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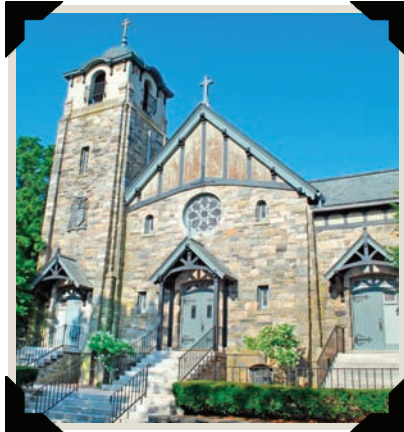


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Masses

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

But everyone who lives
by the truth will come
to the light.

JOHN 3:21



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

St. Francis Mass Intentions



Saturday, March 9

4:30pm †Grace Gray
(Anniversary Remembrance)
Requested by Family

Sunday, March 10

9:00am †Sister Margaret Mary Laffey
Requested by May & Ben
11:00am †Mary Peterson
Requested by Family

Monday, March 11

7:00am †Caroline Caswell
Requested by Mark & Laurie Friel

Tuesday, March 12

7:00am †Nancy Mederois
Requested by Kathleen Carney

Thursday, March 14

7:00am †Clara Latowski
(Birthday Remembrance)
Requested by Family

Friday, March 15

7:00am †Joseph Boragine
Requested by Family

Saturday, March 16

4:30pm †Camella Ford
Requested by Family

Sunday, March 17

9:00am †Anthony Ciccone
Requested by Family
11:00am Lucy Lorello (living intention)
(94th Birthday Celebration)
Requested by Kathy & Ed Bastia

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 10

10:00am †Martha & Blanche McElkenny
Requested by Family

Sunday, March 17

10:00am †Michael Gaffney
Requested by Maggie Hayes-Cote

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.

Many of us are committed to certain Lenten practices this holy season. Perhaps we are working to add more or certain types of prayer into our faith life. Perhaps we have given something up. Whatever they are, each could be categorized as a certain type of gift. We are giving God our time or giving up something out of love for him. Any good Lenten practice is, in some way, a giving of ourselves, our desires, our effort, to God.

It is but a small gesture of love in return for the love we have been given. *For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.* Let us be clear. God does not “need” anything from us, but he wants us. He created us, he loves us, and he desires to be in relationship with us for eternity.

And so our Church asks us to offer these gifts of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to him. Why?

One reason is that these gifts are acts of love. They are acts of relationship. Just as a child gives a parent a thousand gifts—wilted dandelions, scraps of paper, or bits of nature found outside—it is not the gift that matters, but the love with which it is given. The parent does not need that half a seashell, but oh, the love that it contains! These gifts are beautiful and good, not for any utilitarian value, but because of the way they bind us together in relationship.

Another reason we are asked to offer these gifts is this: Anything we give to God rebounds back to us, transformed by his perfect goodness. Anything we give to God is poured back out on earth, filled with his glory. Therefore, our small spiritual sacrifices can be poured back out on us and others for the sanctification of the world.

One final reason we offer our humble gifts to God is simply gratitude. We recognize that all is gift. As the Letter to the Ephesians reminds us, God has poured out *the immeasurable riches of his grace. It is not from you; it is the gift of God.* And so, in gratitude, we offer back what was given to us. We recognize the source of all these good things, the source of strength who helps us reject any bad things we are giving up, and we joyfully draw near to the giver of all these good gifts in the spiritual practices we take up in this season.

As we approach the most precious of all of these gifts in this Eucharist, may we be strengthened for our Lenten journey. May we be filled with the gratitude and the love which can strengthen us in our Lenten practices. And may we be drawn closer to God who loved us so much that he gave us his only Son.

Parish Giving

Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (129)	-	\$15,206.50
Loose Donations	-	\$1,293.00
Online Giving (# of donors—88)	-	\$4,123.00
Total Budget	-	\$20,622.50

Second Collection (Monthly Collection)

Budget envelopes used (86)	-	\$1,663.50
Loose Donations	-	\$ 361.00
Online Giving (# of donors-12)	-	\$ 190.00
Total	-	\$2,214.50

There is no second collection this week. Next week's second collection is Ongoing Maintenance.

