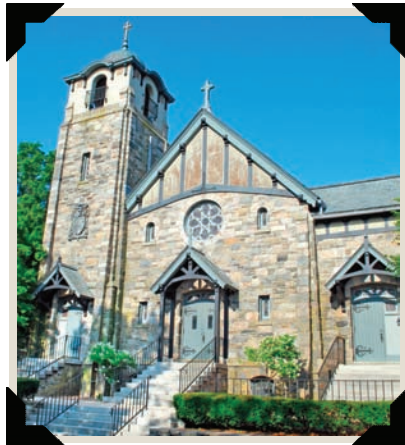


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SAINT FRANCIS CHURCH

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

This is my Son,  
whom I love.  
Listen to him!

MARK 9:7

# THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

## St. Francis Mass Intentions



### 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*

### Monday, February 26

7:00am †Rod Cavanagh

*Requested by Jean*

### Tuesday, February 27

7:00am †Edward Walsh

*Requested by John & Ferna Rourke*

### Thursday, February 29

7:00am †Peter Leary

*Requested by John & Ferna Rourke*

### Friday, March 1

7:00am Special Intention

*Requested by Amanda Bremner*

### Saturday, March 2

4:30pm †Hazel Cinquegrana

*Requested by Family*

### Sunday, March 3

9:00am †Steve Hunt

*Requested by Family*

11:00am †Rick Soltysiak

*Requested by Family*

## St. Romuald Mass Intentions

### Sunday, February 25

10:00am †Dan Fenaughty

(Anniversary Remembrance)

*Requested by Family*

### Sunday, March 3

10:00am †Roger Fenaughty

(Birthday Remembrance)

*Requested by Family*

*This is my beloved Son. Listen to Him.*

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We all know we should listen to Christ. We have all been told we should do as God commands. There is a prayer that begins, "Father, I abandon myself into your hands. Do with me what you will..." While most of us would affirm this sentiment on some level, if we take a moment to really sit with the idea of abandoning ourselves into God's hands, of letting go of what we want and asking God to do what only he wills... well, some of us might begin to squirm.

And then we have the story of Abraham and Isaac. Abraham didn't squirm. God wanted Abraham to see how he would provide for him—God wanted Abraham to know that he could trust every command given by him, because he would always act, would always provide, would always love him.

Abraham trusts in God's goodness. This goodness is highlighted in our second reading from the Letter to the Romans. We are reminded that God, *who did not spare his own Son, but handed him over for us all*, will give us everything we need along with his Son. This is the depth of God's love for us. God, who gave us his beloved Son, commands us: *This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.*

Our God did not hold back anything, not even his beloved Son, to lead us to the goodness he desires for us. In the Transfiguration, he shows us the glory that awaits us when we live and love in service of him.

And this God is present here today. In this sacred season, God is inviting us to listen more closely to his beloved Son who invites us to take and eat, to receive the gift of his body, poured out for us in this Eucharist. This is the love that leads us through our Lenten journey and through our lives. May we, in this sacrament, grow in trust and learn to follow Christ's voice in all we do.

## Parish Giving

### Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (111)	-	\$7,935.50
Loose Donations	-	\$1,106.00
Online Giving (# of donors-76)	-	\$2,795.00
<b>Total Budget</b>	-	<b>\$11,836.50</b>

### February 18

### Second Collection (Ongoing Maintenance)

Budget envelopes used (87)	-	\$1,490.50
Loose Donations	-	\$ 474.00
Online Giving (# of donors-10)	-	\$ 186.00
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>\$2,150.50</b>

**Ash Wednesday Collection: \$1,042.00**

There is no second collection this week. Next week's second collection is the Monthly Collection.

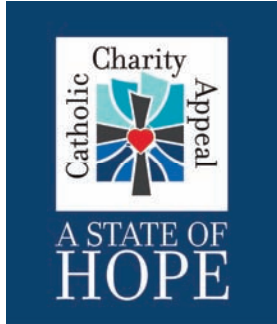
**Thank you for your continued generosity.**

FEBRUARY 25, 2024



**SANCTUARY LAMP**

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



*For those without a home, the hungry and individuals and families that go without, around our Diocese, that their needs may continue to be met through our support of 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 2/15/2024 we have raised \$33,116.00. Our goal is \$104,595.00. Thank you!**

*In-pew solicitation will take place at the Chapel this weekend*

*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 (401) 792-8684**

**Sunday, February 25, 2024  
9:55-10:50am Grades 1-6 FGC**

**Pray: Lord, help us to remember we also are God's beloved children. 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/> Must register by March 9<sup>th</sup>.**

**St. Francis of Assisi's Annual Easter Egg Hunt for all ages**

**When: Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 Rain or Shine!**

**Where: Fr. Greenan Parish Center**

**Donations of wrapped candy and plastic eggs gratefully accepted.**

Collection baskets located at the entrance to the church and chapel.

**Thank you for your support!**



**Monday, February 26**

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

**Tuesday, February 27**

6:30pm Pastoral Council Meeting (FGC)

**Wednesday, February 28**

10:15am Women's Prayer Group (FGC)  
12:30 Stations (Chapel)  
5:00pm RCIA (FGC)  
6:00pm Prayer Meeting (HBH)

**Thursday, February 29**

6-7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

**Friday, March 1**

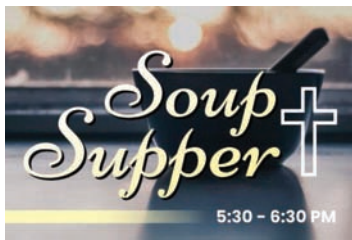
5:30-6:30pm Lent Soup Supper (FGC)  
7:00pm Stations (Church)

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

*This Week*

**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)
- April 4:** Alpha Begins (6:30-8:00pm FGC) [More information to follow]



**LENTEN 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.



*Brothers and sisters: If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him?*

*Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us. Who will condemn? Christ Jesus it is who died—or, rather, was raised—who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.*



**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.

**BISHOP HENDRICKEN OPEN HOUSE**

Bishop Hendricken High School will be hosting an Open House on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, from 12:00pm to 3:00pm. This event will give families the opportunity to tour our facilities and receive information on our academics, admission procedures, financial aid, student life, transportation, and college placement. For more information, please call the Admissions Office at 889-5425.



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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  
 November 17, 1979 Bishop of Springfield, Mass.



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