

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

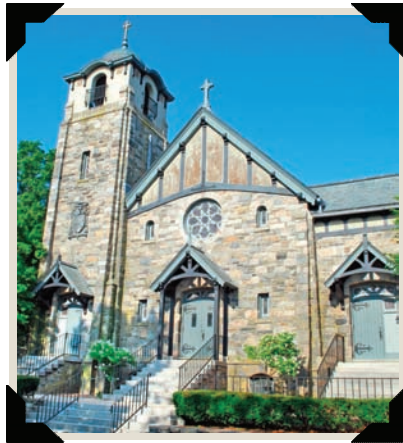


“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

– JEREMIAH 29:11

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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.

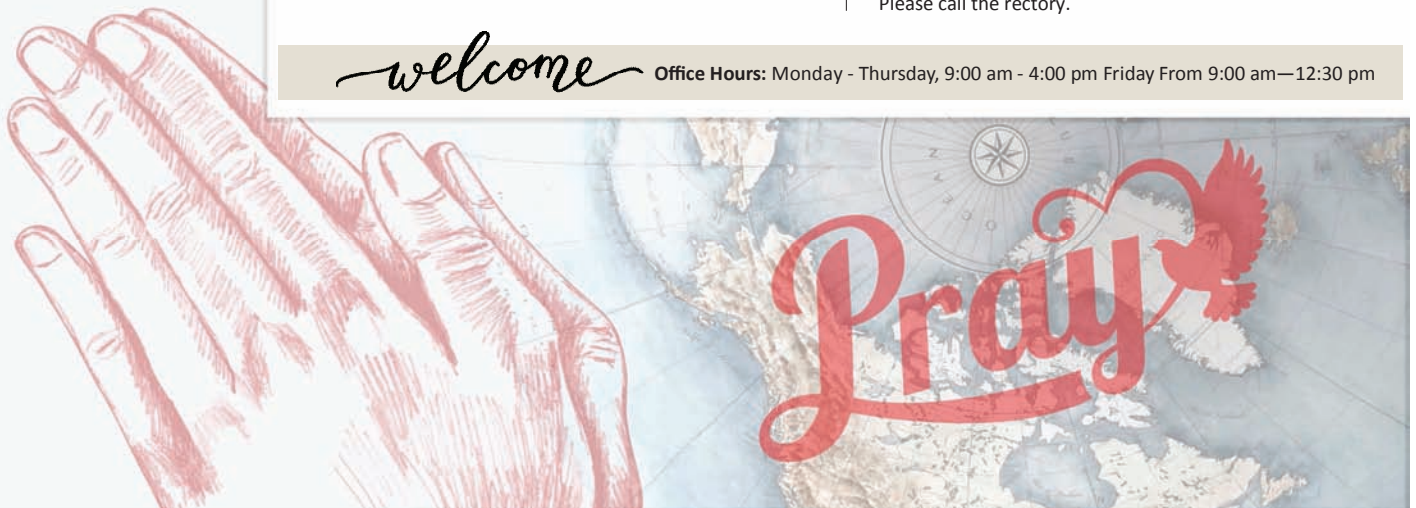
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
 Third Sunday of each month.

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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

St. Francis Mass Intentions



Saturday, April 20

4:30pm †Dec. Members of the Champion,
Pucella & Brown Families
Requested by Family

Sunday, April 21

9:00am †Dorothy Cloos
Requested by May, Helen & Ben
11:00am †Carmen Espailat
Requested by Family

Monday, April 22

7:00am †Caroline Caswell
Requested by Jacki

Tuesday, April 23

7:00am †Peter Wilkens
Requested by Family

Thursday, April 25

7:00am †Sandra Gaffney
Requested by Family

Friday, April 26

7:00am †Dr. Enrico & Frank Garzilli

Saturday, April 27

4:30pm †Corinne Bertrand
Requested by daughter, Barbara

Sunday, April 28

9:00am †Steve Hunt
Requested by his Wife
11:00am †Louis Mendini
Requested by Gary & Marilyn Heidel

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Sunday, April 21

10:00am †Claire C. Abbate
Requested by Maggie Hayes-Cote

Sunday, April 28

10:00am †James J. Corcoran, III
Requested by Maggie Hayes-Cote

Come to know the Good Shepherd.

As Jesus says at the start of the Gospel, he is the Good Shepherd. And what makes him a Good Shepherd? First, he *lays down his life for the sheep*. Second, he knows his sheep and they know him.

First, *he lays down his life for the sheep*. The Lord didn't just say he was willing to die for us, he actually did so. Many of us sacrifice a great many things for our family, friends, or country; or in our commitment to a cause. The people we love are worth those sacrifices, and we likely even have the sense that we'd give our life for them. Jesus came into our human history, took on human flesh, and willingly chose to offer himself to the Father as the ultimate and perfect sacrifice of love.

But Jesus wasn't just human. He was, and is, fully divine as well. He is the incarnate Son of God who died for us out of love, to offer us salvation; to bring us back into communion with God so as to *be called the children of God*. He knows us, and we know him. But how can we come to know our Shepherd even better?

