

SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

Jesus, I Trust in You

**THE SIMPLE
ABC MESSAGE...**

- A**sk for His Mercy
- B**e Merciful
- C**ompletely Trust in Jesus



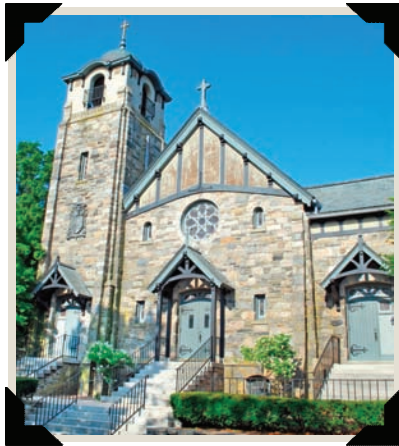
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SAINT FRANCIS CHURCH
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday ----- 7:00 am
Saturday----- 4:30 pm
Sunday----- 9:00 am and 11:00 am

SAINT ROMUALD CHAPEL
Saturday----- 5:30 pm*
Sunday----- 8:00 am* and 10:00 am
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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.

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER/DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

St. Francis Mass Intentions



Saturday, April 6

4:30pm †Branden J. DeLuca

Requested by Family

Sunday, April 7 (Divine Mercy Sunday)

9:00am †Edith Boisclair

Requested by Family

11:00am †Dorothy Cloos

Requested by Mark & Laurie Friel

Monday, April 8

7:00am †Sandra Gaffney

Requested by Family

Tuesday, April 9

7:00am †Robert Cavallaro

Requested by Jean

Thursday, April 11

7:00am †Deceased Members of the Behie & O'Rourke Families

Friday, April 12

7:00am †Kerri Bessette

Requested by Mom, Dad & Scott

Saturday, April 13

4:30pm †Palma Larney

Requested by her Husband

Sunday, April 14

9:00am †Ann Cottle

Requested by Family

11:00am †Al Marchand

(Birthday Remembrance)

Requested by Gerri & Al Marsocci

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Sunday, April 7 (Divine Mercy Sunday)

10:00am †Martha & Blanche McElkenny

Requested by Family

3:00pm (Divine Mercy Mass)

†Bill Harding and Jim Abreu

Sunday, April 14

10:00am †Joan Flynn

Requested by Maggie Hayes-Cote

We are called to be merciful as God is merciful.

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Today we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. Jesus asked Saint Faustina to institute this feast during one of his appearances to her in 1931. On this day, we are encouraged to trust in God's merciful love for us and draw near to him, and also to perform spiritual and corporal works of mercy out of love for God, who redeemed us by his suffering and death.

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus shows the disciples his hands and his side. His glorified body still bears the marks of his passion, signs of what he suffered for our sake. It is out of his side that the blood and water flowed when Jesus was pierced with a spear, while he was on the cross. In the Divine Mercy image, we see the rays of red and white pouring from Jesus' heart, representing that blood and water, and symbolizing the graces available to us in the sacraments. We are encouraged to approach him in the sacraments of reconciliation and Eucharist to receive his healing and nourishment.

When Jesus gave the Divine Mercy image to Saint Faustina, he instructed her to include the words, "Jesus, I trust in you." As Jesus told Thomas in today's Gospel, *Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.* To be in right relationship with others, we must first be in right relationship with God. As we hear in our second reading, this means loving God and following his commandments. When we go astray, or miss the mark, we can trust that God will forgive us, no matter how great our sins may be.

In today's Gospel, Jesus breathes on the Apostles and says, *Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.* It is through this gift of the Holy Spirit, passed on through apostolic succession and priestly ordination, that we can be assured of the gift of God's forgiveness today. Each time we turn back to God, we will find that he is already there, waiting for us with open arms.

When we receive God's mercy, it frees us to see more clearly who we are and how we are to act. Today's feast invites us to perform acts of mercy out of love for God. We are invited to share the truth with others, because we know that Jesus desires to show mercy for their souls, as he has for ours. As children of God, what we are given is meant to be shared. We are called to be forgiving because we have been forgiven, to be merciful as God is merciful.

Parish Giving

The collections for March 31 (Easter Sunday) were not available due to early transmittal of this bulletin. That information will appear in next week's bulletin.

