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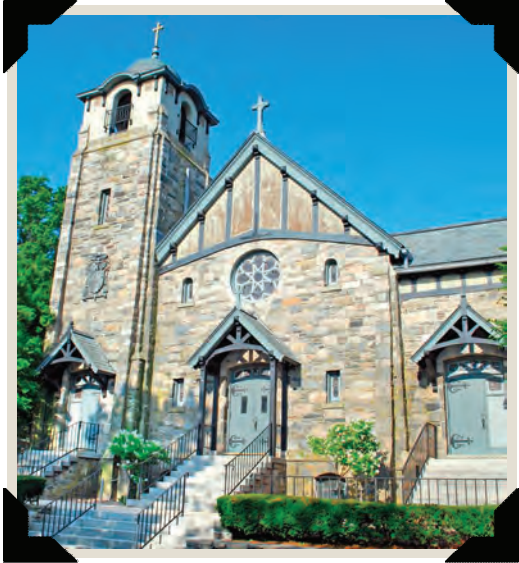
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Masses

SAINT FRANCIS CHURCH

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday ----- 7:00 am
Saturday ----- No Mass until further notice
Sunday ----- 9:00 am and 11:00 am

SAINT ROMUALD CHAPEL / Summer Schedule

Saturday ----- No Mass until further notice
Sunday ----- 8:00 am and 10:00 am

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

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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 - Thursday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Closed on Friday

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Francis Mass Intentions



Saturday, July 18

4:30pm †Fred Robinson
Requested by Family

Sunday, July 19

9:00am †The Corner Family
Requested by Family

11:00am

Monday, July 20

7:00am †Charles Moffitt
Requested by Jim & Susan Meehan

Tuesday, July 21

7:00am †John Champion
Requested by Family

Thursday, July 23

7:00am †Thomas & Josephine McGrath
Requested by Pat & Eve Sweeney

Friday, July 24

7:00am Mass for the People

Saturday, July 25

4:30pm

Sunday, July 26

9:00am †Joe Pouliot
Requested by Jeff & Kathleen Carney

11:00am †Lee Mainelli
Requested by Family

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 18

5:30pm

Sunday, July 19

8:00am †Ann Galligan Kelley
Requested by Ann Galligan

10:00am †Nina & Lou Argondizzo
Requested by Kathleen Dwyer

Saturday, July 25

5:30pm †Michael Cooney & Anne Cooney
Requested by Family

Sunday, July 26

8:00am †Al Marchand
Requested by Jean

10:00am †Madeline & Walter Johansen & Bob Alarie
Requested by Jude



SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Ralph Calitri.



Brothers and sisters: The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings. And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because he intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will.—A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans



Weekly Support		July 12
Budget envelopes used (80)	-	\$4,628.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 875.00
Online Giving (# of donors-76)	-	\$3,231.00
Total Budget	-	\$8,734.00
Second Collection (Propagation of Faith)		
Budget envelopes used (44)	-	\$685.00
Loose Donations	-	\$206.00
Total	-	\$891.00

Catholic Charity Appeal: As of 7/9//2020 we have received pledges of \$65,931.00 from 209 donors. Our goal is \$110,100.00.

There is not second collection this week. Next week's second collection is for Ongoing Maintenance.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

JULY 19, 2020

From the Pastor,

I supposed I should not have been surprised at the anti-Catholic article in last Sunday's Journal from the Associated Press. Loaded language such as that the RC Church "used a special and unprecedented exemption...to amass at least \$1.4 billion in tax-payer-backed coronavirus aid..." And "the Church's haul." A cursory reading of the article would give the impression that the Catholic Church received federal funds to put in the bank or to pay off civil suits.

Some dioceses are "corporations sole;" in our diocese, each parish is a separate corporation whose president is the bishop and vice-president is the vicar general; the pastor is the secretary and treasurer, and there are two lay trustees. We are bound by law to hold an annual corporation meeting and to submit our financial report to the state. Because of the unique situation caused by the pandemic, we were able to qualify for a forgivable loan called the "Paycheck Protection Program" so that the many people employed by the Church would not be cut adrift without income. The money lent us here has gone entirely to cover people's salaries, not to be put in the bank or used for other purposes. How this is now being portrayed as some kind of con job is beyond me. I fear that the US culture, which was among the most religious in the world, is becoming more and more antireligious, where everything is portrayed in the worst possible light. There is also long and very ingrained strain of anti-Catholicism in the English speaking world and it seems that any dig at the Catholic Church is coming back into fashion. How is it that an attack on a synagogue or mosque is a "hate crime" but an attack on the property of a Catholic church is not even reported in the media?

Five years ago, Father Nick Smith returned to St. Francis's to give the Lenten mission. His theme was that it takes fortitude to remain faithful to Catholicism in the contemporary world. He mentioned several moral issues in which people wish to depart from the morality of the New Testament and said, "But the Church is 'in the way.'" Yes, it is. You may notice that the liberal ecclesiastical communities come under no such scrutiny as we do. Maybe the Catholic Church is the only religion worth paying any attention to.

Fr. Bodah



The Summer Camp Program at **Mother of Hope Camp** (Mater Spei) is open! Families of children ages 5-12 have a chance to choose **daily** and **weekly** options now through August 14th. Mother of Hope Camp, an agency of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Providence, is located on 126 acres of beautiful woodlands along Echo Lake in Chepachet, RI. Mother of Hope Camp's caring and professional staff members engage campers in daily prayer, weekly Mass, as well as many camper favorite outdoor experiences such as swimming, hiking, arts & crafts, nature education, canoeing, sports, and more! Sibling & Multi-week discounts are available!

Secure, online registration is available at WWW.MOTHEROFHOPECAMP.COM





Our Parish Office is now open Monday-Thursday from 9am to 4pm (Closed Friday) through Labor Day. After Labor Day 9am to 4pm

Monday-Thursday and 9-12:30 on Friday!

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Emergency Financial Assistance: Lisa Cooley at 401-783-3149 Catholic Social Services & St. Gabriel's Call or St. Vincent DePaul at 401-871-8936

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Stay well and God bless.



SIZZLING SUMMER SWEEPSTAKES!

WON'T YOU JOIN OUR FUND RAISER?!

The prizes are great! During the month of August there are daily prizes of \$50, Sundays \$100 and on the 31st \$500. Due to the virus Parish income has decreased so this will help offset some of the loss. Tickets can be purchased after all weekend Masses, through the mail or at the rectory during the month of July. Thank you and good luck!

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

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.



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.



Opening the Word is back! Would you like to develop a deeper understanding of the readings for the Sunday Liturgy? Every **Thursday evening from 6:00-7:00pm in Fr. Greenan Center** we will be using a series called *Opening the Word* to help guide us in unfolding sacred scripture for the upcoming Sunday readings. Feel free to join us! No registration is required. If you have any questions contact Harry Smith at hsmith328@hotmail.com. All are welcome!



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