

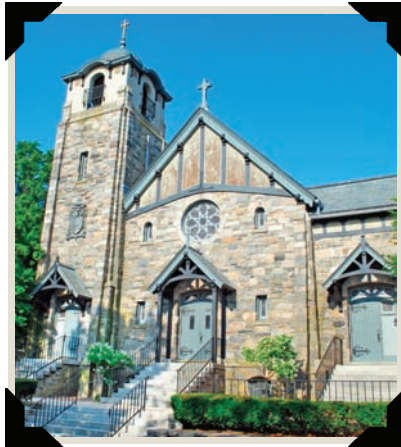
THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST



I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE
 YOU WHO COME TO ME SHALL NOT HUNGER
 YOU WHO BELIEVE IN ME SHALL NOT THIRST.
 JOHN 6

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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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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
 Saturday at 3:30 - 4:00 pm in Saint Francis Church or by appointment.

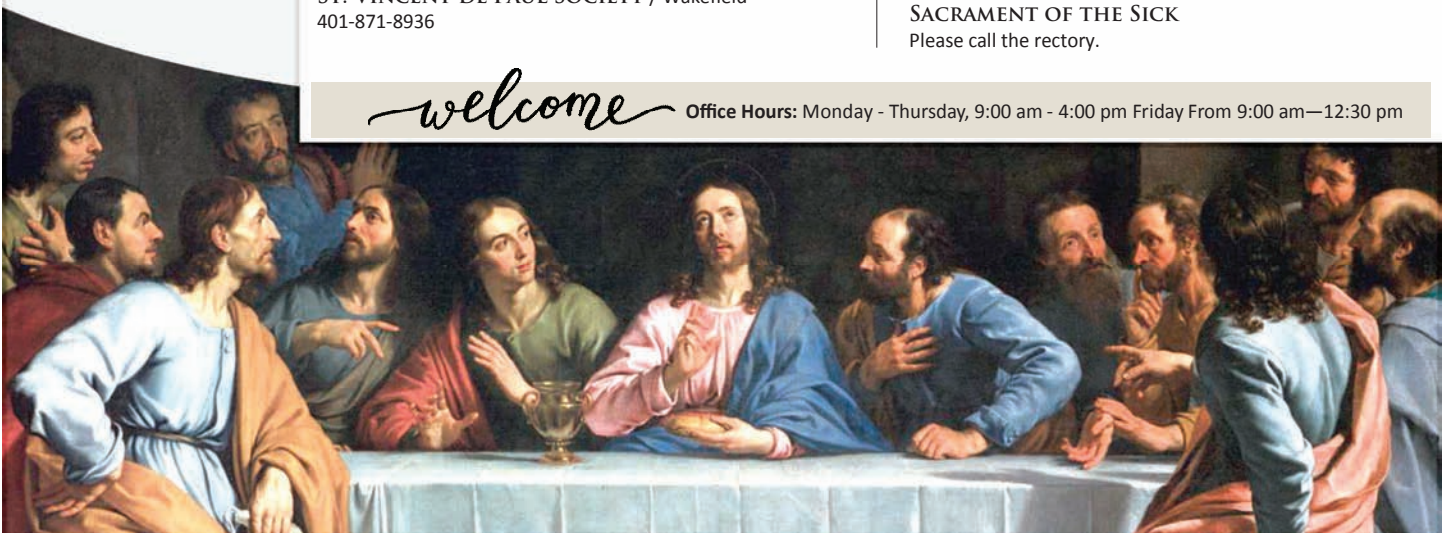
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
 Third Sunday of each month.

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.



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



THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

St. Francis Mass Intentions



The Most Holy
Body & Blood
Of Christ

Saturday, June 1

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

Sunday, June 2

9:00am †Rosemary Walsh
Requested by Jeff & Kathleen
11:00am Jen, Bruce & Shepard
(Special Intention)

Monday, June 3

7:00am †Msgr. Cornelius J. Holland
(5th Pastor)
68th Anniversary Remembrance

Tuesday, June 4

7:00am Special Intention
Requested by Kathleen Carney

Thursday, June 6

7:00am †Wendy Northrop
Requested by Patty Grimes

Friday, June 7

7:00am Special Intention
Requested by Amanda Bremner

Saturday, June 8

4:30pm †Deceased Members of the
Robinson & Feeny Families
Requested by Family

Sunday, June 9

9:00am †Ernest & Doris Nolan
Requested by Family
11:00am †Patrick Mongillo
Requested by Family

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 1

5:30pm †Kathleen Dwyer
(Birthday Remembrance)
Requested by Family

Sunday, June 2

8:00am †Dean Jackson
Requested by Marciniak Family
10:00am †Martha & Blanche McElkenny
Requested by Family

Saturday, June 8

5:30pm †Michaela Keough
Requested by Jack & Barbara

Sunday, June 9

8:00am †Christopher Tucci
Requested by Maggie Hayes-Cote
10:00am †Barbara McCauley
Requested by the SVD Conference

Jesus has won our salvation through his sacrifice.

Today's Gospel recounts the Last Supper with Jesus and his disciples. Although we are familiar with this story, there is one detail we can focus in on today. As Jesus is at table with his disciples, he takes the cup and describes it as *my blood of the covenant*. Covenant is a unique term in our religious language, and one we do not usually encounter in our daily lives. It signifies a holy agreement between us and God. It also shines a light on who we are as God's people.

Moses was the leader of the people of the (first) covenant. Bound to God in love and worship, they were his chosen ones; he was their God. Today we heard proclaimed that Moses was following the word of the Lord. To seal his commitment to the covenant, he sacrifices young bulls and uses their blood. This was a serious action that showed unwavering commitment. We know how momentous Moses and this moment was in salvation history.

