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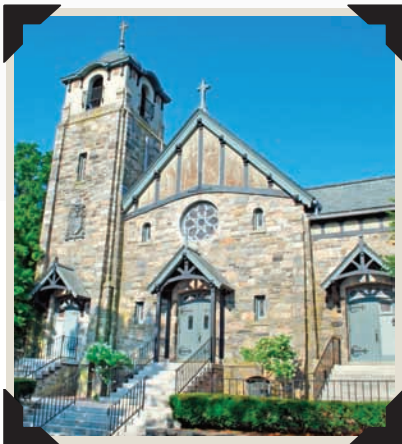


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I will guide you
in the way of
wisdom and I
will lead you in
upright paths.
When you walk,
your steps will
not be hampered,
and when you
run, you will not
stumble.

-Proverbs 4:11-12



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 ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Francis Mass Intentions



Saturday, June 17

4:30pm †Bob Brown
(Birthday remembrance)
Requested by Wife

Sunday, June 18

9:00am †Ralph & Carolyn Coppa
Requested by Family
11:00am †Rick Soltysiak
Requested by Family

Monday, June 19

7:00am †Peter Reusch
Requested by his Wife

Tuesday, June 20

7:00am †Patrick McCarthy

Thursday, June 22

7:00am †Julia Stoppello
Requested by Joyce Reusch

Friday, June 23

7:00am †John Hachmann
Requested by John O'Hale

Saturday, June 24

4:30pm †Mark & Benjamin Potter
Requested by Barbara Potter

Sunday, June 25

9:00am All Essential Workers
11:00am †Therese & Roger Lebrun
Requested by Family

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

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

Saturday, June 24

5:30pm †Lucia Monti
Requested by the Marciniak Family

Sunday, June 25

8:00am †William Harding
Requested by the Tran Family
10:00am †Jay Stegmater
Requested by Maggie Cote-Hayes

God will not abandon us.

As we gather today, some of us may feel troubled or abandoned in some way. We may be, in any number of senses, like sheep without a shepherd. God sees us in our struggles, in our wanderings, in our suffering, and in our pain. Our readings today show us that God never abandons us but works to gather us back to himself.

In the first reading the Lord said, *I bore you up on eagle wings and brought you here to myself.* Preparing all things for the coming of the Messiah, God tells his people, *You shall be to me a kingdom of priests, a holy nation.*

In the Gospel, Jesus responds to his *troubled and abandoned* people, empowering his disciples to cure the sick and cleanse lepers.

Finally, Saint Paul reminds us that Jesus died for us *while we were still helpless*, offering us reconciliation through his life and death.

God continues that work today. He is reaching out to you and to me, here in this Mass. He is empowering his followers to go out to those who need to hear his word and draw all into God's love.

Still, we may read this and think that work applies only to the successors to the Apostles. Certainly, God does mighty work through the sacraments entrusted to those called to the priesthood.

But we should never forget that, in the sacrament of baptism, we are each anointed as priests, prophets, and kings. God called each of us by name – a truth represented by the calling by name that happens at the beginning of the rite of baptism. We are anointed with the oil of catechumens and then the sacred chrism. We are given this sacramental gift of Christ's very self so that we can, like those first disciples, go out to bring God's healing and love to all the world. Through the power of the sacrament of baptism, the Church is a kingdom of priests, a holy nation.

If we still feel hesitant to follow in the footsteps of these 12 disciples, let us turn our eyes toward Jesus, who gives himself to us, with all his power – power that defeated death – here in this Mass. We are fueled in this work by the Eucharist. If Christ is with me, whom should I fear? The Lord, our strong and gentle shepherd, is calling. He sends us out, for the harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few. May we recognize all that we are given in this Blessed Sacrament and pour out its blessings on the world as we go forth!

Parish Giving

Weekly Support	June 11
Budget envelopes used (127)	\$3,737.00
Loose Donations	\$1,542.00
Online Giving (# of donors-84)	\$3,471.00
Total Budget	\$8,750.00
Second Collection (Catholic Communications)	
Budget envelopes used (71)	\$ 984.00
Loose Donations	\$ 380.00
Online Giving (# of donors-5)	\$ 80.00
Total	\$1,444.00

This week's second collection is for Ongoing Maintenance. There is no second collection next week.

CC Appeal Goal \$104,595. 5/17. Amount pledged: \$106,877.00!! Went over our Goal!!

Thank you for your continued generosity.

JUNE 18, 2023

SANCTUARY LAMP



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



Did you know that our parish offers Online Giving, a web-based electronic contribution application. We are providing this service so that you have the option to manage your contributions online or with your offering envelopes. This service is safe and secure. And it is convenient for you and for our parish staff. Sign up for Online Giving by visiting our parish website at www.stfranciswakefield.com and selecting the Online Giving link.



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.



*June 17, The Immaculate Heart of Mary
The Immaculate Heart of Mary was filled with
love for Jesus.*



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**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 to the Rectory this week! Please let us know by June 20th so we can be sure to have the needed supplies for every camper!!! Don't Miss Out!!



Next week at VBS we pray that we will learn more about the sacraments and experience a deeper love for you Jesus. Bless our days and keep everyone safe. Jesus, thank you for bringing us all together to grow in our faith.

This Week

Monday, June 19

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

6:30pm Men of St. Joseph

Tuesday, June 20

7:00pm SVD Meeting (HBH)

Thursday, June 22

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 month of May and beginning of June were busy weeks for our Conference. Nearly twenty neighboring families requested assistance with a variety of needs. Rent continues to be the most frequent need. Eight families were assisted with back due rent. One family of four was assisted with security deposit for an affordable apartment, obtained after a three year wait. Several of these families had notices of potential eviction proceedings. Car repair assistance was given to three families in need of transportation for work, childcare or medical visits. A reliable mechanic, known to SVDP, evaluates the cars to determine feasibility of repairs. Two families needed oil for hot water; one family was helped with back due utility bills. Food insecurity continues to exist in our community. Three families were in immediate need of food and were provided with grocery store gift cards. Our Friday Dinner Table has been serving more than 220 meals each week, surpassing 22,000 distributed meals in the past 2 ½ years.



One of our Vincentians has developed a budget assessment and financial planning program that is being offered to our recipients. Future sustainability as well as financial assistance is a goal of SVDP.

The generous financial and volunteer support from our parish make this work possible. Over 60 parish volunteers assist with the Dinner Table-cooking, serving, delivering, or baking desserts. Twenty-two parishioners participated in the recent, successful home renovation project for a parishioner in need.

If you or a neighbor needs assistance or you would like to participate in our work, call the SVDP phone and leave contact information: 401-871-8936.

Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2

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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