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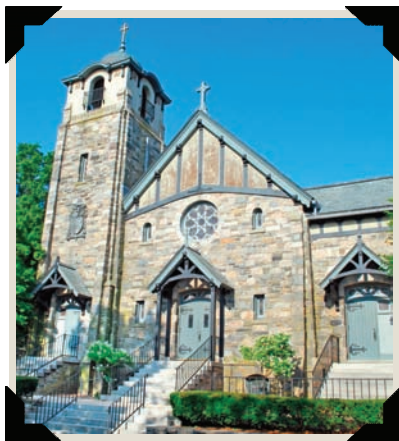
Mother's Day 

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Love is patient
and kind; love
does not envy
or boast; it is not
arrogant or rude.
It does not insist
on its own way;
it is not irritable
or resentful; it
does not rejoice
at wrongdoing,
but rejoices with
the truth. Love
bears all things,
believes all things,
hopes all things,
endures all things.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7



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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.

welcome

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

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

St. Francis Mass Intentions



Saturday, May 11

4:30pm †Sister Marie Rudegeair
Requested by Family

Sunday, May 12

9:00am †Anthony Hoa Tran
Requested by Family

11:00am †Joyce Shiels
Requested by Family

Monday, May 13

7:00am †Sandra Gaffney
Requested by Family

Tuesday, May 14

7:00am †Shirley McCulley
Requested by Joyce

Thursday, May 16

7:00am †Peter Wilkens
Requested by Family

Friday, May 17

7:00am For the Ladies of the Friday
Morning Coffee Group
Requested by Ann Marie Doyle

Saturday, May 18

4:30pm †Marsha Ducharme
Requested by Kelli

Sunday, May 19

9:00am †Thomas Pullano
(Birthday Remembrance)
Requested by Family

11:00am †Jose Fernandez
Requested by Family

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Sunday, May 12

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

Sunday, May 19

10:00am †Mavis A. Perkins
Requested by Maggie Hayes-Cote

By his example, Jesus teaches us about prayer.

Prayer is a powerful force. We know that it changes hearts, it sustains in times of difficulty, and as intercession, it binds us to one another in the communion of discipleship. Today's Gospel account begins by saying that Jesus lifted his eyes to heaven. This description reflects the important insight that prayer is rooted in our relationship with God the Father, who abides in and reigns in heaven.

Jesus' relationship with the Father flows from the reality that Jesus is the incarnate Word of God, the second person of the Trinity made flesh. For us, this relationship is established in baptism when the Holy Spirit washes away original sin and any sin, and comes to dwell in our hearts, incorporating us into the Body of Christ and making us sons and daughters of God. Now, with Christ, we, too, can raise our eyes to God the Father in heaven.

Unfortunately, unlike Jesus, we can grow distant from the Father through sin. This means that sin will negatively affect our prayer life. But thankfully the Lord, in his wisdom, knew this about us and gives us the means to address this challenge: the sacrament of reconciliation and the Eucharist. Both these sacraments heal the wounds of sin and strengthen God's grace in our hearts to resist temptation and remain in relationship with him. If we are struggling in our own prayer life, participating in these sacraments regularly will certainly help us.

As we turn our attention to Jesus' prayer, we notice two important points. First, it comes immediately prior to his passion, death, and resurrection. Second, he prays not for himself as he faces this trial, but for his disciples.

Jesus knew what he was about to face, and so he prayed. We, too, know when significant events in our life are coming. In our preparations for these moments, prayer ought to be at the center. The weight we carry – whether these moments are sad or joyful – are greatly lightened when we come to them rooted in our relationship with God and seeking to move through them in the context of obedience to God's will.

When faced with life-changing events, or even our everyday trials, it is easy to focus only on ourselves and what they mean for us. But, as John tells us in his letter today, a marker of our relationship with God is our love for one another. One expression of that love is to pray for our loved ones in difficult as well as joyous times.

As we seek to deepen our relationship with God and persevere in our life of prayer, let us ask the Lord to intercede for us as he did for his disciples, knowing he will give us the grace we need to do so.

