

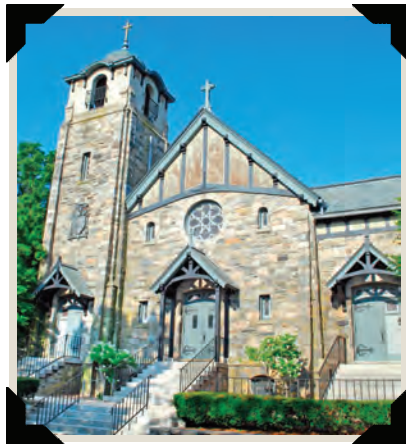


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*The
Epiphany
of the
Lord*



When they
saw the star,
they rejoiced
exceedingly
with great joy.

—Matthew 2:10

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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 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

St. Francis Mass Intentions



Saturday, January 6

4:30pm †June Friel

Requested by Mark & Diane Castro

Sunday, January 7

9:00am †Bernard (Buddy) Tucker

Requested by Al & Karen DeAngelus

11:00am †Christina Warner

Requested by Laura & Bob Warner

Monday, January 8

7:00am †June Friel

Requested by Jim & Susan Meehan

Tuesday, January 9

7:00am †Kerri Bessette

Requested by Mom, Dad & Scott

Thursday, January 11

7:00am †Debi Gilroy

Requested by Family

Friday, January 12

7:00am †Rick Soltysiak

Requested by Family

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

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 7

10:00am †Martha & Blanche McElkenny

Requested by Family

Sunday, January 14

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

Requested by Family

We are meant to reflect & shine the light of Christ to the world.



Today we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord – the revelation of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, to the whole world. Isaiah had prophesied that nations would walk by God’s light, gathering under his radiance. He spoke of caravans from Midian and Ephah and Sheba coming to praise God, bringing gold and frankincense.

We are the new Jerusalem of which Isaiah speaks – our light has come and the glory of the Lord shines upon us, manifested in the infant Jesus. There is great joy in these words: Our Redeemer has come. The long-awaited Messiah is revealed to us, bringing salvation and peace.

But there is also a challenge in Isaiah’s words, and in the revelation of Jesus Christ. If *nations shall walk by your light*, as Isaiah says, that means we must be lit up. We must be strikingly different from the *darkness [that] covers the earth*. Our very lives should offer a contrast to the norms of our culture.

As members of the Church, we are called to bear light into the darkness of all the earth. To bring light to the widow across the street who is lonely. To bring light to our child’s teacher who is bearing the weight of personal struggles on top of the work of education. To bring light to our brother who is struggling in his marriage. Whatever the darkness around us, we are called to *rise up in splendor!*

But how can we answer such a call, when we might be struggling with darkness of our own?

The Lord tells us: *Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you*. Jesus Christ has come to earth to dwell with us. The Light of the World was born in Bethlehem and has united himself with our humanity: *Upon you the Lord shines, and over you appears his glory*.

We do not have to produce this light. We must *receive* Jesus, the Light of the World. Jesus has come to give all the love we need, all the wisdom called for, all the virtue necessary to be a light to others.

Jesus our Light is speaking to us in this liturgy, giving himself to us in this Eucharistic feast. We are, like the moon, simply called to reflect the light that is poured out on us so lavishly. Let us offer this King of Light our treasures today, and prepare our hearts to receive all the gifts he pours out on us in this Blessed Sacrament.



Weekly Support

	December 24	December 31
Budget envelopes	\$5,250.50	\$3,308.50
Loose Donations	\$ 813.00	\$1,255.00
Online Giving	\$2,710.00	\$3,629.00
Total Budget	\$8,773.50	\$8,192.50

Christmas Collection: \$12,761.00
New Year’s Collection: \$873.00

This week’s second collection is the Monthly Collection. Next week’s collection is for Ongoing Maintenance.
Thank you for your continued generosity.

JANUARY 7, 2024



SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Alice Marcoux and Vincent Grimley at the Chapel.



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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!



Sunday, January 7th
9:55-10:50am Grades 1-6 Classes FGC

CENACLE DEVOTION TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER

Saint James Chapel, Charlestown, RI is looking to extend its Cenacle Devotion to our Blessed Mother to a *bimonthly Monday evening beginning Monday, 1/8/2024 from 6:30 pm to 7:45pm*, in addition to its regular Monday morning devotion at 9:15 am.



The Cenacle is a devotion to our Blessed Mother based on the **LECTIO DIVINA** format, where, we discuss a particular Bible/Gospel reading, meditation on that reading, offer petition prayers and recitation of the rosary. The devotion is approximately 1 hour long at St James Parish Hall, which offers an ample lighted parking lot. Participants have found that this devotion participation has been deeply spiritual and offers a warm sense of fellowship, especially during these trying times! There is no weekly or bimonthly commitment necessary, come when you can. If you'd like more detailed information, please contact Cheryl Nickles @ 203-233-8477-feel free to leave a voice message if necessary.



Pray: Dear Lord, thank you for the gift of Baptism that makes us part of your family. Help us to treat one another with love and respect. Amen.



Congratulations to the proud parents and godparents of Charlotte Victoria Horsfield who was baptized on December 26 by Fr. Ranallo.

Your parish family rejoices with you!

Wednesday, January 10th
6:30-8:15pm Confirmation I & II classes in FGC

This Week

Monday, January 8

7:30-11:00am Adoration (Church)
6:30pm Men of St. Joseph (JFGC)

Wednesday, January 10

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

6:00pm Prayer Meeting (HBH)

Thursday, January 11

6-7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

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

ADORATION ADORERS

Jesus asked His Apostles to spend some time with Him as He prayed before His death. Today, He is also asking us to pray before Him in the Blessed Sacrament. Here at St. Francis you can do just that! Each Monday morning from 7:30 until 11:00 our Lord is exposed in the Monstrance. This gives parishioners and others in the community the opportunity to come visit Jesus on a more personal level, for quiet prayer and reflection. Father concludes Adoration with Benediction. This is a wonderful way to bring spiritual growth to oneself and the Parish as a whole.



If you can come for an hour or even a half-hour, we would love to have you!! If you have any questions or would like to be an Adorer of the Blessed Sacrament, please feel free to email the parish office at: saintfrancis00@aol.com.

We would like to congratulate Ryan Michael Clark & Callie Anne Brady who were recently married at St. Francis. May God bless you!



PILGRIMAGE TO INDIA

Please join Fr. Jose Parathanal on a pilgrimage to the magnificent cultural and spiritual sites of Incredible India! The tour begins in the ancient cities of Delhi (Sacred Heart Cathedral), Agra (Taj Mahal), Jaipur (Pink City), Kolkata (Mother Teresa) and Goa (St. Francis Xavier). The itinerary also includes the beautiful scenic state of Kerala in South India, where the famous shrines of St. Thomas the Apostle, the tombs of St. Kuriakose Chavara, St. Alphonsa and many other saints are located. September 23-October 8, 2024. For more details, contact Bernie Corpuz at 323-547-6618 or email at bcorp1114@gmail.com

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)



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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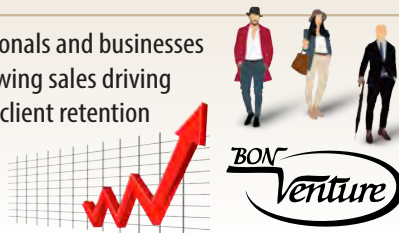
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THE CHAPLET OF THE DIVINE MERCY

(For private recitation on ordinary rosary beads)

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

IMPRIMATUR: + Joseph F. Maguire
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