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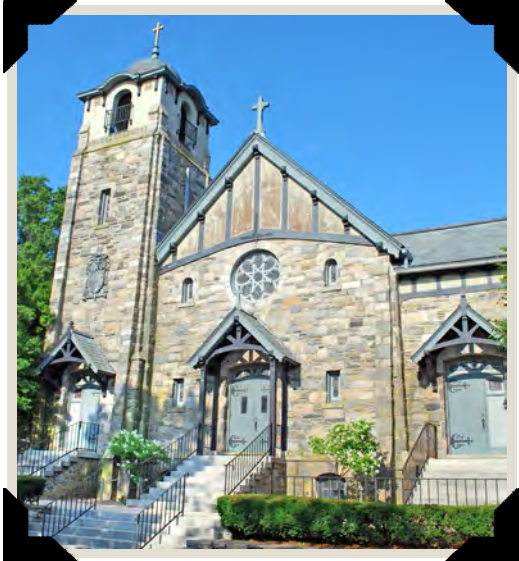
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**Masses**

**SAINT FRANCIS CHURCH**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday ----- 7:00 am  
 Saturday ----- 4:30 pm  
 Sunday ----- 8:00, 10:00 am & 12:00 noon

**SAINT ROMUALD CHAPEL / Winter Schedule**

Sunday ----- 10:00 am

**CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES OF RI**

Washington County Office / Contact: Lisa ----- 401-783-3149  
 Monday, Wednesday & Friday ----- 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

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

**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.

*welcome*

**Office Hours:** Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

# THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## St. Francis Mass Intentions



### Saturday, May 2

4:30pm †Bob Brown

*Requested by his Wife*

### Sunday, May 3

8:00am

10:00am †Marguerite Sprague

*Requested by Family*

12:00nn Mass for the People

### Monday, May 4

7:00am †Luke & Henrietta Pucella

*Requested by Family*

### Tuesday, May 5

7:00am †Sean King

*Requested by Family*

### Thursday, May 7

7:00am President Donald Trump

### Friday, May 8

7:00am †Tina Marie Luciano

*Requested by Family*

### Saturday, May 9

4:30pm

### Sunday, May 10

8:00am †Nunziata Luongo

*Requested by Family*

10:00am †Jean G. Boisse

*Requested by Family*

12:00nn †Corinne Bertrand

*Requested by daughter, Barbara*

## St. Romuald Mass Intentions

### Sunday, May 3

10:00am †Al Marchand

(Anniversary Remembrance)

*Requested by Al & Gerri Marsocci*

### Sunday, May 10

10:00am †Roger Fenaughty

(2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Remembrance)