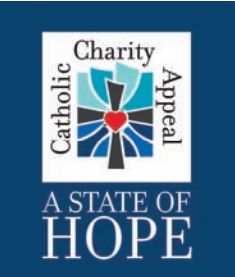
There is no second collection this week. There is no second collection next week. **Thank you for your continued generosity.**

APRIL 7, 2024



SANCTUARY LAMP

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



For all who depend on our generosity through the Charity Appeal; those who need assistance and all those who work tirelessly in the 35+ ministries and agencies that serve them.

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 3/28/2024 we have raised \$86,384.00. Our goal is \$104,595.00. Thank you!



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER TRAINING: MANDATED BY THE DIOCESE: SATURDAY, APRIL 20 AT 10:00AM AT THE CHURCH

All Extraordinary Ministers are requested to attend a training session that is mandated by the Diocese on April 20 at 10am in the Church. This session is to include ALL Extraordinary Ministers that serve at the Church (both weekends and daily Mass), Chapel, those that bring Communion to the hospital and to the homebound. Please mark your calendars so that you will be available to attend this important training on April 20 at 10am. Email Jacki at [saintfrancis00@aol.com](mailto:saintfrancis00@aol.com) ONLY IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO ATTEND.



SPRING FOOD DRIVE: APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup>

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.



FAITH FORMATION (401) 792-8684

Sunday, April 7, 2024 9:55-10:50am Grades 1-6 FGC

Pray: Dear God, You desired to give yourself to us and took up your dwelling in the consecrated Host, entirely and forever, until the end of time. And you did this, not only to give us a memorial of your death which is our salvation, but you did it also, to remain with us entirely and forever. Thank you. Amen. Saint Angela of Foligno



St. Francis of Assisi's Annual Easter Egg Hunt was held on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. The children collected over 600 eggs! They were able to participate in 3 raffles and a take a guess at how many jelly beans were in the water bottle! The Easter Story was read after all of the festivities. Thank you to all for your donation of candy and plastic eggs and to our youth who helped with the hunt!!

Confirmation Service: Give a Guy a Coat Drive-this year marked the fourth coat drive sponsored by the Hand brothers and each year the number of coats donated increased. 33 coats. 56 coats. 120 coats and this year 134! Ryan Hand kept the tradition going for his Confirmation service project. Many people are being kept warm this winter through your efforts! "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me". Matthew 25:40

The Faith Formation Office will be closed next week during school vacation, April 14<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>.

## This Week

### Monday, April 8

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

### Wednesday, April 10

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

### Thursday, April 11

6:00 Bible Study (HBH)  
6:30pm Alpha (FGC)

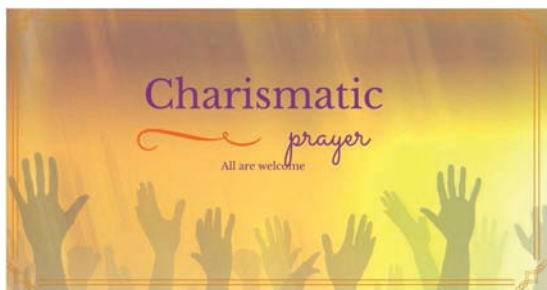
*The parish office is open 9am to 4pm Monday through Thursday and 9am to 12:30 on Friday.*



### MEMORIAL CANDLES

There are several Memorial Candles still available for May through July.

If you would like to secure a memorial candle for a deceased loved one or for an entire family just call the office. The offering is \$45.00. They will all be lit at the same time every three months. A memorial name tag for the deceased loved one(s) will be placed right in front of a white candle.



### CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING: April 13, 9:00-11:30am

#### Praise & Worship Morning

St. Francis of Assisi Charismatic Prayer Group invites you to join us for a morning of Praise and Worship

Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>: 9 am to 11:30 am

Any inquiries, contact Deacon Dowd at 783-4411 or [deacon@stfranciswakefield.com](mailto:deacon@stfranciswakefield.com)

## SAVE THE DATE

**April 13-21**  
**April 27:**

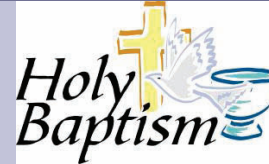
Spring Food Drive  
Kick Off Gala for Kitchen Renovation (5:30-7:30pm)

**Month of May:**  
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May Money Madness  
Rosary at the Chapel (each week night during the month of May at 6:30pm)

**June 14:**

Paint Night (6:30-9:00pm)



**Congratulations** to the proud parents and godparents of Thomas John McGill, Christopher Michael McGill & Cara Evelyn McGill who were baptized on March 17 by Deacon John Dowd. *Your parish family rejoices with you!*

### 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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## 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  
November 17, 1979 Bishop of Springfield, Mass.

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