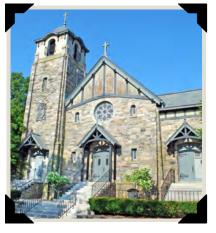
HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

THE PARISH FAMILY OF

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Masses

SAINT FRANCIS CHURCH

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 7:00 am
Saturday No Mass until further notice
Sunday9:30 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 & ST. GABRIEL'S CALL. Washington County Office / Contact: Lisa Cooley— 401-783-3149 Monday, Wednesday & Friday -----9:00 am to 2:00 pm

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

welcome

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 - Friday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

"Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it."

Proverbs 22:6



THE TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



JUNE 21, 2020

From the Pastor,

Among those affected by the corona virus shutdown are our first communion children and our confirmation candidates. We are hoping that we'll be able to confirm the present 9th graders, who were supposed to be confirmed at the end of May, with the 8th graders, who are scheduled to be confirmed in November. But it's too early to tell if we'll be able to accommodate such a crowd at one ceremony in the church. The bishop has given the pastors faculties to confer the sacrament of Confirmation anytime between now and December 31, so we can accommodate the candidates even if we can't have a large common ceremony. Frankly, since have reopened the church for limited Mass attendance, I have seen no more than two of our confirmation candidates or their families present. One wonders.

I'm happy to report that we're going ahead with getting the second graders their first Holy Communions. Several will receive for the first time this Saturday morning, June 18; others have reserved times on Saturday mornings in the coming months. While it's not the same as a big crowd of white-clothed children, and perhaps a large family gathering may have to be postponed, it might actually be a more personal religious experience for each child.

It's too early to tell what long-term effect this shutdown might have on the future of our religion. Will it make people more appreciative of what they've missed, or will it confirm people in their lack of interest in public worship?

In 1521, Pope Leo X granted the title of "Defender of the Faith" to King Henry VIII of England for his monograph defending the seven sacraments against the Protestant teaching that there are only two sacraments established by Christ. Who knew at that time where Henry would end up?

In 1552, the Dutch Jesuit Peter Canisius (later, St. Peter Canisius), came to Vienna, Austria, to begin his ministry there. The Archdiocese of Vienna had not ordained one priest in 20 year and 90% of the people had fallen away from the Catholic faith. Later, Vienna was to become the center of a great Catholic renaissance in Central and Eastern Europe. So, as I always say, "You never know."

PS. I have been informed that we are required to exclude the public from Masses when the attendance limit is reached. So far, the Masses are at 8 a.m. at the chapel and at 9:30 a.m. at the church. Please take care to come on time since no one will be allowed to enter once the Mass has begun.

Fr. Bodah



Congratulations to the proud parents and godparents of Mason Dennis Abbate who was baptized on Saturday, June 13 by Fr. Bodah. *Your parish family rejoices with you*!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (401) 792-8684



With some of your child's favorite activities cancelled this year why not experience an at home VBS!! Your

family and perhaps a few friends can participate in Catholic Icing's backyard experience!

THE SACRED HEART BACKYARD VBS This Catholic VBS program has all the plans you need to have a fun and memorable week with your kids in your own back yard! Lessons, crafts, fun snacks, swag bag, decorations, games, songs, and activities are all included in this <u>one downloadable pack</u>! This is a whole week of packed fun for kids for just \$10. Go to Catholicicing.com. Included In This Backyard VBS Program: A video lesson, Outdoor fun and games, Snack -tivity, Songs, Crafts

Cat Chat "At Home" VBS program:

With some of your child's favorite activities cancelled this year why not experience an at home VBS!! Your family and perhaps a few friends can participate in Cat Chat's at home experience!

> Marvelous Mystery: The Mass Comes Alive VBS.

Kids will receive a new appreciation for the Mass and a deeper love for Jesus present in the Eucharist.

Your at Home VBS Includes

A daily Action Song Video kids can watch, sing and dance along to

- A Bible Verse Music Video to help kids learn and memorize God's Word and plant seeds of faith
- * 10 VBS songs to stream from your device anywhere/anytime
- * Printable faith and craft activities
- * Snack and game activities
- * A daily Saint story and coloring page
- * Connection questions to spark meaningful conversations with kids
- Plus, an opportunity for kids to enter a Summer VBS Coloring Contest and win exciting prizes

Go to: <u>https://catchat.ca/at-home-vbs</u> to find out more information and view the sample of Day 1! The cost is \$29.00 per family. If several families are interested, we could purchase it as a parish and **pay \$59.00. Call or email the Rel. Ed Office and let Barbette know!**



The parish offices will be closed until further notice!

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Stay well and God bless.



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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.



Thank you for your generosity toward last week's collec-Communication tion for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). CONNECT WITH CHRIST YOUR support helps the CCC spread the Gospel message

and connect millions of people with Christ, here in the United States and around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections.



PRAYER SHAWLS

The St. Francis of Assisi Prayer Shawl Group has many beautiful prayer shawls available. If you know of someone who could benefit from receiving a prayer shawl please contact Jean McGair at 401-783-1633.

