

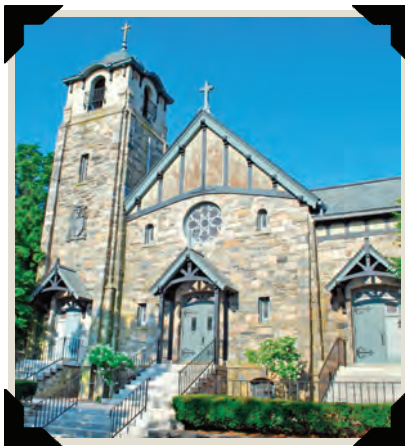
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Masses

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

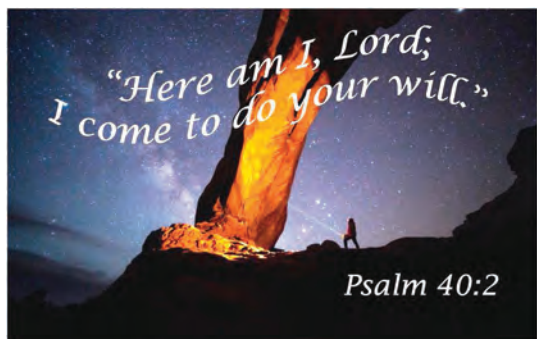
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welcome

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Friday From 9:00 am—12:30 pm

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Francis Mass Intentions



Saturday, January 13

4:30pm †Marcia Signorelli

Requested by Family

Sunday, January 14

9:00am †Ann Cottle

Requested by Family

11:00am †Michael George Roper

Requested by a Friend of the Family

Monday, January 15, HOLIDAY NO ADORATION

7:00am †William Murphy

Requested by a Friend

Tuesday, January 16

7:00am †Caroline Caswell

Requested by Kathleen & Jeff Carney

Thursday, January 18

7:00am †Deceased Members of the Behie & O'Rourke Families

Friday, January 19

7:00am †Debi Gilroy

Requested by Jacki

Saturday, January 20

4:30pm †Branden J. DeLuca

Requested by Family

Sunday, January 21

9:00am †Rita Boisclair

Requested by her cousin, Paul

11:00am †Rick Soltysiak

Requested by Family

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 14

10:00am †Dan & Barney Fenaughty
(Birthday Remembrance)

Requested by Family

Sunday, January 21

10:00am †Mary Marchand
(Birthday Remembrance)

Requested by Al & Gerri Marsocci

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

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In today's first reading, we learn of the prophet Samuel's first encounter with the Lord God. As we heard, Samuel slept in *the temple of the Lord where the ark of God was*. You'd think that spending time in the place where the Lord God abided among his people would mean Samuel might be somewhat familiar with God. But that was not the case, *because the Lord had not revealed anything to him as yet*.

Everything in God's time, right? Some of us might have this in common with Samuel: either we do not quite understand what God is saying to us, or the Lord has not yet revealed to us what he intends to reveal. Like Samuel, the Lord is calling us but we struggle to discern what, if anything, God is saying to us. We're just regular people with jobs and families, just trying to live a good life. What could the Lord God possibly call ordinary people like us to do?

Today's Gospel story reveals at least one thing God is inviting all of us to do, something that is within the reach of any of us: to point the way to Christ, and to invite others to join us on the journey. In the Gospel, John the Baptist points his disciples to Jesus. They seek him and, after spending time with him, have been convinced that they have found not just a teacher as they initially thought, but, rather, something greater, the Messiah. Having arrived at this significant realization, how did Andrew respond? He went and brought his brother to Jesus.

How many of us have someone in our lives who doesn't know Jesus? Someone who doesn't know the joy of knowing him, of trusting in him, of receiving his love, his forgiveness, his healing and mercy? We probably all do. And so this is our encouragement to not shy away from inviting these loved ones to meet Christ.

