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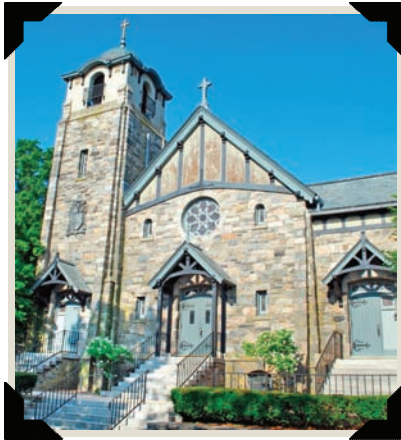
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SAINT FRANCIS CHURCH

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday----- 7:00 am
Saturday----- 4:30 pm
Sunday----- 9:00 am and 11:00 am

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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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Saturday at 3:30 - 4:00 pm in Saint Francis Church or by appointment.

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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 time is fulfilled, and the
kingdom of God has come
near; repent, and believe in
the good news.

MARK 1:15



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

St. Francis Mass Intentions



Saturday, February 17

4:30pm †Anna DeLuca

Requested by Family

Sunday, February 18

9:00am †Marcia Signorelli

Requested by Family

11:00am †Mr. & Mrs. Thu Chi Tran

Requested by Family

Monday, February 19

7:00am †Gregory Mendis

Requested by Patty Grimes

6:30pm Lenten Mission

Tuesday, February 20

7:00am †Debi Gilroy

Requested by Jean

6:30pm Lenten Mission & Confessions

Wednesday, February 21

6:30pm Lenten Mission

Thursday, February 22

7:00am †Drew LaFrance

Requested by Mark & Laurie Friel

Friday, February 23

7:00am †Rick Soltysiak

Requested by Family

Saturday, February 24

4:30pm †Anna DeLuca

Requested by Family

Sunday, February 25

9:00am †James Flynn

Requested by Kathleen & James Carney

11:00am †Patricia Bilyo

Requested by Family

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 18

10:00am †John Estes

(Anniversary Remembrance)

Requested by Family

Sunday, February 25

10:00am †Dan Fenaughty

(Anniversary Remembrance)

Requested by Family

The Kingdom of God is at hand.

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The readings for this First Sunday of Lent are full of contrasts and paradoxes. God makes a covenant with Noah, establishing the rainbow as a sign of his fidelity to a promise of blessing—just on the heels of a horrific flood. The contrast of life and death is complemented by the paradox that the rainbow can appear precisely, and only, because there first was rain.

Peter discusses the obedient suffering of Jesus which brings life, where Adam's disobedience brought death. This is a paradox of "dying to self" and "mortal death" actually leading to new and eternal life. In the Gospel the Holy Spirit, the breath of life, drives Jesus into the barren desert to face temptation.

Finally, Jesus begins his preaching, telling people to repent and believe in the Gospel. To repent means to feel regret and sorrow; to change, and "turn away from." "Gospel" is a word meaning "good news." To "repent and believe in the Gospel," then, contrasts the feeling of sorrow and turning from with believing in and turning toward the Good News. The paradox here, as above, is that one must experience a sort of death in order to receive life.

As the Lenten season begins, these contrasts and paradoxes point to the inflection points in our own lives. We have been saved by the waters of baptism: washed free from sin and death and promised the eternal reward of life in the kingdom with our Savior. Yet we remain sinners. When we search our own hearts and examine our lives we know we have given way in the face of temptation, choosing disobedience and bringing pain and suffering to ourselves and our communities. As Christians, this is precisely the contrast of the Lenten season. There is indeed cause for joy and hope! There is indeed cause for regret and sorrow. And the paradox is that one must embrace the suffering in order to experience the joy.

For 40 days—a number harkening to the time of rain which caused the flood, the years Israel spent wandering in the wilderness, and the days Jesus faces the temptations of Satan—we, too, journey into the desert. We take up fasting, prayer, and almsgiving with humble hearts that recognize our sinfulness. We simplify our liturgy and refrain from certain celebrations, songs, and acclamations of praise. We take stock of our sins and we seek forgiveness.

But we do not walk without hope. We repent, yes, but we also believe in the Gospel! We are fundamentally a people of hope—a people chosen by God and redeemed by the resurrection of our Savior. We are an Easter people who walk in the first light of dawn with the sure knowledge that death has lost its sting and hell has no victory.

