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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 / Summer Schedule
Saturday 5:30 pm
Sunday 8:00 am and 10:00 am

Catholic Social Services of RI/Washington County & St. Gabriel’s Call
Washington County Office / Contact: Melanie Monteiro 401-783-3149
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Parish Staff

Father Henry J. Bodah —— Pastor
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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

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.
**St. Francis Mass Intentions**

Saturday, May 22
4:30pm † Thomas Pullano  
(Birthday Remembrance)  
*Requested by his Wife*

Sunday, May 23
9:00am † Mr. & Mrs. Thu Chi Tran & John Ha  
*Requested by Family*
11:00am † Marion Cheli  
(1st Anniversary Remembrance)  
*Requested by Family*

Monday, May 24
7:00am For the People

Tuesday, May 25
7:00am The Sweeney Family  
(Special Intention)

Thursday, May 27
7:00am † Claire Pennacchia  
*Requested by Rick & Liz Soltysiak*

Friday, May 28
7:00am † Theresa McGrath  
*Requested by Eve & Patrick Sweeney*

Saturday, May 29
4:30pm † Richard DeJoseph  
(Anniversary Remembrance)  
*Requested by his Wife*

Sunday, May 30
9:00am † Joao, Alberto & Aldora DeSousa  
*Requested by Family*
11:00am † Harry Krekorian  
(Anniversary Remembrance)  
*Requested by Family*

**St. Romuald Mass Intentions**

Sunday, May 23
10:00am † Dale Sullivan  
*Requested by Ralph & Maggie Riccio*

Saturday, May 29
5:30pm † Kathleen Dwyer  
(Birthday Remembrance)  
*Requested by Family*

Sunday, May 30
8:00am † Robert & Mary Cochrane  
*Requested by Al & Gerri Marsocci*
10:00am † John Quirk  
*Requested by Roger & Mary Grace Hood*

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**Sanctuary Lamp**
This week’s sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of James Smith.

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**And the Winners Are...**

**Congratulations to the following winners!**

**May Money Madness Winners:**
- May 8 Jose DaSilva $50
- May 9 Joyce Reusch $100
- May 10 Eve Sweeney $50
- May 11 Mr. & Mrs. Ed Puchalla $50
- May 12 Catherine Greene $50
- May 13 Carol Moore $50
- May 14 Roger & Mary Grace Hood $50

**Congratulations!**

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**Weekly Support**
- Budget envelopes used (107) -  $4,288.35
- Loose Donations - $351.00
- Online Giving (# of donors-78) - $2,814.00
- Total Budget - $7,423.35

**Ascension of the Lord:** $442.00

Catholic Charity Appeal Goal for 2021 is $104,595.00
As of 5/13/21 the pledged amount is $67,956.00  227 Donors.

This week’s second collection is for Ongoing Maintenance. There is no second collection next weekend.

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

Pope Francis has designated the Monday after Pentecost Sunday as the annual memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church. Here is a piece from a meditation on that mystery from our Holy Father:

*Mother of the Church*

In the heart of the Church, Mary shines forth. She is the supreme model for a youthful Church that seeks to follow Christ with enthusiasm and docility. While still very young, she accepted the message of the angel [and] with open heart and soul, she replied, *Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.* We are always struck by the strength of the young Mary’s *yes*, the strength in those words, *be it done*, that she spoke to the angel. This was no merely passive or resigned acceptance, or a faint *yes*, as if to say, “Well, let’s give it a try and see what happens.” Mary did not know the words, “Let’s see what happens.” Mary did not know the words, “Let’s see what happens.” She was determined; she knew what was at stake and she said “yes” without thinking twice. Hers was the *yes* of someone prepared to be committed, someone willing to take a risk, ready to stake everything she had, with no more security than the certainty of knowing that she was the bearer of a promise……

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*Recent letter from The Society for the Propagation of Faith*

Dear Father Bodah,

During the best of times, the poor are at a disadvantage with respect to access to what they need. At a time when even wealthy countries are struggling, may your gift help bridge the gap between those who have the means to give and those who need it. Catholic Relief Services helps those in need all over the world and are in partnership with many other organizations of good will.

I am extremely grateful to you and the members of St. Francis of Assisi Parish for your donation of $2,832.00.

I would be remiss if I did not remind you of the fact that the Rice Bowl collection sends 75% of all that is collected to the missions throughout the world, while 25% of the money collected remains here in our own Diocese. It supports local organizations that reach out to our own population that struggles daily to strive.

Sincerely yours, *Rev. Francesco Francese*, Director
Monday-Friday
6:30pm Rosary (St. Romuald)

Monday, May 24
7:30-11:00am Adoration (Church)
7:00pm Pastoral Council Meeting (HBH)

Wednesday, May 26
7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (FGC)

Thursday, May 27
6:00pm Thursday Night Prayer Meeting (HBH)

Monday, May 31
HOLIDAY—Office will be closed; No Adoration

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 esweeneyl@cox.net to order a meal or volunteer to deliver. Call 401-588-4192.

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.

Opening the Word Will Resume with Harry Smith Beginning Thursday, June 3 at 6:00pm

Every Thursday evening from 6-7pm in Fr. Greenan Center Harry Smith will offer Opening the Word with a study on the Gospel of St. John to help guide us in unfolding sacred scripture. Bibles and supplements will be provided. Feel free to join us! No registration is required. All are welcome!

Food Drive
Will run from May 15 through 23
Sponsored By:
Social Outreach Committee

The Social Outreach Committee is again sponsoring a spring food drive to benefit the Jonnycake Center’s Vacation Breakfast and Lunch Program. This program benefits client's children who participate in school nutrition assistance programs. The food drive will be running from May 15th thru May 23rd. Your generous donations will go toward helping these children enjoy healthy meals and snacks whenever they are not in school. Items needed are: cereal, pasta sauce, jelly (please no grape), healthy snacks and tuna fish. Please place donations in receptacles near the St. Francis statue in church and the entrance to St. Romuald. Don’t forget that the church is open every day so even if you are not attending Mass you may drop off donations at anytime. Thank you, as always, for your continued generosity.

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Spirit of God dwelling within us, alleluia.—Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11 (63B)
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