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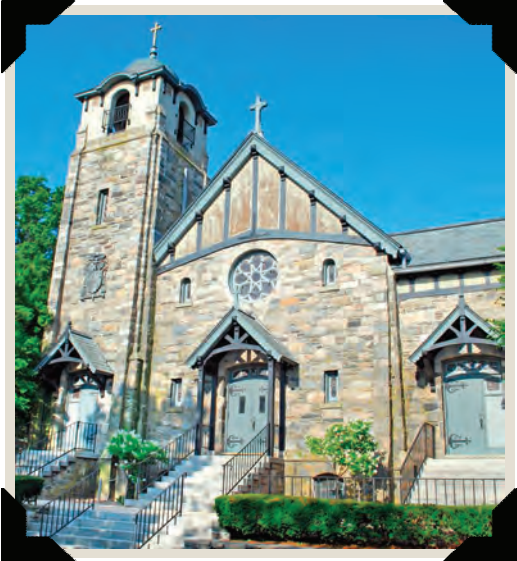
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SAINT FRANCIS CHURCH

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 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## St. Francis Mass Intentions



### Saturday, February 3

4:30pm For the People

### Sunday, February 4

9:00am †Steven Hunt

*Requested by Ed & Diane Rudegair*

11:00am †John McLoughlin

(10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Remembrance)

*Requested by Family*

### Monday, February 5

7:00am †Tomasso Rossa

*Requested by the Bocchino Family*

### Tuesday, February 6

7:00am †Bob & Concetta Wilson

*Requested by Jean*

### Thursday, February 8

7:00am †Joseph Luciano

*Requested by a Friend*

### Friday, February 9

7:00am †Rev. Francis J. Tuite

(2<sup>nd</sup> Pastor)

*108<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Remembrance*

†Rev. John A. O'Rourke

(8<sup>th</sup> Pastor)

*87<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Remembrance*

### Saturday, February 10

4:30pm †Robert Cavallaro

(Birthday Remembrance)

*Requested by Family*

### Sunday, February 11

9:00am †June Friel

*Requested by Dolores*

11:00am †Donald Joseph Boyle

*Requested by Jeanne & Dan Thompson*

## St. Romuald Mass Intentions

### Sunday, February 4

10:00am †Martha & Blanche McElkenny

*Requested by Family*

### Sunday, February 11

10:00am †Jeannette DeLuca & Joe Luciano

*Requested by Family*

*Jesus offers us His healing grace.*

Today's Gospel picks up from last Sunday's Gospel where Jesus went to the village of Capernaum, taught in the synagogue, and then commanded an unclean spirit to depart from a man. Now we hear that Jesus has gone to his friends' home, where he performs another extraordinary feat, namely, curing Simon's mother-in-law of her fever. After sharing a meal prepared by her, Jesus spends the night curing many other sick people, and driving out more demons. The next day, he can barely get a moment to pray in peace and silence before Simon arrives to warn him that everyone is looking for him. The word has gotten out that Jesus can do marvelous things.

In today's fast-paced world, perhaps we are able to empathize with Jesus' hectic schedule. As someone new to Capernaum, it would help to have a person like Simon to guide him around. We know, though, that it is Jesus who will guide Simon, and all of us, on the path to the heavenly kingdom. Despite the forks in the road we may encounter, or the many obstacles that might block our path, we know that when we put our lives in Jesus' hands, he will show us God's mercy and compassion.

There may be times in our own lives when we feel like Job, who in our first reading bemoaned that life is *a drudgery*. He makes his life sound like one that is without hope – full of misery and too many restless nights. If life is full of peaks and valleys, then Job is most certainly experiencing the depths of the valley. Poor Job, though, should take heart from the psalm that we sang, in which we *praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted*. God created each of us, knows each of us by name, and continues to bless each of our lives. That very same God would not allow any of us to remain in despair. As the psalmist proclaims, the Lord binds up the wounds of the brokenhearted, and sustains the lowly.

When we face valleys in our lives, we can take solace in the Lord who lifts us up. Jesus was sent to give witness that God does indeed care for each of us. As he ascended into heaven, Jesus promised that he would send his Spirit to be with us as a Comforter and a Sustainer. That Holy Spirit inspires our lives with God's goodness. As we come forward to the altar of the Lord in a few moments, let us take a moment to pause and give thanks to God for lifting us up out of whatever troubles us, and for offering us the Bread of Life that fills us with his grace.



<u>Weekly Support</u>		<u>January 28</u>
Budget envelopes used (117)	-	\$4041.50
Loose Donations	-	\$1,351.00
Online Giving (# of donors-76)	-	\$2,787.00
<b>Total Budget</b>	-	<b>\$8,176.50</b>
<u>Second Collection (Latin America)</u>		
Budget envelopes used (69)	-	\$1,051.50
Loose Donations	-	\$ 295.00
Online Giving (# of donors-6)	-	\$ 90.00
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>\$1,436.50</b>

This week's second collection is for St. Vincent DePaul. Next week's second collection is the Monthly Collection.

**Thank you for your continued generosity.**

FEBRUARY 4, 2024



**SANCTUARY LAMP**

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Anna & Branden DeLuca.