And yet Jesus goes far beyond this sacrifice. At the Last Supper, he takes the bread and the cup, blesses them, and gives them to his disciples. He proclaims that this is the new covenant. As was proclaimed in our second reading: *For this reason he is mediator of a new covenant: since a death has taken place for deliverance from transgressions under the first covenant, those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance*. This is the new holy agreement between us and God. This is what defines us as God's people. This is what we remember and give thanks for with every celebration of the Mass.

As we celebrate the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, let us reflect on how it defines who we are. It is not just about the sacrifice of Mass we take part in on Sundays, but rather it imbues our whole being. We are a Eucharistic people. We give thanks for the abundant blessings God has given to us, especially the salvation won by his Son. We remember his sacrifice and use it to guide us in how we live in the world. How we see ourselves and how we treat others is rooted in our belief that God loves us so much that he sacrificed his only Son. His Son willingly took part in the sacrifice so that we can be part of his eternal kingdom.

In a few moments, we will once again gather around the table, hearing the words Jesus first spoke at the Last Supper. Let us pray for the grace to grow in understanding of the Eucharist and ourselves. We are a people to whom God gave his only Son to save. We are a people called to be a blessing for all. Every time we celebrate the Eucharist, we remember and give thanks for the new covenant Jesus established with us.

Parish Giving

Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (125)	-	\$3,772.50
Loose Donations	-	\$1,738.00
Online Giving (# of donors-79)	-	\$3,085.00
Total Budget	-	\$8,595.50

May 26

Second Collection (Ongoing Maintenance)

Budget envelopes used (95)	-	\$1,231.50
Loose Donations	-	\$ 661.00
Online Giving (# of donors-15)	-	\$ 305.00
Total	-	\$2,197.50

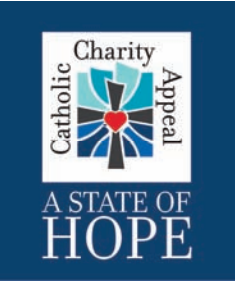
This week's second collection is the Monthly Collection. Next week's second collection is for Catholic Communications.
Thank you for your continued generosity.

JUNE 2, 2024



SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Rosemary Walsh.



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

5/23/24 we have raised \$109,682.00. Our goal is \$104,595.00. Thank you! WE WENT OVER OUR GOAL!!

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.



FOOD DONATIONS FOR THE JONNYCAKE CENTER

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.

Suggested food items: Low sodium canned soups, low sugar whole grain cereal, crackers & granola bars. Whole grain pasta, brown rice, quinoa, gluten free crackers, pasta & snacks. Pasta sauce, olive oil or vegetable oil and canned fruit in 100% juice. These items will be donated to the Jonnycake Food Pantry in Peace Dale. Thank you for your generosity.



MEMORIAL CANDLES

There are three Memorial Candles available for August through October. There are also several available for November through January.

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.



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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!!

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VBS Volunteers: Calling adults and youth in grade 5 and up....We have all the materials for a fun-faith-filled week of VBS—the only thing missing is YOU!

Contact Barbette at 792-8684 or cullen_stfrancis@verizon.net

This Week

Monday, June 3

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

Wednesday, June 5

10:15am **No Women's Prayer Group today**
6:00pm Prayer Meeting (HBH)

Thursday, June 6

5:30pm Bible Study (FGC)
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.

SVDP Summer Meeting Schedule

SVDP Conference meetings in June, July, & August will change to once a month, held in member's homes. Anyone interested in attending a meeting this summer please contact Eve Sweeney, 401-588-4192 or esweeney1@cox.net. Visitors are welcome!



BIBLE STUDY: SUMMER SESSION BEGINS

St. Francis of Assisi Bible Study, summer session will begin on June 6th. They will meet on Thursday evenings from 5:30pm to 6:30pm in Fr. Greenan Center. They will be studying the book of Romans in The New Testament. All are welcome to come and learn more about God's word! If you have any questions please contact Harry Smith at 401-651-1571.

SAVE THE DATE

June 14:

July 4 & 5:

August 25:

September 28/29:

October 12/13:

October 19/20:

October 26:

November 2:

November 2:

November 23:

November 29:

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

Office closed

Parish Breakfast in Matunuck
8:30-11:30am)

Baby Bottle Boomerang Begins

Bethlehem Olive Wood Sale

Rose Sale for Mother of Life
Center

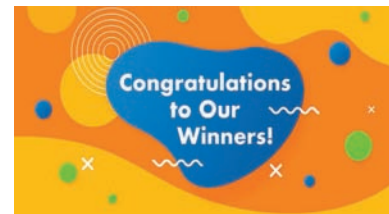
Coat Drive

All Souls Mass for the departed
(10am)

SOC Food Drive Begins

Bazaar (9am-2pm)

Giving Trees to be placed in
Church and Chapel



May Money Madness Winners!!

May 22	James Jamorsko	\$50
May 23	Barbara Anderson	\$50
May 24	Father Ranallo	\$50
May 25	Linda Thompson	\$50
May 26	Jane Estes	\$100
May 27	Maggie Hayes-Cote	\$50



ST. FRANCIS MEMORIAL BRICKS

Our loved ones, both past and present have such an impact on us and form who we are. Here is a way to timelessly honor them and at the same time help with the kitchen renovations.

Why not consider purchasing a memorial brick that will be placed around the vicinity of Father Greenan Center! The cost of each brick purchased is \$100. You will find forms at the entrances of the Church and Chapel or the form can be downloaded from our website.



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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. November 17, 1979

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