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WAKEFIELD

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

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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.

THE PARISH FAMILY OF

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Friday From 9:00 am—12:30 pm
Calling all Catholic Men! Pope Francis has declared this to be the year of St. Joseph. It is clear that all men need to imitate St. Joseph and to be the biological and spiritual fathers that God calls them to be, ready to hand on and defend the Catholic Faith.

The Diocese of Providence invites all priests, deacons, and other Catholic men to join us for this morning with apologist Trent Horn. We will begin the morning with Holy Mass celebrated by his Excellency, Bishop Robert C. Evans, followed by a talk and a Q & A session with Trent.

Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul, Providence, RI Free parking is available in the Cathedral lots.

9:00 AM Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop Evans
10:00 AM Trent Horn's talk "No More Mr. Nice Guy"
11:00 AM Q & A with Trent Horn
12:00 Noon Closing

For More Information contact the Diocese of Providence/Office of Faith Formation at 401-278-4646 or go to:

https://www.discovercatholicfaith.org/mens-conference

Weekly Support  
Budget envelopes used (97) -  
Loose Donations -  
Online Giving (# of donors–88) -  
Total Budget -  

Second Collection (Easter Collection for the Diocese)
Budget envelopes used (77) -  
Loose Donations -  
Total -  

Good Friday: $635.00

Catholic Charity Appeal Goal for 2021 is $104,595.00  
As of 4/5/2021 the pledged amount is $50,378.00; 185 Donors.  
(In-pew solicitation will take place weekends of 4-17/18 & 4-24/25)

There is no second collection this week. Next week’s second collection is the Monthly Collection.

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

Among the life-saving sources of income for our parish is the return we get from the diocesan Grateful for God’s Providence campaign. As you may remember, and thanks to your generosity, we went $200,000 over goal. We get 60% of that back and 40% of everything up to goal. God bless all of you who are able to keep up with your pledges and I would urge everyone to make sure that you are up to date with this commitment. Sooner or later, I shall be contacted by the people running the campaign to approach those who may have gotten behind in their payments—a task that I do not relish. So have pity on me and take preventive measures to forefend this.

I’d also like to repeat my thanks to all who helped to prepare for and execute the services of this year’s Holy Week. It was great to be able to have them publicly again after last year’s privation.

I’m looking forward at least to moving the tapes that block the pews to at least every other pew rather than every third. As soon as we get word that it is safe to do so, we’ll do it. In the meantime, we have been urged by the medical community not to relax the protocols for keeping people safe from the virus.

Finally, please join me in praying that whoever the new pastor is going to be, he will be able to stir up our parishioners to resume the practice of the Faith.

**Fr. Bodah**

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**Sunday, April 11**

This is our last class for the year:

- Grades 1,3,4,6 will meet virtually at 10:00am
- Materials needed: Gospel Weeklies for the second Sunday of Easter and WCBT handbook

**Grade 2** will meet in person at 10am in FGC

**Grade 5** will meet in person at 10am in FGC

**Pray:** Lord, help us to believe even when we do not see or understand. Amen.

**Think:** When have you doubted like Thomas and how did you overcome those doubts?

**Act:** With your family, make a family tree. Discuss relatives you know only through family stories. Compare that experience to knowing Christ through the stories you hear at Church.

**Reflect:** How will you continue to keep your Lenten commitments in the Easter season and beyond?

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**Monday, April 12**

**First Reconciliation** for our First Eucharist students and their families at 6pm in the church.

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**First Communion**

**Sunday, May 2**

Jesus help me prepare my heart for you.

Please keep Rebecca Costanza, Harry Champion and Anthony Silvia in your prayers as they prepare to receive Jesus for the first time.
**This Week**

**Monday, April 12**
7:30-11:00am Adoration (Church)

**Tuesday, April 13**
5-6:00pm Opening the Word (FGC)

**Wednesday, April 14**
7:00pm Men of St. Joseph

**Thursday, April 15**
6:00pm Thursday Night Prayer Meeting
7:00pm RCIA (Rectory)

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

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**MAY MONEY MADNESS**

*Tickets For May Money Madness are being sold after masses this weekend and again on April 17/18 & April 24/25. They can also be purchased at the parish office, Monday through Thursday 9am to 4pm and Friday 9am-12:30pm. The last day to buy a ticket is April 30.*

Ticket prices are: $10 each, 6 for $50 or 12 for $100. A fun parish event with prizes awarded daily throughout the month of May.

**Drawing Prizes:**
- Monday thru Saturday—$50
- Sunday—$100
- May 31 drawing—$500

Fill out the form below and include payment. Return through the weekly offertory or mail to:
May $ Madness, St. Francis Church, 114 High St.,
Wakefield, RI 02879
Tickets will be forwarded to you.

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**ST. PATRICK’S DINNER FUNDRAISER**

The St. Patrick’s Dinner fundraiser to benefit the Peace Dale Dinner Table (PDDT) was held on March 13th and was a resounding success! Area businesses purchased sponsorships and 390 pick-up meals were ordered. This event raised close to $15,000, which will provide meals to our neighbors in need for many months. Two churches and denominations came together with a common goal: to offer compassion and comfort, and fight hunger. All aspects of this fundraiser were jointly planned and coordinated. We can accomplish more by working with other like-minded Christians. This ecumenical venture has been a most rewarding one as we were able to appreciate and respect our common convictions.

The PDDT is a joint venture of the Peace Dale Congregational Church and the St. Francis of Assisi Conference of SVDP. In twelve weeks, we have served almost 4,000 meals. Currently, over 50 St. Francis of Assisi parishioners volunteer to assist with the Friday meals by baking, cooking, serving, bagging, and delivering curb side or to residences. We welcome new volunteers: call or text 401-588-4192 or email esweeney1@cox.net.

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**MAY DEVOTIONS**

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!
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