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Father Henry J. Bodah -------------------------------------- Pastor
Father Nicholas P. Smith ----------------------- Pastor Emeritus
Rev. Deacon John Dowd---------------------- Deacon Assistant
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 / Summer Schedule
Saturday ---------------------------------------------------------- 5:30 pm
Sunday ------------------------------------------ 8:00 am and 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.

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Friday From 9:00 am—12:30 pm
**St. Francis Mass Intentions**

Saturday, June 12  
4:30pm †William & Teresa Bodah  
*Requested by Family*

Sunday, June 13  
9:00am † Sandra Thomas  
*Requested by her Aunt*  
11:00am † Chuck & Jeannine Denecour  
*Requested by Jim & Susan Meehan*

Monday, June 14  
7:00am † Richard O’Brien  
*Requested by John & Patty Grimes*

Tuesday, June 15  
7:00am For the People

Thursday, June 17  
7:00am † Claire Pennacchia  
*Requested by Rick & Liz Soltysiak*

Friday, June 18  
7:00am † John P. Gabriele  
*Requested by Rick & Liz Soltysiak*

Saturday, June 19  
4:30pm † Bob Brown  
*Requested by his Wife*

Sunday, June 20  
9:00am † Mr. & Mrs. Thu Chi Tran & John Ha  
*Requested by Family*  
11:00am † Dominic Coppolino  
*Requested by the Pullano Family*

**St. Romuald Mass Intentions**

Saturday, June 12  
5:30pm For the People

Sunday, June 13  
8:00am  
10:00am † Therese & Roger LeBrun  
*Requested by Family*

Saturday, June 19  
5:30pm † John, Terrance & Elizabeth Simpson  
*Requested by Family*

Sunday, June 20  
8:00am For the People  
10:00am † Raymond F. & Anna Kells  
*Requested by sons, Robert & Richard*

**Sanctuary Lamp**

This week’s sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Sandra Thomas.

**Receptions for Fr. Bodah’s Retirement**

The members of the parish hospitality committee and other generous parishioners have planned farewell receptions for Fr. Bodah after the 8am and 10am Masses at St. Romuald’s chapel next Sunday, June 20 and after the 4:30pm and the 9am and 11am Masses on the weekend of June 26 and 27 here at the church. Please feel free to drop by to congratulate him on his well deserved retirement. We have been blessed to have him as our pastor.

**Weekly Support**

- June 6  
  | Budget envelopes used (111) | $4,991.00  
  | Loose Donations | $1,092.00  
  | Online Giving (# of donors–89) | $4,496.00  
  | **Total Budget** | **$10,579.00**

**Second Collection (Monthly Collection)**

- Budget envelopes used (75) | $3,288.00  
- Loose Donations | $712.00  
- **Total** | **$4,000.00**

**Catholic Charity Appeal Goal for 2021 is $104,595.00**  
As of 6/3/2021 the pledged amount is $82,172.00. 242 Donors.

This week’s second collection is for Catholic Communications. Next week’s collection is for Ongoing Maintenance.

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

It is incredible to me that, despite the reassurances of the Centers for Disease Control, the exhortations of our political leaders, and the encouragement of our pope and our bishop, there are still people who are resisting or even refusing to be vaccinated against the Covid-19 virus. I know that some people, happily very few, have had adverse reactions to flu shots and so cannot receive this vaccination, but it is disturbing to me that anyone would be so unconcerned with their own health and with the common good that they would refuse this prophylactic and yet continue to go into public places without a mask. There is such a thing as “herd immunity” which means that enough people have been vaccinated to stop the spread of a disease, but we haven’t got there yet. And there have been terrible flare-ups in places that in the beginning were doing well in quarantining people to protect their health. I would add my voice to those of the people I mentioned in the first sentence and seriously exhort everyone who can to get themselves vaccinated.

On a much more pleasant topic: our parish was blessed this past weekend with the ordination to the priesthood of Father Daniel Mahoney, one of our long-time parishioners. Dan was very much part of the youth ministry in our parish and was later a member of NET Ministries, a group of young people who take and year or two to travel around the country giving retreats to confirmation candidates and other teens. It was an honor to have him return here to celebrate his “First Mass,” and it was great to see so many young priests from among his friends and seminary schoolmates here to concelebrate.

Father Mahoney was ordained at the cathedral with Fr. Doan Nguyen, a native of Vietnam. Fr. Nguyen has almost no family here in the States and it was inspiring to see how the Vietnamese community rallied around to support him and to provide a great quantity of food for the post-ordination reception.

Our prayers go with both of these new priests that their ministry be blessed with great fruitfulness for the glory of God and the salvation of humanity.

Fr. Bodah

Dear God,
We pray for our graduates and lift them before you.
They are a gift to us and to many others.
And during this season of new beginnings,
we ask that you would make their way clear.
We ask that you would keep their footsteps
firm and remind them that you are with them, always. Amen

The LORD bless you and keep you!
The LORD let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you!
The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace!
Numbers 6:24-26
Monday, June 14
7:30-11:00am Adoration (Church)

Tuesday, June 15
7:00pm SVD Meeting (HBH)

Wednesday, June 16
7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (FGC)

Thursday, June 17
6:00pm Opening the Word/Bible Study (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. Call 401-588-4192.

A Message From the Office of Catholic Charities and Social Ministry/Diocese of Providence
If you have not been vaccinated against COVID already, please consider registering to be vaccinated in order to help end the COVID-19 pandemic. Please visit vaccinateri.org to schedule a COVID vaccine at a state-run site or visit c19vaccineri.org to learn how to get vaccinated through a pharmacy. You may also call 844-930-1779 or your local pharmacy for registration assistance.

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.

A Message for the Office of Life & Family

No Taxpayer Funded Abortion Petition/Awareness

A serious effort is underway in Congress to force all taxpayers to pay for elective abortions. The Hyde Amendment has protected Americans from funding abortion for 45 years and is credited with saving the lives of over 2.4 million children to date. Do not let our government make you pay for the taking of innocent human life! Powerful members of Congress want to take away this law that both Democrats and Republicans have supported for nearly half a century. It is critically important that we as Catholics send a strong message before Congress moves forward to impose taxpayer-funded abortion. Your voice could help save millions of lives! Congress needs to hear from a massive number of people, millions of Catholics need to sign the petition on NoTaxpayerAbortion.com. Please encourage your family and friends to do the same. Thank you for supporting LIFE!

Today we take up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC connect people to Christ and builds Catholic communities in the United States and around the world using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half the funds we collect remain here in the Diocese of Providence to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the Gospel message. Support the collection today! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/ccc.
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