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MATUNUCK

Father Henry J. Bodah -------------------------------------- Pastor
Father Nicholas P. Smith ----------------------- Pastor Emeritus
Rev. Deacon John Dowd---------------------- Deacon Assistant
Jacki Hunt ------------------------------------------ Parish Secretary

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

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES OF RI/WASHINGTON COUNTY & ST. GABRIEL’S CALL
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Parish Staff
Barbette L. Cullen———Director of Religious Education
Mary Clarke ————————— Parish Bookkeeper
Robert J. Moniz ————Cemetery Manager
Robert J. Kelly ———— Parish Sexton

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.

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

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**St. Francis Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, February 13**
4:30pm † Lenny A. Albanese  
*Requested by Family*

**Sunday, February 14**
9:00am † Mr. & Mrs. Thu Chi Tran & John Ha  
*Requested by Family*
11:00am † Bruce Tavares  
*Requested by Mark & Diane Castro*

**Monday, February 15**
7:00am † Brendan O’Dea  
*Requested by Bernadette Eden*

**Tuesday, February 16**
7:00am † Joe & Eldora Benoit  
*Requested by Mark & Laurie Friel*

**Wednesday, February 17: Ash Wednesday**
7:00am † Agnes (“Aggie”) Walsh  
*Rq. by St. Francis of Assisi Women’s Club*
12NN Liturgy of the Word w/ Distribution of Ashes
6:30pm † Richard Clarke  
*Requested by Family*

**Thursday, February 18**
7:00am † Joseph DeLuca  
*Requested by Family*

**Friday, February 19**
7:00am Mass for the People

**Saturday, February 20**
4:30pm † Tom Pullano  
*Requested by Family*

**Sunday, February 21**
9:00am † Ralph Banks, Jr.  
*Requested by Mark & Diane Castro*
11:00am † Hannah Cyr  
*Requested by Jen Bernard*

**St. Romuald Mass Intentions**

**Sunday, February 14**
10:00am † Jeannette DeLuca  
*Requested by Family*

**Sunday, February 21**
10:00am † John Estes  
*(5th Anniversary Remembrance)*  
*Requested by Wife & Family*

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**Sanctuary Lamp**

This week’s sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Jeannette DeLuca.

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**Days of Fasting and Abstinence**

Church discipline requires that Ash Wednesday and Good Friday be observed as days of fasting. Those between the ages of 18 and 59 should take only one full meal on those days, without taking solid food between meals. Abstinence from meat is also required on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent. Those with serious health conditions are excused from these requirements.

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**Weekly Support**

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**Second Collection (St. Vincent de Paul)**

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There is no second collection this week. Next week’s second collection is for Ongoing Maintenance.

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

Just a reminder about Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent: Ash Wednesday Masses are in the church at 7 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Ashes will also be distributed at a service in the church by Deacon Dowd at 12 noon. At all services, Ashes will be sprinkled on the head only and not applied to the forehead. Masks must be worn and social distancing be observed. As has been the custom during the pandemic, the doors of the church will be closed when services begin. There is of course no obligation to receive ashes and if you don’t get them this year, what harm? Please God, we’ll have them again next year and all these precautions will no longer be necessary.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast for those below the age of 60; only one full meal may be taken. Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat for everyone.

Remember that confessions are heard in the Reconciliation Room behind the pulpit of the church every Saturday from 3:30 to 4 p.m. Fr. John Unsworth, the pastor emeritus of St. Bernard’s in Wickford, will preach this year’s Lenten mission and will be available for confessions from 6-6:45 p.m. before the 7 p.m. Mass on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of the mission, March 8, 9, and 10.

Stations of the Cross will be held in the parish church every Friday from 7-7:30 and at St. Romuald’s on Wednesdays at 12:30.

The Saint Vincent de Paul boxes are on the walls of the church and the chapel for your monetary gifts to those in financial trouble and the Society is always looking for volunteers to help with their Friday evening dinners at the Peace Dale Congregational church hall and to deliver these meals to shut-ins. The can be reached at 401-871-8936.

Let’s pray for a profitable Lent and a joyous Easter Season.

Fr. Bodah

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions are heard each Saturday afternoon at 3:30-4:00pm in St. Francis Church. All are welcome!

Sunday, February 14th
No classes this week-enjoy school vacation. The Religious Education Office will be closed Feb. 14th-20th

A Little Lent Trivia from TeachingCatholicKids.com
1. How many days are there in Lent?
2. What was the original meaning of the word “Lent”?
3. What is the first day of Lent called?
4. What do we call the day before Lent begins?
5. What color vestments does the priest wear during Lent?
6. What prayer of the Mass is omitted during Lent?
7. What word is never said or sung during Lent?
8. What do Catholics abstain from eating on Fridays during Lent?
9. On what days are Catholics required to fast during Lent?
10. What snack originated during Lent because it contains only flour, water and salt?

Answers, as well as, additional trivia questions may be found at: https://teachingcatholickids.com/how-much-do-you-know-about-lent/
Monday, February 15
NO ADORATION—HOLIDAY (Offices closed)
Wednesday, February 17
7:00pm Men of St. Joseph
Thursday, February 18
6:00pm Thursday Night Prayer Meeting
Friday, February 19
7:00pm Stations of the Cross (Church)

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

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!

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? Seniors? Mobility concerns? Homebound? Any one in our community of South Kingstown or Narragansett is welcome to order one. Call 401-588-4192

Stations of the Cross at St. Francis
On the six Fridays of Lent Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm:

Friday, February 19
Friday, February 26
Friday, March 5
Friday, March 12
Friday, March 19
Friday, March 26

Good Friday, April 2, Stations will be at 3:00pm.

All are welcome to join us!

Stations at St. Romuald Chapel
Join us for a unique experience when we present the Stations of the Cross as seen through the eyes of Mary every Wednesday beginning February 24 through March 31 at 12:30pm at Saint Romuald Chapel in Matunuck. All are welcome.
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