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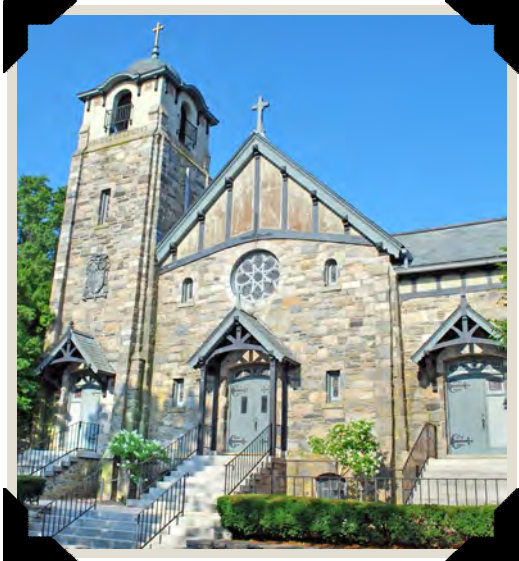
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Mary Clarke ----- *Parish Bookkeeper*  
Robert J. Moniz ----- *Cemetery Manager*  
William F. Harding ----- *Chapel Coordinator*  
Robert J. Kelly ----- *Parish Sexton*

Masses

SAINT FRANCIS CHURCH

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday ----- 7:00 am  
Saturday ----- No Mass until further notice  
Sunday ----- 9:30 am until further notice

SAINT ROMUALD CHAPEL / Summer Schedule

Saturday ----- No Mass until further notice  
Sunday ----- 8:00 am until further notice

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 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### St. Francis Mass Intentions



**Saturday, May 23**

4:30pm

**Sunday, May 24**

9:00am

11:00am

**Monday, May 25**

7:00am †Robert Mansuetto

**Tuesday, May 26**

7:00am Mass for the People

**Thursday, May 28**

7:00am †Theresa McGrath

*Requested by Pat & Eve Sweeney*

**Friday, May 29**

7:00am †Rita & Tom O'Rourke &

Warren Behie

*Requested by Family*

**Saturday, May 30**

4:30pm

**Sunday, May 31**

9:00am †Richard De Joseph

(5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Remembrance)

*Requested by Family*

11:00am †Joseph Racca

*Requested by Family*

### St. Romuald Mass Intentions

**Saturday, May 23**

5:30pm †William & Genevieve Wajda

*Requested by Family*

**Sunday, May 24**

8:00am †Robert & Mary Cochrane

*Requested by Al & Gerri Marsocci*

10:00am †Lucille Kennedy

*Requested by Family*

**Saturday, May 30**

5:30pm †Gregg C, Moses

*Requested by Aunt Jane & Family*

**Sunday, May 31**

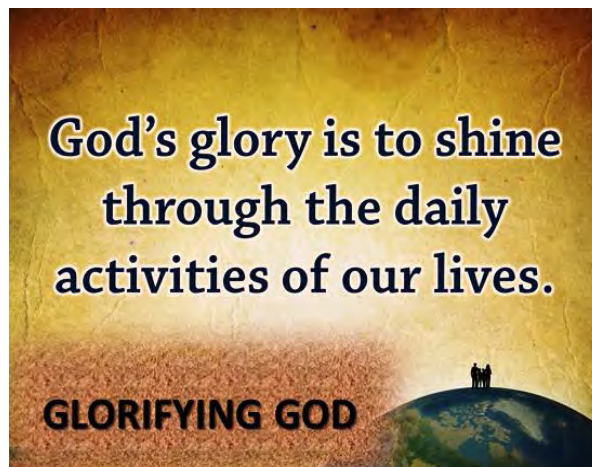
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### SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of James Smith.



*Beloved: Rejoice to the extent that you share in the sufferings of Christ, so that when his glory is revealed you may also rejoice exultantly. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let no one among you be made to suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as an intriguer. But whoever is made to suffer as a Christian should not be ashamed but glorify God because of the name.*

—1 Peter 4:13-16

Parish Giving

#### Weekly Support

Budget envelopes	-	<u>May 17</u> \$4,972.50
Online Giving (# of donors-78)	-	\$2,990.00
<b>Total Budget</b>	-	<b>\$7,962.50</b>

**Catholic Charity Appeal: As of 5/14/2020 we have received pledges of \$58,070.00 from 198 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.**

MAY 24, 2020

## *From the Pastor,*

At this writing (Monday morning, May 18)), we are waiting to hear if we can proceed with opening the churches for public worship for a limited congregation, who will have to preserve social distancing and be masked. I don't know why retail stores can be open under the same limitations but churches cannot. In any case, when we get the go-ahead, our plan is to have an 8 a.m. Mass at the chapel and a 9:30 at the church every Sunday until such time as we can resume the full schedule. At this juncture, we have no guarantee that we'll be able to implement the full schedule at all this summer. Still, let's hope and pray for the best. In any case, when we open the churches at all, those who are elderly or who have underlying conditions are strongly urged not to endanger themselves or others by attending. As soon as I get any clarification from the diocese, it'll be put on our website. In the meantime, if you're worried about getting to Mass, remember that the bishop has dispensed everyone from the obligation until this crisis has passed.

Also, Mass is lived streamed every day on our Facebook page (Stfranciswakefield) and then transferred to our parish website (stfranciswakefield.com); the same with May devotions, which will run daily through the end of the month.

Monday is Memorial Day, the traditional opening of the summer season (and summer prices!). Although this year will be different, it's a good time to remember the real meaning of the day: a time to honor those who gave their lives in military service. By extension, it's also a time to remember all our beloved dead. In our Catholic tradition, we remember the dead at every Mass and at Evening Prayer (Vespers), and we remember them not just in our minds but *to God* in prayer. It's also a day to pray for our country and especially for the blessing of peace.

*Fr. Bodah*



*Reminder: During the month of May Father will be placing the Litany of Loreto every weekday around 11:30 on the website at [www.stfranciswakefield.com](http://www.stfranciswakefield.com).*



*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.*



**SIZZLING SUMMER SWEEPSTAKES!**

**Due to Coronavirus, our May Money Madness has become Sizzling Summer Sweepstakes!**

Tickets will be available through July 31<sup>st</sup> at the office and will be sold after weekend masses during the month of July. Drawings will be held daily during the month of August. You are still welcome to cut out this form and mail into the parish office.

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

**Drawing Prizes: Monday thru Saturday—\$50; Sunday—\$100; August 31 drawing—\$500.**

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

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## St. Vincent DePaul Society

*He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed.— Proverbs 19:17*

### **MOTHER'S DAY ROSES SALE**

Our St. Vincent de Paul Society is delighted to report that the roses project was an overwhelming success! We were moved and honored by the extent of support and help we received from our parishioners and community. On Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> members and volunteers assembled 134 bouquets of a dozen assorted roses. Special arrangements were made to bring roses to Elderwood Nursing Home to be distributed by staff. Many of our purchasers donated money to be designated for these flowers. Bouquets of roses were included for the nursing stations with thank you posters to all the health care workers. On Saturday, a team of 11 volunteer drivers delivered roses to over 60 homes throughout South Kingstown and Narragansett, as well as Jamestown, Westerly, Exeter and North Kingstown. *The total amount raised was \$5,717.00!* Several donors had paid for the cost of the flowers so 100% of these proceeds will go toward assisting our neighbors with the economic effects of this pandemic. One of our members commented that "God is giving us the means to help His children in need." Thank you to all who assisted and especially those who generously purchased flowers. A special note of gratitude to Father Bodah whose support and announcements after online Masses were a critical component of this project's success.





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