And still we know that the light of day has not yet cast out all darkness. The kingdom of God is already at hand, but it is not yet fulfilled. Let us pray for its coming. Repent, and believe in the Gospel.

## Parish Giving

### Weekly Support

|                                |   |                   |
|--------------------------------|---|-------------------|
| Budget envelopes used (114)    | - | \$3,120.00        |
| Loose Donations                | - | \$2,028.00        |
| Online Giving (# of donors—82) | - | \$3,258.00        |
| <b>Total Budget</b>            | - | <b>\$8,406.00</b> |

### Second Collection (Monthly Collection)

|                               |   |                   |
|-------------------------------|---|-------------------|
| Budget envelopes used (88)    | - | \$1,405.00        |
| Loose Donations               | - | \$ 419.00         |
| Online Giving (# of donors-8) | - | \$ 216.00         |
| <b>Total</b>                  | - | <b>\$2,040.00</b> |

This week's second collection is for Ongoing Maintenance  
There is no second collection next week.

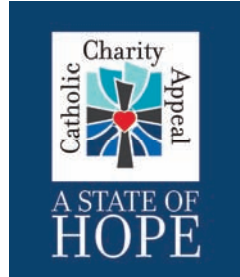
**Thank you for your continued generosity.**

FEBRUARY 18, 2024



**SANCTUARY LAMP**

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of James Flynn.



*For the Church, the Body of Christ, that God's love inspires us to grow in faith and do the good works for our Father throughout Rhode Island, as we support the ministries and services funded by the 2024 Catholic Charity Appeal.*

Together we can help pass on the faith by making a generous gift to the 2024 Catholic Charity Appeal [Dioceseofprovidence.org/CCA](http://Dioceseofprovidence.org/CCA)

**As of 2/8/2024 we have raised \$29,131.00. Thank you!**

*In-pew solicitation will take place at the Chapel on Sunday, February 25*

*In-pew solicitation will take place at the Church the weekend of on March 2/3*

**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 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.



**FAITH FORMATION**  
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**Sunday, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> No Faith Formation Classes-Winter Vacation.** Classes will resume on Sunday, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> for Grades 1-6. The Faith Formation Office is closed during school vacation.

**Pray: Holy Spirit, help me to make good choices that are pleasing to God. Amen.**



**Faith Formation Convocation 2024**  
**Saturday, March 16**  
**Bryant University,**  
**Smithfield, RI**

*Catechists, ministry leaders, parents and parishioners, you are invited to the Diocesan Annual Faith Formation Convocation at Bryant on March 16<sup>th</sup>. All those who participate in the Church's mission of evangelization and who aim to share the Good News of Jesus Christ daily with the people you encounter, COME!*

**For a list of topics, speakers, schedule and to REGISTER go to: <https://faithformationconvocation.com/>**



**Monday, February 19**

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

**6:30pm NO MEN OF ST. JOSEPH TONIGHT**

6:30pm **LENTEN MISSION BEGINS THROUGH WEDNESDAY**

**Tuesday, February 20**

**7:00pm NO SVD MEETING TONIGHT**

**Wednesday, February 21**

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

12:30 Stations (Chapel)

5:00pm RCIA (FGC)

**6:00pm NO PRAYER MEETING TONIGHT**

**Thursday, February 22**

6-7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

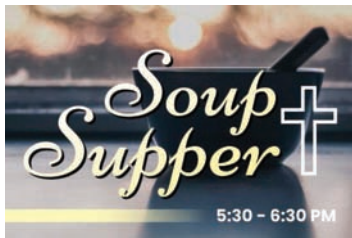
**Friday, February 23**

5:30-6:30pm Lent Soup Supper (FGC)

7:00pm Stations (Church)

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

*This Week*



**LENTEN FISH FRY & SOUP SUPPERS**

Our Lenten Soup Suppers have begun. 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 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.

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



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT ST. FRANCIS CHURCH**

Fridays at 7:00pm through March 22; **Good Friday, March 29 at 3:00pm**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT ST. ROMUALD CHAPEL**

Wednesdays at 12:30 beginning February 21 through March 27.

**SAVE THE DATE**

- February 16:** Stations begin [each Friday thru March 22] at the Church (7:00pm)
- 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**  
*(This Week, 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.*



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 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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