In his Letter to the Corinthians, Paul reminds us that we are temples of the Holy Spirit. The next time we find ourselves in conversation with a family member and feel that stirring sense that we should invite them to give Jesus a chance, let us ask the Holy Spirit for help. The Holy Spirit can fill us with the courage to speak, and can give us the words to lovingly extend an invitation to an encounter with Christ, the Lord.

Maybe it is true that God is not calling us to be another Samuel. But perhaps God is calling us to be one of the means through which he extends his offer of salvation to others. Let us ask for the grace to respond as Samuel did: *Speak, for your servant is listening*, and to trust that God will take it from there.



Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (113)	-	\$3,880.00
Loose Donations	-	\$1,307.00
Online Giving (# of donors-86)	-	\$4,464.00
Total Budget	-	\$9,651.00

Second Collection (Monthly Collection)

Budget envelopes used (75)	-	\$1,284.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 252.00
Online Giving (# of donors-15)	-	\$ 519.00
Total	-	\$2,055.00

This week's collection is for Ongoing Maintenance. Next week's second collection is for the Catholic University.
Thank you for your continued generosity.

JANUARY 14, 2024



SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church and at the Chapel burns in memory of the deceased parishioners and benefactors.



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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!



FOOD DONATIONS FOR THE JONNYCAKE CENTER: JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER



Please remember we are always in need of non-perishable 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.

Sunday, January 14th
No Classes today. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend.

Pray: Dear God, You said "Come, and you will see." Help me to hear your voice and to always follow you. Amen.



The Social Outreach Committee would like to thank the parishioners for their donations to the Christmas Giving Tree to benefit our St. Vincent de Paul chapter and the Jonnycake Center for Hope in Peacedale. Our parish donated \$8,000 in gift cards. We also received cash donations. Thank you for your continued generosity in helping others in our community to have a merry Christmas. Your donations will allow these organizations to assist those in need in our community into the new year. Thank you again.



Monday, January 15
HOLIDAY-NO ADORATION
 6:30pm Men of St. Joseph (↓FGC)
Tuesday, January 16
 7:00pm SVD Meeting (HBH)
Wednesday, January 17
 10:30am Women's Prayer Group (FGC)
 5:30pm RCIA (FGC)
 6:00pm Prayer Meeting (HBH)
Thursday, January 18
 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.



VOTIVE CANDLE STAND

I would like to give you some instructions on our new votive candle stand placed in front of Our Blessed Mother on the right side of the Church. The blue lights can be lit on a daily basis. They stay lit for eight hours at a time. Just press the red button in front of the blue light that you chose. There is an offering slot on the top front of the stand. The suggested offering is \$2.00 a candle.

The white candles in the back row are "Memorial Candles." If you would like to secure a memorial candle for a deceased loved one or for an entire family just call the office. The offering is \$45.00. They will all be lit at the same time every three months. A memorial name tag for the deceased loved one(s) will be placed right in front of a white candle.

The candle stand has wheels at the bottom of so it can be moved forward for someone who is not able to reach the stand in its normal position. Please do not do this alone. Just ask the sacristan or clergy for help.

The candle stand is ready to be used now. The start date for the "Memorial Candles" is Monday 2/5/24.

Sincerely, *Rev. Albert D. Ranallo* /Pastor



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



The St. Francis of Assisi Social Outreach Committee (SOC) is sponsoring their annual Baby Shower during the month of January to assist St. Gabriel's Call. St. Gabriel's Call provides supportive services to women and families facing unexpected pregnancy



Suggested Baby Supply Donations:

- Diapers (All sizes up to 6/XL)
 - Warm Sleepers (0-24 months)
 - Warm Children's Clothing (2T-4T, 5-6)
 - Baby Wipes
 - Bibs
 - Infant Onesies
 - Pacifiers
 - Baby Blankets
 - Baby Bottles & Bottle Brushes
- (Cash donations are gratefully accepted)

Please place donations in the collection baskets located at St. Francis Church and St. Romuald Chapel during the weekends in January (January 6/7, 13/14, 20/21 and 27/28).

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

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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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