

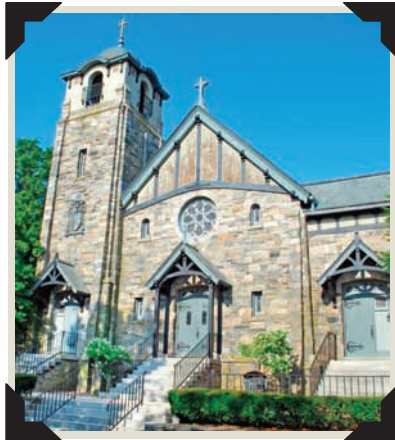
THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST



I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE
 YOU WHO COME TO ME SHALL NOT HUNGER
 YOU WHO BELIEVE IN ME SHALL NOT THIRST.
 JOHN 6

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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 MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

St. Francis Mass Intentions



Saturday, June 10

4:30pm †James Dware

Requested by daughter, Barbara

Sunday, June 11

9:00am †Carl Cottle

Requested by Family

11:00am †Rick Soltysiak

Requested by the SVD Society

Monday, June 12

7:00am †Joe Piti

Requested by Mary Pavao

Tuesday, June 13

7:00am †Deceased members of the

O'Rourke & Behie Families

Thursday, June 15

7:00am †Josephine & Thomas McGrath

Requested by Eve Sweeney

Friday, June 16

7:00am For the People

Saturday, June 17

4:30pm †Bob Brown

(Birthday remembrance)

Requested by his Wife

Sunday, June 18

9:00am †Ralph & Carolyn Coppa

Requested by Family

11:00am †Rick Soltysiak

Requested by Family

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 10

5:30pm †Jay O'Connor

Requested by Family

Sunday, June 11

8:00am †John Carpinelli

Requested by the Mary Ellen Walsh

10:00am †Martha & Blanche McElkenny

Requested by Family

Saturday, June 17

5:30pm †John, Terrence & Elizabeth Simpson

Requested by Family

Sunday, June 18

8:00am For the People

10:00am †Ted Collins

Requested by Fran Fitzpatrick

Whoever eats my flesh & drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.

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Do not forget the Lord, your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery. These words of Moses to the people in today's first reading are both a bit of a reproach, and a compassionate gesture. We encounter Moses after he has just finished giving some specific instructions and prophecies to the people (Deuteronomy 7:1-26). Now he is instructing them to be faithful, and recounting how God has always cared for them, guided them, and provided for them.

Notice, though, that Moses also says that God let them be afflicted with hunger. God was testing them with physical hunger so they might recognize their dependence upon him. Not only does he feed them, he feeds them with manna, a food unknown to [them] and [their] fathers. In other words, he offered them something new – something that gave them life and kept them alive.

It was also something that represented, in physical form, the words of promise he had spoken to them: *You have seen how I treated the Egyptians and how I bore you up on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now, if you obey me completely and keep my covenant, you will be my treasured possession among all peoples, though all the earth is mine. You will be to me a kingdom of priests, a holy nation* (Exodus 19:4-6a). We are shown that true life comes from listening to every word that comes forth from the mouth of the Lord.

The greatest word that ever came forth from the mouth of the Lord was the Word that became flesh: Jesus Christ. Listening to him and following his commands is the way to eternal life. He is the greatest gift ever given to us, and he says to us every day what is written in today's Gospel: *I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.*

This is what the Church celebrates today in its Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ: "Corpus Christi." It is a celebration of God's saving grace given to us in his word, promise, and hope for eternal life – all in the person of Jesus Christ. Jesus, who gives us his body and blood in the Eucharist, is the perfect satisfaction of all desires and all hunger. He is the satisfaction of hunger for one's life to have meaning, to have forgiveness, and to have acceptance. These are some of our deepest spiritual hungers. They ultimately point to our hunger for God. These hungers can only be satisfied by spiritual "food" – the food that is ultimately an encounter with God through Christ Jesus. Or as Jesus says in the Gospel, *Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.*

What a blessing that the Church provides us with many opportunities to be fed by Jesus. We are fed through the love we share with one another, through our shared acts of service and justice, through our shared prayer, and especially in our sharing of the Eucharist. Let us give thanks for these gifts.