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**Steubenville East Youth Conference – Save the Date**

The 2024 Steubenville East Youth Conference will be held on **July 26-28, 2024** at the MassMutual Center in Springfield, MA. Each year we reserve spots for our teenagers who are currently 8-12<sup>th</sup> grade students. We are trying to get a feel for how many spots to reserve so if you are interested in participating, contact Diane Castro at: [diane.castro@stfranciswakefield.com](mailto:diane.castro@stfranciswakefield.com) by **February 11<sup>th</sup>**. We will be scheduling an info night for both parents and teens so stay tuned! *At this point, you are not under any obligation to attend; we are just seeking to find who is interested in attending.*



Our teens get a lot out of this weekend, here are some teen reflections from past conferences: *"It was nothing like I expected. I felt so close and connected to God. I definitely feel like a stronger Catholic and I think as many teens that have the option to come should."*

**Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:55-10:50am** Grades 1-6 classes will meet in Fr. Greenan Center

**St. Martin De Porres Senior Center**

**Pray: Jesus, help us to do your work of feeding the hungry, caring for the sick, and comforting others. Amen.**

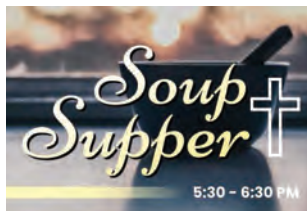


Every time a meal is provided to someone who otherwise may go hungry, you make a difference. Together as a Catholic Community of Hope, we can provide nourishment through a warm meal to someone through the St. Martin de Porres Center in Providence. Please support all those going without in our state with a generous gift to the 2024 Catholic Charity Appeal at [Dioceseofprovidence.org/CCA](http://Dioceseofprovidence.org/CCA)

**Wednesday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:30-8:15pm** Confirmation I & II classes in Fr. Greenan Center

**As of 1/25/2024 we have raised \$17,211.00. Thank you!**

**LENTEN FISH FRY & SOUP SUPPERS**



There will be a fish fry in Father Greenan Center on Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-6:30pm. Fish, fries and cold slaw will be on the menu at no charge. In addition, our usual home made soup suppers will be prepared on the remaining 5 Fridays of Lent from 5:30-6:30pm and offered to all. There is no charge for either the fish fry or the soup suppers but a basket will be available to receive free will donations to our St. Vincent DePaul chapter for assistance to our neighbors in need.

*For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me. Matthew 25:35-36*

**Service reflections** are due **in class on February 7<sup>th</sup>**. Guidelines for the reflections have been sent home and also may be found online at [stfranciswakefield.com](http://stfranciswakefield.com).

So come and join us for fish and soup on Fridays in Father Greenan Center! Bring a friend and stay for Stations of the Cross at 7pm.



## This Week

### Monday, February 5

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

6:30pm Men of St. Joseph (↓FGC)

### Tuesday, February 6

7:00pm SVD Meeting (HBH)

### Wednesday, February 7

10:15am Women's Prayer Group (FGC)

5:00pm RCIA (FGC)

6:00pm Prayer Meeting (HBH)

### Thursday, February 8

6-7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

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

### 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.



### 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.

### ADMISSIONS OPEN HOUSE MONSIGNOR CLARKE SCHOOL SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4<sup>TH</sup> 12-2PM

Have you ever considered a Catholic education? This is a great chance to meet the teachers and administrators, hear from our students and learn more about what makes us different. Visit our website to RSVP [www.monsignorclarkeschool.org](http://www.monsignorclarkeschool.org)

## SAVE THE DATE

- February 14:** Ash Wednesday  
**February 16:** Stations begin [each Friday thru March 22] at the Church (7:00pm)  
**February 16:** Lenten Soup Suppers begin for 6 weeks on Fridays (5:30-6:30pm FGC)  
**February 21:** Stations begin at the Chapel [each Wednesday thru March 27] (12:30)  
**February 19-21:** Lenten Mission w/ Deacon Art Miller (6:30pm each night)  
**April 4:** Alpha Begins (6:30-8:00pm FGC) [More information to follow]



### LENTEN MISSION WITH DEACON ART MILLER (February 19-21 at 6:30pm)

#### **“Love Heals the Wounds That Time Cannot.”**

National speaker, author, radio host, revivalist and retired business man, Deacon Art Miller, leads us on a journey of forgiveness through the power of the Holy Spirit. Our journey will travel through scriptural stories that call us to a deep forgiveness and humility gained through self-love. Little Zacchaeus had to climb a sycamore tree to find his.

Deacon Miller explains that, God does not call us to guilt but to remorse. Remorse can be healed and acted upon. Guilt only fills us with self-loathing. Guilt is about us, remorse is about them. He also reminds us, that, **Forgiveness of others must start with forgiving yourself.”**

#### **Please join us for our annual parish Lenten Mission:**

Monday February 19<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday February 21<sup>st</sup>, from 6:30 to 7:30pm. Confessions to be heard on Tuesday, February 20.



JOHN 15:12



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## THE CHAPLET OF THE DIVINE MERCY

(For private recitation on ordinary rosary beads)

*Our Father ... , Hail Mary ... , The Apostles' Creed.*

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

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