

*Their sound has gone
out into all the earth
and their words to
the ends of the world.*

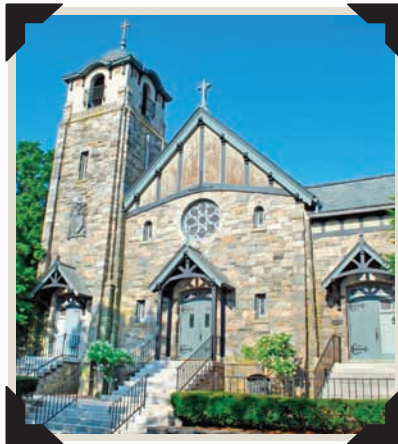
Psalm 19

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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 TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Francis Mass Intentions



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

Monday, June 26

7:00am †Rick Soltysiak

Tuesday, June 27

7:00am †Carmela Grimes

Requested by Joyce Reusch

Thursday, June 29

7:00am †Rev. David Quinn

(6th Pastor)

96th Anniversary Remembrance

Friday, June 30

7:00am †Thomas & Anna Pulumbo

Requested by Family

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

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

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

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

Let our faith, not fear, guide our choices to bring us closer to heaven.

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Jeremiah is sometimes known as the “weeping prophet.” He has this moniker because he announced the impending destruction of Jerusalem by the Babylonians and felt great empathy for God’s people, who were not faithful to God even as he tried to call them back.

During his life, Jeremiah experienced terrible hardships, including arrest, imprisonment, disgrace, and exile. He had reason to lose hope, but he kept his faith in God. *The Lord is with me, like a mighty champion*, he says. *Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has rescued the life of the poor from the power of the wicked!*

Consider this prayer in the light of Jesus’ words to the Twelve: *Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna.*

Jeremiah would have understood exactly what Jesus meant. Though he experienced fear and inner turmoil, he did not let those overpower his faith and trust in God. He knew that the Lord was with him and would always win in the end. The Lord, he knew, would save the faithful.

Martyrs who have died professing their faith in Jesus Christ understood this as well. They knew that if they professed Christ with their dying breath, Christ himself would *acknowledge [them] before [his] heavenly Father*. Conversely, if they denied Christ, they may save their lives – but they would lose their souls. That, the martyrs knew, was much worse than any earthly suffering.

This lesson, however, is not just for prophets and martyrs. Every moment of our lives is an opportunity to acknowledge, or deny, Christ before others. C.S. Lewis writes, “Every time you make a choice you are turning the central part of you, the part of you that chooses, into something a little different than it was before. And taking your life as a whole, with all your innumerable choices, all your life long you are slowly turning this central thing into a heavenly creature or a hellish creature” (*Mere Christianity*).

Each choice we make will be made known at the end of time. Our heavenly Father already knows our every thought and deed. Each choice can lead us closer to heaven or closer to hell. This should change how we view our daily lives. Some days we will face hardships. But we can choose to keep faith in God, and sing his praises along with Jeremiah: *The Lord is with me*. Truly, the Lord is with us even now in the Eucharist.

Lord, help us to realize that our Father who loves us will grant us the graces we need. Holy Spirit, help guide us. Give us the long view of eternity, knowing that our choices today will affect our souls for eternity. Lord, lead us to everlasting life with you.



Weekly Support		June 18
Budget envelopes used (130)	-	\$4,501.00
Loose Donations	-	\$1,810.00
Online Giving (# of donors-78)	-	\$2,825.00
Total Budget	-	\$9,136.00
Second Collection (Ongoing Maintenance)		
Budget envelopes used (94)	-	\$1,546.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 616.00
Online Giving (# of donors-9)	-	\$ 173.00
Total	-	\$2,335.00

There is no second collection this week. Next week’s second collection is for the Propagation of Faith-Mission Coop
CC Appeal Goal \$104,595. 5/17. Amount pledged: \$107,490.00!! Went over our Goal!! Thank you for your continued generosity.

JUNE 25, 2023



SANCTUARY LAMP

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

UPCOMING STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE FUNDRAISER



CAR WASH FUNDRAISER

When: 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.

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

Sister Emerita McGann will be our guest speaker at Masses the weekend of July 1-2, 2023. 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.



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**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
Begins this week!!
June 26-30 ~Monday-Friday
9-12!**

Please keep our campers and VBS team in your prayers as we embark on a 5-day hike through the wilderness to discover amazing things about Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation, Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, Marriage, and Holy Orders. We are excited to be participating in the **Cat Chat Catholic VBS** and pray it will help to RE-ENERGIZE and CATECHIZE the kids of St. Francis of Assisi!!

“Life with Christ is a wonderful adventure!” St. John Paul II

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

This Week

Monday, June 26

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

6:30pm Men of St. Joseph

Tuesday, June 27

6:30pm Event Committee Meeting (FGC)

Thursday, June 29

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 outdated 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!

ADVERTISING

Thinking of advertising your business/company? Consider doing so in our bulletin!

If interested call (800)364-0684!

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)

Thank You

Essential Workers



THIRD ANNUAL MASS FOR ESSENTIAL WORKERS THIS SUNDAY AT THE 9AM MASS

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