Parish Giving

Weekly Support	May 5
Budget envelopes used (120)	\$3,978.50
Loose Donations	\$1,412.00
Online Giving (# of donors-93)	\$4,576.00
Total Budget	\$9,966.50
Second Collection (Monthly Collection)	
Budget envelopes used (94)	\$1,484.50
Loose Donations	\$ 423.00
Online Giving (# of donors-12)	\$ 349.00
Total	\$2,256.50

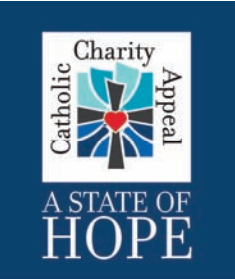
This week's second collection is for the St. Vincent DePaul Society. There is no second collection next week. **Thank you for your continued generosity.**

MAY 12, 2024



SANCTUARY LAMP

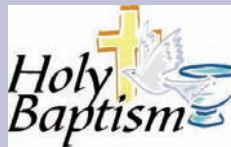
This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of the deceased parishioners of St. Francis & St. Romuald.



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

5/2/24 we have raised \$107,627.00. Our goal is \$104,595.00. Thank you! WE WENT OVER OUR GOAL!!



Congratulations to the proud parents and god-parent of Casey & Wesley Thompson who were baptized on April 28th by Deacon John Dowd.

Your parish family rejoices with you!

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.



Knights of Columbus Breakfast (Public is Invited)

The Knights of Columbus will hold a Breakfast at the Council Hall, 1265 Tower Hill Road, North Kingstown, on Sunday, May 19th, from 7:30 to 10:30.

Scrambled eggs, French toast, home fries, bacon, baked beans, breakfast pastries, orange juice, coffee and tea will be served.

The cost is \$10.00, children 6 and under are free.



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

First Holy Communion was celebrated last Sunday, May 5th.

I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever. John 6:51

A heartfelt thank you to the many hands who helped to make our First Communion Day so beautiful for our First Communicants and their families.

The altar was adorned with beautiful flowers and a special First Communion display. Helen Bouchard Hall was decorated for the special occasion. Our Hospitality Committee graciously hosted and provided the food for our lovely reception. Thank you!



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!!

Registrations are at the doors to the church.



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!**

If you are interested in helping with **VBS** the week of **June 24th-June 28th** we'd love to hear from you! Contact Barbette at 792-8684 or

Cullen_stfrancis@verizon.net

This Week

Monday, May 13

7:30-11:00am Adoration (Church)

6:30pm Men of St. Joseph (JFGC)

Wednesday, May 15

10:15am Women's Prayer Group (FGC)

6:00pm Prayer Meeting (HBH)

Thursday, May 16

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.



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.

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)



May Money Madness Winners!!

May 1	Joyce Godfrin	\$50
May 2	Mary Ellen Walsh	\$50
May 3	Pat Sullivan	\$50
May 4	Mary Ellen Walsh	\$50
May 5	Patty Grimes	\$100
May 6	Michael James	\$50
May 7	Vicky Apicerno	\$50



A Grand Gala certainly occurred at a Father Greenan Hall on April 27th to begin the Kickoff of our Kitchen Renovation Project!

There are so many people to thank for this endeavor: the members of the Event Committee who were the core, all those who donated gifts, services and financially, Mark Castro and the Narrow River Band who brought life and music to the evening, Jacki and Bobby who assisted all along the planning way, and finally to all who joined in the evening by lending your support to this project. With all your participation—it was a huge social and financial success!



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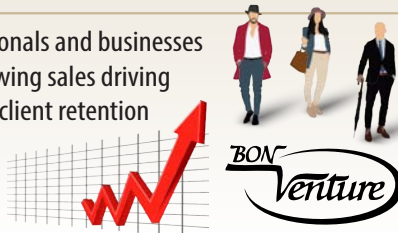
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THE CHAPLET OF THE DIVINE MERCY

(For private recitation on ordinary rosary beads)

Our Father ... , Hail Mary ... , The Apostles' Creed.

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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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November 17, 1979 Bishop of Springfield, Mass.



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