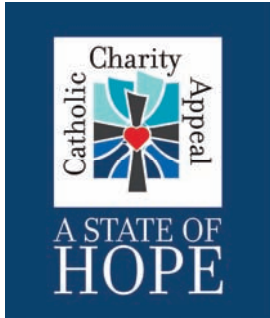
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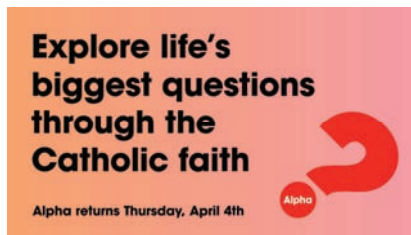
This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Patrick Dufficy.



We pray for the success of the 2024 Catholic Charity Appeal in our parish & diocese this year; that the Holy Spirit may unite us in faith to join our prayers with our financial support to do the good works of Christ-feeding the hungry, educating the young, caring for the sick, welcoming the stranger and increasing vocations to the priesthood; so that the Eucharist may always be celebrated for God's people.

Together we can help pass on the faith by making a generous gift to the 2024 Catholic Charity Appeal Dioceseofprovidence.org/CCA

As of 2/29/2024 we have raised \$42,503.00. Our goal is \$104,595.00. Thank you!



Alpha Returns April 4th

Mark your calendars to participate in this year's Alpha program! Alpha is an opportunity to invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join you and members of our parish family in exploring life's biggest questions through the Catholic faith. It's a series of interactive sessions that begin with a delicious meal followed by a short film and small group discussions to intentionally create space for the Holy Spirit to lead people to a personal encounter and relationship with Jesus. Alpha is free-of-charge and anyone is welcome to join. Alpha begins **Thursday, April 4th at 6:30 PM** and will run for eleven consecutive weeks.



Congratulations to the proud parents and godparents of Zora Herceg Menegaz who was baptized on February 25 by Fr. Ranallo.
Your parish family rejoices with you!



FAITH FORMATION (401) 792-8684

Sunday, March 10, 2024

9:55-10:50am Grades 1-6 FGC

10:00am Step Up Close to Jesus Stations of the Cross, led by our students in grades 3-6. These stations are simply spoken yet profound. Families are invited!

Pray: Lord, keep me close to the light of Christ and help me to avoid the darkness of sin. Amen.

Wednesday, March 13

6:30-8:15pm Confirmation I & II classes in Fr. Greenan Center



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

When: Saturday, March 23rd 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!



Calling all 7-12th grade students to join us Sunday, March 17th from 4-6pm for our March Madness Game Night at our parish center. It will be a night full of fun and games and we don't want you to miss it! Invite your friends and we'll see you then!

Monday, March 11

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

Wednesday, March 13

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

Thursday, March 14

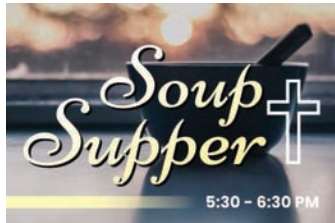
6-7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

Friday, March 15

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

This Week

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



LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Our Lenten Soup Suppers will end on Friday, March 22 (5:30-6:30pm). Don't miss out on delicious home made soup and conversations! 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 through March 27.

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

On May 4th, there is a Catholic Men's Conference at the Cathedral of SS Peter & Paul in Providence sponsored by the Men of St. Joseph International and the Diocese of Providence. The keynote speaker will be Father Larry Richards and the topic is "Surrendering to God's Will". The conference is from 7:45am-3:30pm. The cost of attendance is \$50 before 4/5, or \$60 after 4/5. For more information or to register, please visit <https://www.mosji.org/events.php>. For any questions, please contact Mark Castro, 401-443-7607 or email at markcastro05@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE

April 4: Alpha Begins (6:30-8:00pm FGC)
Month of May: May Money Madness
Month of May: Rosary at the Chapel (each week night during the month of May at 6:30pm)



Holy Thursday, March 28
(No 7:00am Mass)

7:00pm Mass at the Church
Adoration to follow in lower Church until 11:00pm

Good Friday, March 29
(No 7:00am Mass)

3:00pm Stations of the Cross at Church
7:00pm The Passion Service at the Church

Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil), March 30
(No 4:30pm Mass)

3:00-4:00pm Confessions at Church
7:30pm Vigil Mass at the Church

Easter Sunday, March 31

9:00am Mass at the Church
10:00am Mass at the Chapel
11:00am Mass at the Church

The parish offices will be closed beginning Thursday, March 28 through Monday, April 1.



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 (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 Bishop of Springfield, Mass.



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