



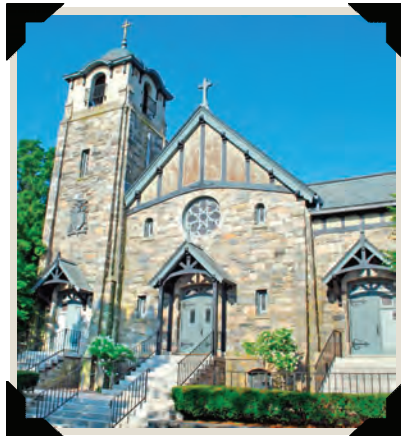
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Masses

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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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION  
Saturday at 3:30 - 4:00 pm in Saint Francis Church or by  
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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

Respect  
Life

Jesus loves the  
children of the  
world, the born  
and the unborn.

# THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## St. Francis Mass Intentions

Repent and Believe



### 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*

### Monday, January 22

7:00am †June Friel

*Requested by Family*

### Tuesday, January 23

7:00am †James House

*Requested by the House Family*

### Thursday, January 25

7:00am †Caroline Caswell

(Birthday Remembrance)

*Requested by the Counting Teams*

### Friday, January 26

7:00am †Rick Soltysiak

(Anniversary Remembrance)

*Requested by Family*

### Saturday, January 27

4:30pm †Renee Vachon McHale

*Requested by husband, Buzz McHale*

### Sunday, January 28

9:00am †Domenic & Matilda Coppolino

(Anniversary Remembrance)

*Requested by Family*

11:00am †Peter Reusch

*Requested by Family*

## St. Romuald Mass Intentions

### Sunday, January 21

10:00am †Mary Marchand

(Birthday Remembrance)

*Requested by Al & Gerri Marsocci*

### Sunday, January 28

10:00am †Denise Solomon

*Requested by Gail Dandurand*

*Repent and believe in the gospel.*

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Time is a profoundly precious resource. When we think about the resources available to us, we often focus on material things. While we may be able to increase the amount of money in our bank account or affect the outcome of a given project, we can never manufacture more time.

Today's readings invite us to recognize the precious nature of time. We often focus either on what will happen in the future or on what happened in the past. But the present moment is where we can act, for good or for bad. We cannot change what has already happened. What might be in the future is still only in our mind, only in our imagination. But this moment, right now, we can make a choice. It is precious and unrepeatable.

Today's readings call us to listen to God's voice in every moment of our day, and to act, with the help of his grace. They call us to keep our eyes focused on Christ, here and now, but also to keep a view toward the eternal. As we say *yes* to Jesus today, Christ shapes our hearts for the eternal *yes* to heaven that will be offered at the end of our earthly lives.

In our first reading, the people of Nineveh listen to God's call and respond actively. Jonah had only gone a single day's journey through the city when the people answered the call to conversion. They acted, they turned away from evil, and they were saved from destruction. The Letter to the Corinthians also reminds us of the urgency to act now, to make the choice to participate in the transformative work God is doing in our world. And our Gospel contains the striking image of Simon, Andrew, James, and John abandoning their nets and following Jesus.

Jesus is calling *us* today. Maybe he is calling us to drop something that we have been clinging to so we can follow him more fully. Maybe he is calling us to lay down our weeping or our rejoicing, to move into a new phase accompanied by his presence and love. Maybe he is calling us to turn away from a particular habit, or seek his healing in the sacrament of reconciliation. Maybe he is simply calling us to listen to his voice more closely, to make time to read Scripture, to pray, to reflect, to talk with a spiritual mentor or a friend.

Today Jesus is calling us near, calling us to the profound intimacy of the Eucharist. In this precious and sacred time, he wants to nourish us and give us all we need to answer his call, big or small. May we be given the grace to open our hearts as we receive this Eucharist—to act in this moment given to us and receive the boundless love of our Lord Jesus Christ.



Weekly Support		January 14
Budget envelopes used (103)	-	\$3,078.50
Loose Donations	-	\$1,238.00
Online Giving (# of donors-78)	-	\$2,757.00
<b>Total Budget</b>	-	<b>\$7,073.50</b>
Second Collection (Ongoing Maintenance)		
Budget envelopes used (83)	-	\$1,170.50
Loose Donations	-	\$ 358.00
Online Giving (# of donors-11)	-	\$ 238.00
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>\$1,766.50</b>

This week's second collection is for the Catholic University.  
Next week's second collection is for Latin America.

**Thank you for your continued generosity.**

# JANUARY 21, 2024



### SANCTUARY LAMP

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



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The 2024 Catholic Charity Appeal "A State of Hope" has begun. Our parish goal remains the same as last year, \$104,595.00 with an overall diocesan goal of \$7 million. Please prayerfully consider a gift to the appeal as we strive for 100% parish participation. Visit [Dioceseofprovidence.org/CCA](http://Dioceseofprovidence.org/CCA) to make a difference today.

**As of 1/11/2024 we have raised \$8,061.00. Thank you!**



### *Congratulations to the Christmas Card Raffle Winners*

12/25	Carol Turcotte	\$500
12/26	Joseph Schwab	\$100
12/27	Margaret Navin	\$100
12/28	Sister Aideen	\$100
12/29	Robert Jones	\$100
12/30	Katie Moniz	\$100
12/31	Gretchen Abrams	\$500
1/1	Jim Cooney	\$100
1/2	Marjorie Mazika	\$100
1/3	Abele & Melissa Grillo	\$100
1/4	Marnie DeLuca	\$100
1/5	Kathy Ulrich	\$500



**Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**9:55-10:50am** Classes Grades 1-6  
FGC

**Pray: Dear Lord, help us to  
follow you because you know  
what will make us truly  
happy. Amen.**

**Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**6:30pm** Planning Meeting for G1  
Youth Ministry—FGC Library

We will plan activities for March, April and May, G1 gatherings.

**Next Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at  
9:00am** Mass

***Celebration of Listening to God's  
Word.***

Our children preparing for First Holy Communion will attend with their families.



**Monday, January 22**

7:30-11:00am Adoration (Church)  
6:30pm Men of St. Joseph (↓FGC)  
6:30pm Youth Ministry Meeting (FGC)

**Wednesday, January 24**

10:15am Women's Prayer Group (FGC)  
5:30pm RCIA (FGC)  
6:00pm Prayer Meeting (HBH)

**Thursday, January 25**

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. *In order to secure a spot for February 5 you must contact the office no later than January 31.*

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

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Month of January:** Baby Shower  
**February 14:** Ash Wednesday  
**February 19-21:** Lenten Mission w/ Deacon Art Miller (6:30pm 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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(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  
IMPRIMATUR: + Joseph F. Maguire  
November 17, 1979 Bishop of Springfield, Mass.

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