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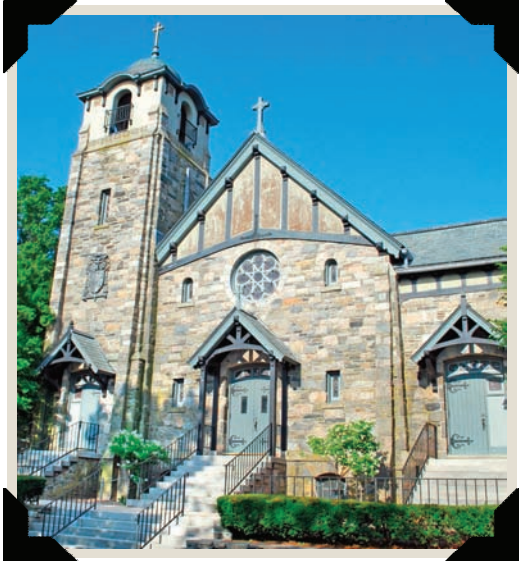
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Masses

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

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

St. Francis Mass Intentions



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

Monday, April 29

7:00am †Peter Wilkins

Requested by Family

Tuesday, April 30

7:00am †Alphonse (Al) LaFrance

Requested by Laurie & Mark Friel

Thursday, May 2

7:00am †Sandra Gaffney

Requested by Family

Friday, May 3

7:00am Special Intention

Requested by Amanda Bremner

Saturday, May 4

4:30pm †Tria Graichen

Requested by Family

Sunday, May 5

9:00am †Steve Hunt

Requested by Ed & Diane Rudegear

11:00am †Rick Soltysiak

Requested by Family

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Sunday, April 28

10:00am †James J. Corcoran, III

Requested by Maggie Hayes-Cote

Sunday, May 5

10:00am †Martha & Blanche McElkenny

Requested by Family

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

	April 21
Budget envelopes used (117)	\$3,957.00
Loose Donations	\$1,272.00
Online Giving (# of donors-80)	\$2,972.00
Total Budget	\$8,201.00

Second Collection (Monthly Collection)

Budget envelopes used (30)	\$ 489.00
Loose Donations	\$ 437.00
Online Giving (# of donors-6)	\$ 385.00
Total	\$1,311.00

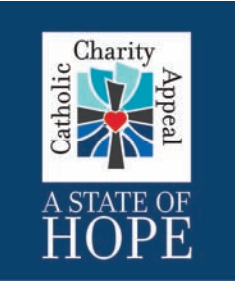
This week's second collection is Ongoing Maintenance. Next week's second collection is the Monthly Collection.
Thank you for your continued generosity.

APRIL 28, 2024



SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of John J. 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

4/18/2024 we have raised \$100,279.00. Our goal is \$104,595.00. Thank you!

ROSARY REPAIRS

We have an anonymous volunteer who has offered to repair rosaries. If you have a rosary that you would like repaired please place the rosary in an envelope and place your name and phone number on the outside of the envelope so that when the repair is complete you can be notified. Please drop your envelope off at the rectory or place it in the black mailbox next to the rectory door.



MAY DEVOTIONS AT ST. ROMUALD DURING THE MONTH OF MAY

May is the month of Mary. Once again the rosary will be recited at 6:30pm Monday through Friday at St. Romuald Chapel. The Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary will also be recited at the closing followed by the Salve Regina. All are welcome!



PRAYER SHAWLS

The St. Francis of Assisi Prayer Shawl Group has many beautiful prayer shawls available. If you know of someone who could benefit from receiving a prayer shawl please contact Jean McGair at 401-783-1633.



FAITH FORMATION (401) 792-8684

Sunday, April 28th
9:55-10:50 Final Class for Grades 1-6

Pray: Help us to find ways to stay close to you, Jesus, so we can grow in faith and love. Amen.

Monday, April 29th
6pm First Communion Rehearsal
All students and parent(s) please report to Helen Bouchard Hall (lower church) by 5:55.

Sunday, May 5th
First Holy Communion at 11:00AM
Mass and May Crowning to follow.
Our First Communion students will lead us in the procession and traditional crowning in honor of our Blessed Mother Mary.



Save the Dates for VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

When: June 24th-28th

Time: 9:00-12:00

Cost: \$50.00

Who: Children completing Grades K-4

Where: right here at St Francis Church!! More information to come!!

This Week

Monday, April 29

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

Wednesday, May 1

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

Thursday, May 2

6:30pm Alpha (FGC)

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

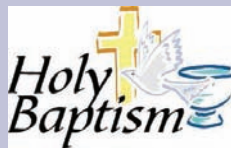
St. Vincent DePaul Society

Just a reminder that our St. Vincent de Paul chapter here at St. Francis needs your help. They ask your help by using their poor boxes located in the church and chapel so that they can assist those in need in our area (Gift cards are accepted). If you know of someone in need of assistance, SVDP can be reached at 401-871-8936. *Please keep them in your prayers!*



Friday Dinners Available

The SVDP dinner program is providing Friday meals for pick up or delivery at no cost. Would you—or someone you know—like a cooked meal? We are in need of volunteers to deliver meals. Call 401-588-4192 or email esweeney1@cox.net to order a meal or volunteer to deliver.



Congratulations to the proud parents and godparents of Esme Josephine Holme who was baptized on April 21 by Fr. Ranallo. *Your parish family rejoices with you!*

We would like to congratulate Matthew John Davitt & Felicity Ann McCrea who were recently married at St. Francis. May God bless you!



SAVE THE DATE

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)



Sisters of the Cross and Passion Celebrate 100 years of Mission and Ministry in the United States, 1924-2024

How to celebrate 100 years of gifts and grace? This is the joyful challenge presented to the Sisters of the Cross and Passion for 2024. Our adventure began when four pioneer sisters from England arrived in Providence, R.I. at the invitation of the then bishop, Most Reverend William Hickey. And from there we embarked on our many works, dedicated to God and to God's people.

Over the course of 100 years, gifts and grace were given and received in many locations. In Rhode Island the sisters worked in four parishes and their accompanying schools, a retreat house, a novitiate house, a college and a high school. In Connecticut, we were present in two parishes and their schools, and in a retreat center. In New York, one parish and school, and another in Maryland. Then in response to more far-flung needs, the sisters shared gifts and grace in Jamaica, WI and Memphis, TN.

This has been an extraordinary 100 years. Please celebrate with us.

Please join with the Sisters of the Cross and Passion, remembering us in prayer, as we celebrate 100 years of mission and ministry in the United States, 1924-2024. There is a Mass planned at St. Bernard Church on Sunday, May 5th, at 10:30am.

The sisters were present at the official opening of St. Francis of Assisi Convent on August 15, 1944. We treasure the years we spent involved in Visitation of the Sick and as Eucharistic Ministers, engaged in Religious Education and as teachers in the school sharing with you the gifts and grace of God.

You may remember some of us assigned to St. Francis of Assisi Parish: Sister Ann Rodgers, Sister Linda Lang, Sister Agnellus (Clare McGinnis), Sister Immaculata (Margaret Mary Hanley), Sister Maura (Anne Harrington), Sister Kevin, Mother Albeus...and many more.



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THE CHAPLET OF THE DIVINE MERCY

(For private recitation on ordinary rosary beads)

Our Father ... , Hail Mary ... , The Apostles' Creed.
Then, on the **OUR FATHER BEADS** you will say the following words:
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. November 17, 1979

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