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Jacki Hunt ———— Parish Secretary

Barbette L. Cullen ———— Director of Religious Education
Mary Clarke ———— Parish Bookkeeper
Robert J. Moniz ———— Cemetery Manager
Robert J. Kelly ———— Parish Sexton

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 / Winter Schedule
Sunday ———— 10:00 am

Sacraments

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
First Sunday of each month.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY
Please call the rectory at least one year in advance to speak with Father Bodah. Due to the reduction in priests we can no longer accommodate Sunday weddings.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK
Please call the rectory.

Catholic Social Services of RI/Washington County & St. Gabriel’s Call
Washington County Office / Contact: ———— Melanie Monteiro
——— 401-783-3149
Tuesday and Thursday ———— 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY / Wakefield
401-871-8936

When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.

Matthew 2:10
**The Epiphany of the Lord**

**St. Francis Mass Intentions**

- **Saturday, January 2**
  4:30pm Mass for the People

- **Sunday, January 3**
  9:00am † Mr. & Mrs. Thu Chi Tran & John Ha
  Requested by Family
  11:00am †Theresa & Bob Boss
  Requested by Ed & Diane Rudegeair

- **Monday, January 4**
  7:00am †Claire Ciliano
  Requested by John O’Hale

- **Tuesday, January 5**
  7:00am †Mary & Sam Johnson
  Requested by Family

- **Thursday, January 7**
  7:00am Mass for the People

- **Friday, January 8**
  7:00am †Herman Card
  (4th Anniversary Remembrance)
  Requested by Viola

- **Saturday, January 9**
  4:30pm †Edward F. Sweet
  Requested by Family

- **Sunday, January 10**
  9:00am † Mr. & Mrs. Gerard McDavitt, Sr.
  Requested by May Tran
  11:00am †Kerri Bessette
  Requested by Mom, Dad & Scott

**St. Romuald Mass Intentions**

- **Sunday, January 3**
  10:00am †Elizabeth DeLucia
  Requested by Jane Estes & Family

- **Sunday, January 10**
  10:00am †Sister Rita Kiernan
  Requested by Gail Dandurand

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**Sanctuary Lamp**

This week’s sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Alice Marcoux.

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**The Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe** will be visiting various parishes throughout the Diocese of Providence from Thursday, January 7 through Saturday, January 30, 2021.

The schedule will be available beginning January 4th by contacting 401-278-2518 or LCooley@dioceseofprovidence.org, and by visiting the diocesan website at [www.dioceseofprovidence.org](http://www.dioceseofprovidence.org).

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**Parish Giving**

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**Second Collection (Ongoing Maintenance)**

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This week’s second collection is the monthly collection. The second collection next week is for ongoing maintenance.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.
From the Pastor,

I’m writing this on Monday, December 28, 2020 and I’m rather glad to see the end of 2020 approaching. Like everyone else, I’m looking forward to the Year of Our Lord 2021. It’s been a rollercoaster of a year and an unprecedented interruption in much of what we thought of as “business as usual.” Still, it’s been a reminder of how unpredictable life can be and of what “trust in the Lord” can mean from day to day. Let’s hope that the widespread use of the vaccines can halt the spread of the virus and protect people from the worst of the outcomes of infection. Let’s also hope and pray that by the coming summer we’ll be able to remove the tape from the pews and throw open the doors to all and sundry.

In the near future I’ll say more about the livestreaming system and thank those who contributed to that effort. Right now, because of problems with the sound in the new equipment, we’ll continue streaming Mass through Ryan Bernard’s computer. I have been told that those who designed and installed the new system are hoping to get the kinks out of the new system by next weekend. We shall see.

A very happy and healthy new year, everyone!

Fr. Bodah

May the faith of God be with you this year.
May the peace of God surround you,
and may you be blessed each day!

Happy New Year
Monday, January 4
7:30-11:00am Adoration (Church)

Wednesday, January 6
7:00pm Men of St. Joseph

Thursday, January 7
9:00-10:30am Staff Meeting (Office closed during this time)

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

Did you know that our parish offers Online Giving, a web-based electronic contribution application. We are providing this service so that you have the option to manage your contributions online or with your offering envelopes. This service is safe and secure. And it is convenient for you and for our parish staff. Sign up for Online Giving by visiting our parish website at www.stfranciswakefield.com and selecting the Online Giving link.

Just a reminder that there are inspirational Catholic media CDs available at the side entrance (parking lot side) in the main church and at the chapel. Please be sure to take a moment to look them over.

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!

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.

Annual Baby Shower
Our Social Outreach Committee is sponsoring their annual baby shower during the month of January to benefit St. Gabriel’s Call—an outreach of the Office of Life and Family Ministry that provides needed resources for women in need.

Following are items that are needed: Diapers (Sizes for new born, 1, 4, 5 & 6), wipes, new born clothing, clothing 6-9 months & up; bibs, pacifiers, blankets & crib sheets, baby tubs, bottles & sippy cups.

Donations can be placed by the statue of St. Francis in the back of the church and there will be receptacles at the chapel. Thank you in advance for your generosity.
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