Parish Giving

Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (137)	-	\$5,091.50
Loose Donations	-	\$2,203.00
Online Giving (# of donors-87)	-	\$3,508.00
Total Budget		\$10,802.50

Second Collection (Monthly Collection)

Budget envelopes used (100)	-	\$1,850.50
Loose Donations	-	\$ 305.00
Online Giving (# of donors-4)	-	\$ 115.00
Total	-	\$2,270.50

This week's second collection is for Catholic Communications. Next week's second collection is for Ongoing Maintenance.

CC Appeal Goal \$104,595. 5/17. Amount pledged: \$105,327.00!! Went over our Goal!!

Thank you for your continued generosity.

JUNE 11, 2023

SANCTUARY LAMP



This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Lucien Jacques.

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.

We would like to congratulate Maggie McGill O'Connell & Michael Ryan Yap who were recently married at St. Francis Church. May God bless you!



THANK YOU FROM THE SOCIAL OUTREACH COMMITTEE



The Social Outreach Committee would like to thank the parishioners for their donations to the spring food drive to benefit the Jonnycake Center. We collected almost 300 pounds of food and donations are continually being dropped off at the church. We also received cash donations. Thank you for your continued generosity in helping to give young people in our community access to healthy snacks and lunches during the summer months.

St. Paul School of Edgewood's 100th Anniversary Gala:

Friday, Sept. 15, 2023, 6 p.m., at Rhodes-on-the-Pawtuxet, Cranston. Alumni, family and friends are invited to this festive evening of dinner, music, silent auction and more. For tickets and info, go to www.saintpaulcranston.org, and click on "100th Anniversary Gala Tickets." Questions? Contact Jean O'Connor at joc217@hotmail.com.



FAITH FORMATION (401) 792-8684

A Prayer for Graduates

Heavenly Father, Surround those who are graduating with your grace. Bless them with hope so that they move into the future with eager and open hearts. Help them to put the knowledge, skill and insights gained through their education to use for the good of all humankind. Inspire them to believe in the goodness of life even when faced with challenges and difficulties. As they commence with their lives, may they grow ever more grateful and wise. All of this we ask in the name of Jesus your beloved Son. Amen.



Come and join the Wilderness Adventure Through the Sacraments!

When: June 26-30th
Time: 9-12:00
Where: Helen Bouchard Hall & Fr. Greenan Hall

During the week of VBS we will be exploring the seven sacraments through games, music, faith teachings, crafts and snacks.

Parents of children in Grades K-4 you may find the VBS REGISTRATION FORMS AT THE DOORS TO THE CHURCH!! Fill them out and return to the RE Office or place in the collection basket on Sunday, marked VBS. Don't Miss Out!!

This Week

Monday, June 12

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

6:30pm Men of St. Joseph

Thursday, June 15

6-7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

6:30pm Choir Rehearsal (HBH)

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 our St. Francis of Assisi Conference of St. Vincent de Paul is supported by parish donations. Donation boxes are in the Church and Chapel; the parish online giving site has a SVDP option. Grocery store gift cards are welcome. Our Conference assists neighbors in need in our area and supports the Dinner Table Program providing free meals for pick up or delivery. Call 401-588-4192 if you or a neighbor could use cooked meals, available Wednesdays & Fridays, or if you would like to volunteer with the Dinner Table. To request financial aid, leave information on the Conference phone, 401-871-8936. New SVDP members are most welcome! There are several levels of participation and time commitments.



God calls us to give freely of ourselves.

SAVE THE DATE

- June 25:** Diocesan Mass for Essential Workers officiated by Bishop Henning (9am at St. Francis); reception to follow; all are welcome
- 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 27:** Parish Breakfast in Matunuck (8:30-11:30am)



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.

Special Note to 11:00am Mass attendees: Parking may be limited on June 25th due to the 9:00am Mass and the Reception that follows. If necessary, please park at the Town Hall (next to the church) or in the Wakefield school parking lot across the street. Thank you.



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