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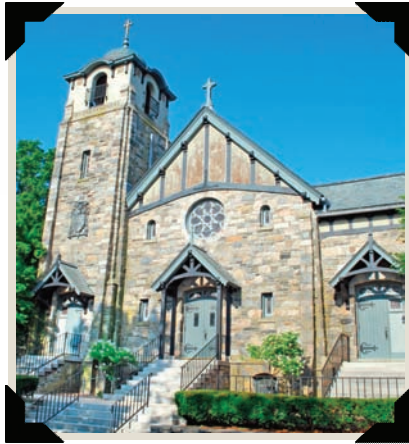
## Passion of the Lord

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And the crowds  
that went before  
him and that  
followed him  
were shouting,  
“Hosanna to the  
Son of David!  
Blessed is he  
who comes in  
the name of the  
Lord! Hosanna  
in the highest!”

—Matthew 21:9



*Hosanna!*  
*Hosanna!*

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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  
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SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY  
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 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

# PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

## St. Francis Mass Intentions

### Saturday, March 23: Palm Sunday Vigil

4:30pm †Reinaldo Ray Flores  
(Birthday & Anniversary Remembrance)  
*Requested by Family*

### Sunday, March 24: Palm Sunday

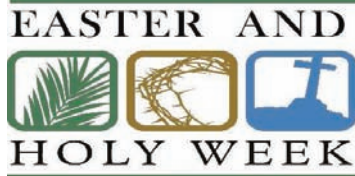
9:00am †Steve Hunt  
*Requested by Ted Emmott*  
11:00am †Raymond & Anna Kells  
*Requested by Family*

### Monday, March 25

7:00am †Rev. James E. Greenan  
(9<sup>th</sup> Pastor)  
*72<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Remembrance*

### Tuesday, March 26

7:00am †Ned Carney  
*Requested by James & Kathleen Carney*



### Holy Thursday, March 28 (There will be no 7am Mass)

7:00pm For the People  
*Adoration to follow in lower Church  
until 11:00pm*

### Good Friday, March 29 (There will be no 7am Mass)

3:00pm Stations at the Church  
7:00pm †Passion Service

### Easter Vigil, March 30 (There will be no 4:30pm Mass)

3-4:00pm Confessions at the Church  
7:30pm †Jeannette DeLuca & Joe Luciano  
*Requested by Family*

### Easter Sunday, March 31

9:00am †Patrick Dufficy  
(Birthday Remembrance)  
*Requested by Mom & Family*  
11:00am †Deceased Members of the  
Perpetual Mass Association

## St. Romuald Mass Intentions

### Sunday, March 24: Palm Sunday

10:00am †Louis S. Gerlock  
*Requested by Family*

### Easter Sunday, March 31

10:00am †Gerard J. Cote  
*Requested by Family*

*We are united with Jesus, who shows us what it  
means to sacrifice for love.*

Today we cover more ground with Jesus than on any other Sunday. We begin with Jesus at Bethpage, preparing for his triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Once in the city, Jesus joins the disciples in the Upper Room for the Last Supper. Later, he awaits his fate in Gethsemane. After his arrest, he is taken to the high priest, then to the governor. Finally he is scourged at the praetorium, crucified at Golgotha, and buried in the tomb.

On this circuitous journey from Bethpage to Golgotha, so much changes, and so much is lost. Jesus goes from hailed hero to crucified criminal. He loses his status, his friends, and his dignity. His disciples face losses as well; they lose their courage, their leader, their sense of security. Jesus predicted his passion more than once, but never in specific terms. Neither the disciples nor Jesus himself knew exactly what it would take from them.

On our journey with Jesus through life, we, too, experience changes and loss. We often make sacrifices out of love for children and grandchildren, our parents, and other relations. We give to, and do for, friends, neighbors, coworkers, and fellow parishioners. And we all experience loss living on this earth, some more than others.

Jesus is with us in our loss, and he knows what it means to sacrifice for love. He emptied himself, becoming human to be with us, to love us, and to show us how to love like him. He surrendered his hero status and humbled himself out of love, even to the point of accepting death as a crucified criminal.

In the face of loss, we can be like the disciples or we can join in love with Jesus. At the Last Supper, the disciples denied that they would betray Jesus, or that their faith would be shaken. Still, they could not stay awake with him in Gethsemane, and they fled as soon as he was arrested, leaving the women alone at the cross and burial.

Unlike the disciples, Jesus does not flee. The sorrow and distress he exhibits in Gethsemane are real. He prays that his cup should pass, but ultimately he accepts God's will. He surrenders to his fate and all he is to lose. He does so out of obedience to his Father, and out of love for us.

Jesus' passion is our passion too. We journey together through loss—never alone, but always united with him. In this Eucharist we recall the Last Supper and how he shares himself with us out of love. Gathered as one with him through this sacrament, we face together whatever losses may be.