One way to come to know our Shepherd is by reading and meditating on the Scriptures, which are his own words to us. As we immerse ourselves in the story of salvation, we encounter a God who seeks a personal relationship with his flock, who knows each one of his people: our strengths, our weaknesses, our desires, our hopes and aspirations, our sins, our disappointments, and heartaches. We also learn that despite our less-than-stellar response at times to the riches the Lord showers upon us, he continues to seek us, to pursue us, and ultimately call us to his side for eternity.

Another way to come to know our Shepherd is to do what we are doing here—gathering to celebrate and receive the Eucharist, the body and blood of our Good Shepherd.

Jesus points out in the Gospel that hired hands, who have no concern for the sheep they are shepherding because they are not their own, will run away at the sign of trouble. They leave the sheep to face the dangers on their own. This imagery, and thus the analogy of a Good Shepherd, works well for us, even in our less-agrarian lives: We understand what it means to protect and love what, and who, are important to us. It helps illustrate the reality of God's love for us: It is not fleeting, it is not temporal, and it is not dependent upon our worth. God gave us the Good Shepherd so that for all time we would have an advocate and protector.

Peter says the following in our first reading, and it is the perfect summary of what it means to have Christ as our Shepherd: *[Jesus] is the stone rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved.*

Parish Giving

Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (103)	-	\$3,245.50
Loose Donations	-	\$1,040.00
Online Giving (# of donors—81)	-	\$2,855.00
Total Budget	-	\$7,140.50

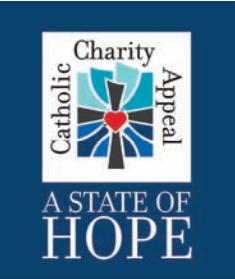
This week's second collection is the Monthly Collection
(Date is incorrect—it is dated April 28/should be April 21).
Next week's second collection is Ongoing Maintenance.
Thank you for your continued generosity.

APRIL 21, 2024



SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Lucien Jacques.



In giving gratitude for the many blessings our most generous God has bestowed upon us, may we respond generously to the Charity Appeal.

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

4/11/2024 we have raised \$94,219.00. Our goal is \$104,595.00. Thank you!



Kick Off Gala For Kitchen Renovation

Will take place at St. Francis Father Greenan Center
Saturday, April 27, 2024 from 5:30-7:30pm
Cost for the event is \$35.00

Come and enjoy
Music

Wine and soft drinks
Hot and cold appetizers (Hors d'oeuvres)
Charcuterie Board

You will also have a chance to participate in our silent auction that includes: a charter fishing boat trip, a dinner for 6 at the Coast Guard House and a week at a condo in Myrtle Beach.

If you are interested in attending this Gala please fill out this form and return it with your payment (\$35.00). You may place it in the collection basket, mail it to St. Francis of Assisi, 114 High St., Wakefield 02879 or drop it off at the rectory.

*Space is limited so be sure to return your form early!
Deadline is April 24.*

Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Address: _____

THANK YOU!



**FAITH
FORMATION
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Sunday, April 21st

9:55-10:50am Class for Grades 1-6

Pray: Teach us, Lord, to hear your voice and answer you. Amen.

Think: When do we recognize when Jesus calls us?

First Communion Banners are due today.

Friday, April 26th

Jesus, help me prepare my heart for you...

First Communion Families, begin praying your **Family Novena**

First Holy Communion and May Crowning is Sunday, May 5th at 11:00 Mass.

This Week

Monday, April 22

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

Wednesday, April 24

10:15am Women's Prayer Group (FGC)
6:00pm Prayer Meeting (HBH)

Thursday, April 25

6:30pm Alpha (FGC)

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

St. Vincent DePaul Society

Recently, we helped a grandmother on Social Security, who fell behind on her rent, because she was helping her son, a single parent, who could not work because he was staying home with his autistic son who is suffering from severe disabilities. We paid a month rent for her to avoid eviction from her home.

From December 2023-February 2024 we received 45 emergency call: 30 households received aid (includes 2 homeless families), rental assistance \$12,146; total assistance \$13,1802 and the dinner table delivered approximately 3000 meals. *The work of the St. Francis of Assisi Conference of St. Vincent de Paul is supported by parish donations. Thank you for your support.*



SPRING FOOD DRIVE:

APRIL 13th THROUGH THIS WEEKEND

The Social Outreach Committee is again sponsoring the Spring Food Drive to benefit the Jonnycake Center of Peacedale and their vacation lunch program. This program benefits client's children who participate in nutrition assistance programs at school.

The food drive will run for two weeks, from April 13 until April 21.

The foods being requested are: whole grain cereals and snacks, whole grain pastas, soups, oatmeal and canned fruit.

There will be receptacles in the Church and St. Romuald's for the donations.

Our St. Francis family has always answered the call when asked to help others less fortunate in our community. Thank you for your continued generosity.

SAVE THE DATE

- April 27:** Kick Off Gala for Kitchen Renovation (5:30-7:30pm):
- 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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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
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