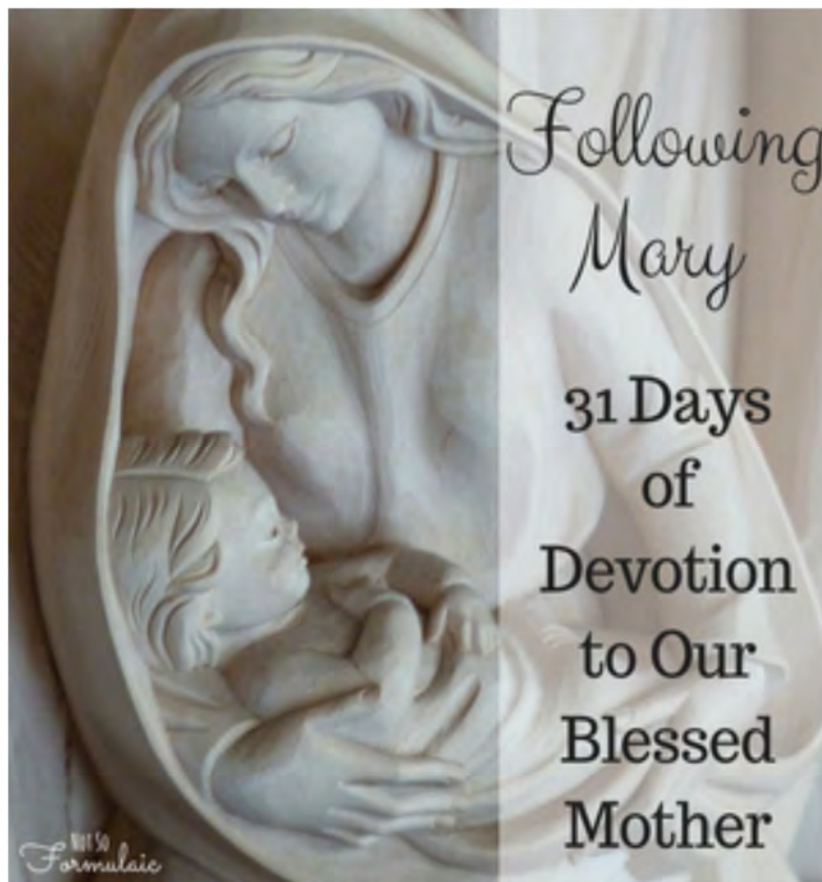
*Requested by Family*



### SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Selma Gallo.

*Hail Mary, Full of Grace!*



Parish Giving

Weekly Support		April 26
Budget envelopes	-	\$3,838.00
Online Giving (# of donors-76)	-	\$2,700.00
<b>Total Budget</b>	-	<b>\$6,538.00</b>

### Second Collection (Ongoing Maintenance)

Budget envelopes	-	\$ 80.00
Loose Donations	-	\$245.00
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>\$325.00</b>

**Catholic Charity Appeal: As of 4/23/2020 we have received pledges of \$45,135.00 from 163 donors.**

There is no second collection this week. Next week's second collection is for St. Vincent De Paul.

**As always, thank you for your continued generosity.**

MAY 3, 2020

## From the Pastor,

This weekend was supposed to celebrate two significant events in our parish. On Saturday, May 2, our parishioner and seminarian Daniel Mahoney was to be ordained a deacon as the penultimate step toward the priesthood. Now the ordination has been postponed till sometime in the fall. Our prayers are with Dan and his classmates as they face this disappointment. I believe that this little bit of suffering, this temporary setback, is a sign that Dan's ministry will be blessed with great fruitfulness for the People of God. As it says in the Acts of the Apostles: "It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God." Dan is in our prayers as he makes his way toward the priesthood in spite of such obstacles.

Sunday, May 3, was supposed to be First Communion day for our children. They and their families, too, have faced the disappointment of postponement of this significant milestone. As soon as we know when this crisis is past, we'll be able to reschedule this celebration. In the meantime, they'll have to watch the Mass on the computer and make a spiritual communion like their fellow Catholics.

The last Saturday of May was supposed to see the celebration of Confirmation in our parish. Alas, that too has been indefinitely postponed. We're thankful that we had already petitioned for another Confirmation date in November because we are slowly lowering the age of confirmation to conform to a growing trend, so if all goes well, the 9<sup>th</sup> graders, who would have been confirmed this month, will be able to join the 8<sup>th</sup> graders in the fall. Let's pray that there is not another flare-up of this virus at that time of the year.

May is the month of Our Lady and for many years Bill Harding has led the rosary and litany every weeknight of May at the chapel. It's grievous that we cannot gather for these services until this health crisis is over, but I will put the Litany of Loreto on the computer every weekday around 11:30 a.m. so we can be united in prayer for our blessed Mother's intercession. Health of the Sick, pray for us!

Fr. Bodah



*Father Bodah is available to hear confessions each Saturday at the church from 3:30 to 4:00pm.*



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Please keep our First Communion class in your prayers as they patiently wait for the day they will be able to receive Jesus for the first time.

**Vivian, Lily, Quinn, Zachary,  
Nathan, Sean and Mason**



### TEEN ACTION GROUP!

We need YOUR voice. We know that domestic violence is an issue that touches everyone's lives and we want to hear ways we can do more to help. If you are high school aged and in the South County community, join our Teen Action Group! We meet virtually every month to discuss current topics around domestic violence, plan ways to raise awareness, and help create social media content. If you're interested, email [ytorres@dvrsc.org](mailto:ytorres@dvrsc.org).





*The parish offices will be closed until further notice!*

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**Emergency Financial Assistance:** Lisa Cooley at 401-783-3149 or St. Vincent DePaul at 401-871-8936

**Cemetery Office:** 401-782-2711

*Stay well and God bless.*



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For more information email, Anne Mulhall, our Director of Prevention at [amulhall@dvrsc.org](mailto:amulhall@dvrsc.org).



### **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.



### **BENEFIT FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: BLESSED ROSES FOR BLESSED MOTHERS**

The annual after Masses Mother's Day rose sale for Right to Life has been postponed for this year. With the support of its organizer, Bill Crandall, our St. Vincent de Paul conference will be selling roses to benefit our work during this pandemic. The donation for a dozen roses is \$35.00. Payment can be made by cash or check made out to SVDP/SFA Conference. After giving much consideration for the utmost safety of all concerned, SVDP has decided to deliver all rose orders. **Text or call your order to 401-477-6046 by April 27<sup>th</sup>.** All roses will be blessed by our pastor, Father Bodah.



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