## Parish Giving

<u>Weekly Support</u>		<u>March 17</u>
Budget envelopes used (125)	-	\$3,942.50
Loose Donations	-	\$1,146.00
Online Giving (# of donors-84)	-	\$2,760.00
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$7,848.50</b>

<u>Second Collection (Ongoing Maintenance)</u>		
Budget envelopes used (89)	-	\$1,357.50
Loose Donations	-	\$ 323.00
Online Giving (# of donors-9)	-	\$ 158.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$1,838.50</b>

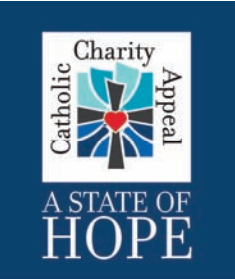
This week's second collection is for Operation Rice Bowl/ Catholic Relief Services. Next week's second collection is the Easter Collection. **Thank you for your continued generosity.**

MARCH 24 2024



**SANCTUARY LAMP**

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Jeannette DeLuca & Joe Luciano.



*That we may be transformed by our generous participation in the Catholic Charity Appeal, as we do so with grateful hearts, and with a deep sense of faith, hope and love.*

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 3/7/2024 we have raised \$54,708.00. Our goal is \$104,595.00. Thank you!**

**Alpha Returns next Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**

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 **NEXT Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at the Fr. Greenan Center.**

RSVP at [www.stfranciswakefield.com/faith-formation/alpha](http://www.stfranciswakefield.com/faith-formation/alpha) or email [alpha@stfranciswakefield.com](mailto:alpha@stfranciswakefield.com).



**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

*Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> is Divine Mercy Sunday. Everyone is invited to a special Mass at 3:00pm at St. Romuald Chapel celebrated by Fr. Ranallo assisted by Deacon Dowd.*

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at 1:00pm. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed at 2:50pm. (materials will be provided)

The afternoon concludes with the Celebration of Mass at 3:00pm, the hour of mercy. This Mass will be for the intention of Bill Harding and Jim Abreu.

*Confessions **WILL** be offered from 2-2:50pm. Refreshments will be served following this service.*



**ATTENTION:**  
**PRINTING ERROR FOR BUDGET ENVELOPES DATED APRIL 28!**

Some of you may have noticed that there are 3 budget envelopes dated April 28: Weekly, Monthly and Ongoing Maintenance. **We will be collecting the Monthly Collection on the weekend of April 21 along with the normal weekly collection. On April 28 we will be collecting the weekly collection and Ongoing Maintenance.**

**We are very sorry for this inconvenience!!!**



**FAITH FORMATION**  
**(401) 792-8684**



**Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Pray: I want to choose you, Jesus! Show me how to do what is right, even when others want me to do what is wrong. Amen.**



**Monday, March 25**

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

**Wednesday, March 27**

10:15am **NO Women's Prayer Group this week**  
12:30 Stations (Chapel)  
5:00pm RCIA (FGC)  
6:00pm Prayer Meeting (HBH)

**Thursday, March 28 (Holy Thursday)**

7:00pm Mass (Church) followed by Adoration in HBH until  
11pm **(OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED)**

**Friday, March 29 (Good Friday)**

3:00pm Stations (Church)  
7:00pm Passion Service (Church) **(OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED)**

**Saturday, March 30 (Easter Vigil)**

3:00-4:00pm Confessions (Church)  
7:30pm Easter Vigil Service (Church) **(OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED)**

**Monday, April 1 (Easter Monday)**

7:30-11:00am Adoration (Church)  
**(OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED: Will reopen on Tuesday, April 2 from 9am to 4pm)**

*This Week*

**SAVE THE DATE**

- April 4:** Alpha Begins (6:30-8:00pm FGC)
- April 13-21** Spring Food Drive
- April 27:** Kick Off Gala for Kitchen Renovation (5:30-7:30pm): more information to follow
- Month of May:** May Money Madness
- Month of May:** Rosary at the Chapel (each week night during the month of May at 6:30pm)
- June 14:** Paint Night (6:30-9:00pm)

**MAY MONEY MADNESS**

*IT IS ALMOST MAY MONEY MADNESS TIME!*



**FILL OUT THE FORM BELOW AND INCLUDE PAYMENT.**

Return through the weekly offertory or mail to:  
May \$ Madness, St. Francis Church, 114 High St.,  
Wakefield, RI 02879  
Tickets will be forwarded to you.

*Ticket prices are: \$10 each, 6 for \$50 or 12 for \$100. A fun parish event with prizes awarded daily throughout the month of May. Tickets will be sold after ALL Masses during the month of April.*

**Proceeds to help fund Father Greenan Hall/Kitchen Renovation**

**Drawing Prizes: Monday thru Saturday—\$50;  
Sunday—\$100; May 31 drawing—\$500.**

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Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

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*Intention for Easter Sunday,  
March 31<sup>st</sup> at 11:00am at the Church  
is for*

*The Deceased Members of the  
Perpetual Mass Association*

*John & Marie Champion*

*Yvonne Fanning*

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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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