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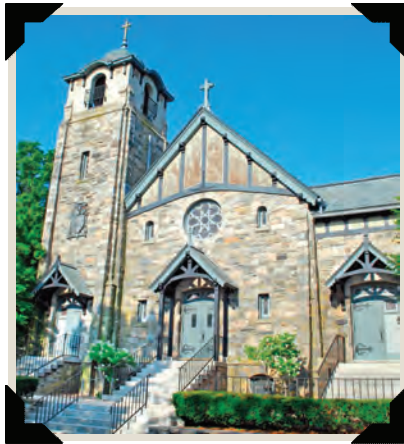
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"Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who have been blessed by my Father! Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.'"

-Mt 25:34

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

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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

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

St. Francis Mass Intentions



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Saturday, November 25

4:30pm †Daniel Pucella

Requested by Family

Sunday, November 26

9:00am †Michael Dufficy

(Birthday Remembrance)

Requested by Wife & Family

11:00am †Barbara Grossi

Requested by Ken & Laura Kenerson

Monday, November 27

7:00am †Rev. Francis C. Cooney

(11th Pastor)

30th Anniversary Remembrance

†Rev. Michael L. Ryan

(7th Pastor)

71st Anniversary Remembrance

Tuesday, November 28

7:00am †Steve Hunt

(Anniversary Remembrance)

Requested by Family

Thursday, November 30

7:00am For the People

Friday, December 1

7:00am †James DeLuca, Sr.

Requested by Family

Saturday, December 2

4:30pm †Mary & Nelson Burke

Requested by Family

Sunday, December 3

9:00am †Gloria Carney

Requested by Jeff & Kathleen

11:00am †Lynn Quirk Holland

Requested by Raymond & Kathy Quirk

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Sunday, November 26

10:00am †Martha & Blanche McElkenny

Requested by Family

Sunday, December 3

10:00am †Al & Susan Marchand

Requested by Gerri & Al Marsocci

We celebrate the reign of our servant king.

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Few of us have been subject to a king, and the few kings left in the world do not have the power over their subjects' lives that a king in the Ancient Near East or the Roman Empire had. It is not surprising, then, that when Jews of that time imagined what it would be like for God to finally take complete control of the world, they used imagery of kingship and of great battles between good and evil. The most powerful use of that language, however, made its point by turning typical ideas of kingship on their head, as our readings today show.

In the first reading, Ezekiel sees that eventually the devastating reigns of Israel's recent kings, as well as the kings of other nations who conquered Israel, would come to an end. God will be their king, but his reign will be not of pomp and majesty but of the kindest of shepherds, tenderly giving care to the most vulnerable of the flock.

For Paul, Christ's resurrection signaled that the end times had begun, and very soon, he thought, Christ will reign as king. But again, he will be a king far different than the Jews were experiencing under the Roman emperors. Christ the King will bring not more money and prestige to the rich, but life eternal to those who belong to him. He promises just judgment both for them and for those who have oppressed them.

The Gospel tells us how to belong to Christ. Jesus' parable of the sheep and the goats continues the theme of the messianic king who will judge justly. In the Roman Empire, honor was everything and money was able to buy you that. Money also bought what could only roughly be called "justice." It is not money or power or worldly honor that gains one admittance to Jesus' kingdom, however – it is acting like God, the Good Shepherd, who binds up the injured and heals the sick. To be with him and in him, Christ the King chooses quite simply those who give food, drink, clothing, and comfort to those most neglected.

It is a topsy-turvy kingdom, this reign of Christ, compared to the values of the wider society, both in ancient times and in our time. Choosing Christ's kingdom is an act of both exceptional bravery and extreme humility. Let these thoughts be with us as together we receive the body and blood of Christ, our king.



**Due to an early transmission of this bulletin collection information for the weekend of November 19<sup>th</sup> was not available. That will be posted in next week's bulletin**

This week's second collection is the Monthly Collection for November. Next week's second collection is the Monthly Collection for December.

**Thank you for your continued generosity.**

# NOVEMBER 26, 2023

## SANCTUARY LAMP



This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Dan Pucella.

## St. Vincent DePaul Society

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!



**FAITH  
FORMATION**  
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**No Classes Sunday, November  
26<sup>th</sup>**

**Pray: Jesus, help me to  
notice when someone is  
poor, sick, lonely, hungry,  
or in need in any way.  
Amen.**



## 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.

## GIVING TREE



**THE  
Giving Tree**

The Giving Trees have now been placed in the Church and Chapel. Gift tags have also been placed on the trees.

The Giving Tree provides much needed support to our St. Vincent de Paul chapter here at St. Francis and to the Jonnycake Center which services local families providing basic necessities.

The gift cards need to be returned no later than the weekend of December 16/17. They can be placed in the collection baskets or left in the rectory. Please do not leave them by the trees.

Thank you in advance.



**Mark your calendar: The  
Youth Ministry group will  
meet again on December 10<sup>th</sup>  
from 4-6.**

**Monday, November 27**  
7:30-11:00am Adoration (Church)

**Wednesday, November 29**  
10:30am Women's Prayer Group (FGC)  
6:00pm Prayer Meeting (HBH)

**Thursday, November 30**  
6-7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

*This Week*

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

*Christmas office closing: The Parish office will be closed from December 20 through December 26.*

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Month of January:** Baby Shower  
**February 14:** Ash Wednesday  
**February 19-21:** Lenten Mission w/ Deacon Art Miller (6:00pm each night)

**ROSARY REPAIRS**



We have an anonymous volunteer who has offered to repair rosaries. If you have a rosary that you would like repaired please place the rosary in an envelope and place your name and phone number on the outside of the envelope so that when the repair is complete you can be notified. Please drop your envelope off at the rectory or place it in the black mailbox next to the rectory door.

**PLANNING AHEAD  
CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

*As you may know, this year Christmas Eve falls on Sunday and Christmas falls on Monday; therefore, we would like for you to see the Mass schedule for planning purposes.*

**SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION**

**At the Church**  
4:30pm Saturday, December 23

9:00am Sunday, December 24  
*(Please note there will be only one Morning Mass at the Church on this day—there will be NO 11am Mass)*

**At the Chapel**  
10:00am Sunday, December 24

**CHRISTMAS EVE, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24**

**At the Church**  
4:30pm Sunday, December 24  
10:00pm Sunday, December 24

**At the Chapel**  
5:30pm Sunday, December 24

**CHRISTMAS DAY,  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 25**

**At the Church**  
9:00am and 11am

**At the Chapel**  
10:00am



It is very much a part of our Catholic tradition to have Masses offered for deceased relatives and friends. Parishioners are encouraged to continue this tradition. When was the last time you had a Mass offered for a deceased parent, grandparent, uncle, aunt, brother or sister? To make arrangements, please call the parish office at (401)783-4411 or send an email to saintfrancis00@aol.com. The donation for a weekday Mass is \$10 and \$25 for a weekend Mass.



**PRAYER SHAWLS**

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Then, on the **OUR FATHER BEADS** you will say the following words:  
**Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.**  
On the **HAIL MARY BEADS** you will say the following words:  
**For the sake of His sorrowful Passion have mercy on us and on the whole world.**  
In conclusion **THREE TIMES** you will recite these words:  
**Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.**

From the Diary of the Servant of God Sr. Faustina - Note Book I, p 197  
IMPRIMATUR: + Joseph F. Maguire  
November 17, 1979 Bishop of Springfield, Mass.

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