

# First Eucharist

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE. WHOEVER COMES TO ME WILL NEVER GO HUNGRY, AND WHOEVER BELIEVES IN ME WILL NEVER BE THIRSTY.

—JOHN 6:35

*First Holy Communion  
was celebrated  
May 5, 2024*

*We welcomed the following children  
to the table of the Lord.*

*Madeleine Daly  
Emma Ibsen  
Madelyn Lafontaine  
Nolen Robenhymmer  
Kathleen Signati  
Pierce Wray*

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# THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## St. Francis Mass Intentions

### 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*

### Monday, May 6

7:00am †Peter Wilkins  
*Requested by Family*

### Tuesday, May 7

7:00am †James & Margaret Flynn  
*Requested by Kathleen & Jeff*



### Thursday, May, 9 Ascension of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)

7:00am †Maria Macedonio  
*Requested by Family*

6:30pm †Deceased Members of the  
Perpetual Mass Association

### Friday, May 10

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

### Saturday, May 11

4:30pm †Sister Marie Rudegear  
*Requested by Family*

### Sunday, May 12

9:00am †Anthony Hoa Tran  
*Requested by Family*  
11:00am †Joyce Shiels  
*Requested by Family*

## St. Romuald Mass Intentions

### Sunday, May 5

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

### Sunday, May 12

10:00am †Roger Fenaughty  
(Anniversary Remembrance)  
*Requested by Family*

*We are called to friendship with God, living in his example of love.*

Each of today's readings puts God's love at the center of its message. Perhaps we can envision our own experiences of God's love in our lives. Each one of us has our own particular encounters where we have felt love from God, including through the love of others. It might be the love we have felt from a parent who carefully passed down the faith to us. It might be the love we have felt from a dear friend who understands us so well. It might be the love we have felt when we take a moment to feel gratitude for the blessings in our lives.

Our Gospel passage from John shines a light on how divine love shows itself to us. Jesus tells his disciples: *As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love.* Jesus here is asking his disciples to begin with their experience of his love. They witnessed Jesus' love when they saw him bring healing to those suffering from incurable illnesses. They witnessed Jesus' love when he spoke words of hope to those who were on the margins. They witnessed Jesus' love when he picked them as his followers and empowered them to share his message with others. Now, Jesus is asking them to take the love they have witnessed and practice it in their lives with those around them.

Furthermore, Jesus is not just giving *them* an example to follow with his instructions. It is how he reveals himself to *us*. If we want to grow in understanding of God, then we must begin with love. God invites us into friendship with him; we follow his call when we share his love with others.

The Easter season is 50 days for a reason. Lent was 40 days of preparing our hearts for Jesus' death and resurrection. The message of Easter is an ongoing revelation. We have these days in the liturgical calendar to grow in our understanding of what it means that Christ has risen from the dead. It shapes our whole being and is at the center of our discipleship.

The Easter season is not over; let us continue to open ourselves up to experiences of God's love. Remain in it. Share it with others. As we continue our journey together, partaking of this holy sacrifice, let us pray for the grace to strengthen our friendship with God. May it increase our understanding of him as we are sent into the world.

## Parish Giving

Weekly Support	April 28
Budget envelopes used (103)	\$4,003.00
Loose Donations	\$1,297.00
Online Giving (# of donors-77)	\$2,713.00
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$8,013.00</b>
Second Collection (Ongoing Maintenance)	
Budget envelopes used (81)	\$1,240.00
Loose Donations	\$ 488.00
Online Giving (# of donors-14)	\$ 300.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,028.00</b>

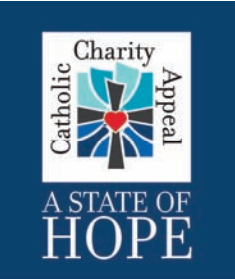
This week's second collection is the Monthly Collection. Next week's second collection is for the St. Vincent DePaul Society. **Thank you for your continued generosity.**

MAY 5, 2024



**SANCTUARY LAMP**

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Selma & Antoinette Gallo.



*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](http://Dioceseofprovidence.org/CCA)

**4/25/2024 we have raised \$101,329.00. 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!

**FOOD DONATIONS FOR THE JONNYCAKE CENTER: JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER**

Please remember we are always in need of nonperishable food items (no glass or outdated items). Your donations may be placed in the baskets located at St. Francis or St. Romuald. These items will be donated to the Jonnycake Food Pantry in Peace Dale. Thank you for your generosity.



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

May 5, 2024

11:00 Mass

First Holy Communion and May Crowning

**We pray: Dear Jesus, fill Madeline Daly, Emma Ibsen, Madelyn Lafontaine, Nolen Robenhymer, Kathleen Signati and Pierce Wray with a deep love for you in the Eucharist. Amen.**

**Save the Dates for VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**



**When: June 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>**

**Time: 9:00-12:00**

**Cost: \$50.00**

**Who: Children completing Grades K-4**

**Where: right here at St Francis Church!! Registrations are at the doors to the church.**

**Faith Formation classes have ended for the year.**



**Catechists!!**

We thank the Lord for the gifts each of you has shared with us in our parish's catechetical program this year. Our children, their families, and our entire faith community appreciate all that you have done to bring our children and teens, to a deeper understanding of the Church's teachings and the Lord's blessings. May God bless you and may you have a good spring and summer! We hope to see you in the fall!!

## This Week

### Monday, May 6

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

### TUESDAY, May 7

7:00pm SVD Meeting (HBH)

### Wednesday, May 8

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

### Thursday, May 9

6:30pm NO ALPHA

*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](mailto:esweeney1@cox.net) to order a meal or volunteer to deliver.

### ADORATION ADORERS



Jesus asked His Apostles to spend some time with Him as He prayed before His death. Today, He is also asking us to pray before Him in the Blessed Sacrament. Here at St. Francis you can do just that! Each Monday morning from 7:30 until 11:00 our Lord is exposed in the Monstrance. This gives parishioners and others in the community the opportunity to come visit Jesus on a more personal level, for quiet prayer and reflection. Father concludes Adoration with Benediction. This is a wonderful way to bring spiritual growth to oneself and the Parish as a whole.

If you can come for an hour or even a half-hour, we would love to have you!! If you have any questions or would like to be an Adorer of the Blessed Sacrament, please feel free to email the parish office at: [saintfrancis00@aol.com](mailto:saintfrancis00@aol.com).

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)



*Intention for this Thursday,  
at 6:30pm at the Church is for  
The Deceased Members of the  
Perpetual Mass Association*

*John & Marie Champion*

*Yvonne Fanning*

*Paul F. & Susan Greene*

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*Edna Otto*

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*Laura Webb*



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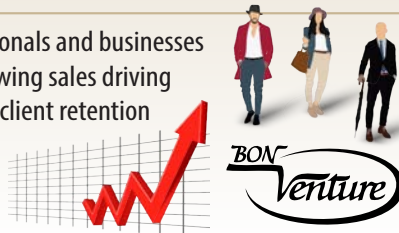
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## THE CHAPLET OF THE DIVINE MERCY

(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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