLIDAY: OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED

7:00am †Bertrand Bessette

Requested by Family

Thursday, July 6

7:00am †Joyce Shiels

(Birthday Remembrance)

Requested by Family

Friday, July 7

7:00am †Ernest & Doris Nolan

Requested by Family

Saturday, July 8

4:30pm †Mr. & Mrs. Francis Ludovic

Requested by Family

Sunday, July 9

9:00am †Olga Chmura

Requested by Family

11:00am †Rick Soltysiak

Requested by Family

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 1

5:30pm †Nina & Lou Argondizzo

Req. by Barbara Dwyer & Jack Quigley

Sunday, July 2

8:00am †Bill Harding & Jim Abreu

Requested by the Matazzaro Family

10:00am †Martha & Blanche McElkenny

Requested by Family

Saturday, July 8

5:30pm †Eileen Rooney

Requested by Family

Sunday, July 9

8:00am †Deceased Members of the
Torello Family

Requested by Raymond Torello

10:00am †Deceased Members of the
McDade, Hayes and Cote
Families

Requested by Family

Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

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Today's readings raise the perplexing theme that "there is finding in the losing of." This concept goes against simple logic. The whole point of finding is recovering a loss, right? They seem to be opposites—but, really, they are not.

The "losing" of which Jesus speaks is about sacrifice: losing, or giving up, something of ourselves for a greater good or for the good of others. As Christians, we know that sacrifice is at the core of our identity. Take, for instance, the symbol of the cross. It is present throughout our churches, and we wear it around our necks. We know that Jesus, by his cross, taught us the true meaning of sacrifice.

In the first reading, sacrifice is found in the expression of hospitality. The woman of influence, with her means, chooses to use her wealth to show hospitality to the prophet. In sacrificing her time and the space in her home, she ultimately receives the promise of a son. In sacrificing her home for others, she fills her home with joy.

Each one of us has an experience of hospitality like this passage, whether we were the hosts or the recipients of such graciousness. We can recognize the sacrifice that goes into it. Showing love and concern for others requires sacrifice, but it is in the losing that we find the joy of a full, warm home.

In the Gospel, Jesus' words are quite directive: *Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.* He is teaching us to put aside distractions and to put himself at the center. As much as we are surrounded by the cross, the ultimate symbol of sacrifice, we can lose sight of Jesus' body on the cross: the crucifix. The cross is the symbol, and upon it and carrying it is where true sacrifice takes place. When we put ourselves before others, when we put work before family, when we do not take the time to grow our relationship with God, we are losing sight of the sacrifice we are called to in this life.

It's not easy to be comfortable with sacrifice. It leaves us vulnerable and requires loss. Nevertheless, we have so many models of faith that have shown us the way. All of these holy men and women inspire us to work harder at putting God first. Losing ourselves in order to find our true selves in Christ brings us closer to God.

Jesus gives us the courage to do this, telling us that he is with us every step of the way. May the Eucharist we will soon share renew us and give us the strength to continue to keep Christ at the center of our lives.



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| <b>Weekly Support</b>          |   | <b>June 25</b>    |
| Budget envelopes used (120)    | - | \$3,532.00        |
| Loose Donations                | - | \$1,922.00        |
| Online Giving (# of donors-75) | - | \$2,673.00        |
| <b>Total Budget</b>            | - | <b>\$8,127.00</b> |

This week's second collection is for the Propagation of Faith-Mission Coop. Next week's second collection is the Monthly Collection.

**CC Appeal Goal \$104,595. 5/17. Amount pledged: \$107,780.00!! Went over our Goal!!**

**Thank you for your continued generosity.**

JULY 2, 2023



SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Albertina Wiseman.

UPCOMING STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE FUNDRAISER



When: Next Saturday, July 8th 9am - noon

Where: St Francis parking lot

Cost: Free will donation



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.

THIS WEEKEND: SECOND COLLECTION/PROPAGATION OF FAITH—MISSION COOP

Sister Emerita McGann will be our guest speaker at Masses this weekend. Sr. Emerita is the Mission Development Director of the Congregation of Divine Providence. Her work involves finding ways and means to help support the Congregational missions of Sisters of Divine Providence at home and abroad. She was a missionary on the Island of Madagascar and has returned to Madagascar several times. Her last visit was in October 2022. Sister Emerita will speak primarily of the needs of the Malagasy Sisters of Divine Providence. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



FAITH FORMATION (401) 792-8684

The Religious Education Office will be closed for the month of July.

"Our Christian communities must become genuine schools of prayer... by opening our heart to the love of God it also opens it to the love of our brothers and sisters, and makes us capable of shaping history according to God's plan." St. John Paul II

Each day of VBS we learned about a different virtue and how to practice that virtue in our lives...over the next few weeks we will share those virtues.

Virtue Day 1: Courage

To be brave; to face fear, danger or difficulties with strength in the Lord. St. John Paul II often said: Be not afraid! It takes a lot of courage to live out our Catholic faith. God wants us to practice courage because He needs bold disciples living out the faith.





# This Week

## Monday, July 3

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

6:30pm Men of St. Joseph

## Tuesday, July 4

**HOLIDAY: OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED**

## Thursday, July 6

6-7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

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



### FOOD DONATIONS FOR THE JONNYCAKE CENTER: JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER

Please remember we are always in need of nonperishable food items (no glass or out-dated items). Your donations may be placed in the baskets located at St. Francis or St. Romuald. These items will be donated to the Jonnycake Food Pantry in Peace Dale. Thank you for your generosity.

The work of the St. Francis of Assisi Conference of St. Vincent de Paul is supported by parish donations. Donation boxes are in the Church and Chapel. There is a SVDP option on the parish online giving site.



If you need financial assistance or would like to volunteer, leave your contact information on the Conference phone, 401-871-8936.

New members are most welcome!

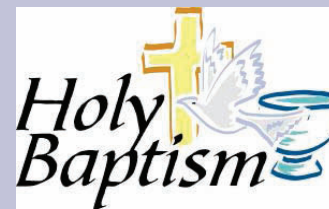


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## SAVE THE DATE

- July 2:** A Patriotic Organ Concert and Sing-Along featuring Peter Fiore, Organist (3pm at St. Francis)
- July 8:** Steubenville Car Wash Fundraiser (9-Noon) in church parking lot
- August 12/13:** Catholic Books, DVDs & CDs (adults & children) to be sold after Masses in HBH
- August 27:** Parish Breakfast in Matunuck (8:30-11:30am)
- Sept. 3:** Blood Drive at Chapel (8:30-Noon)



**Congratulations** to the proud parents and god-parents of Camille Rose Booth and Josie Rose Hopkins who were baptized on June 18 by Fr. Ranallo. *Your parish family rejoices with you!*

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Psalm 33:12





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