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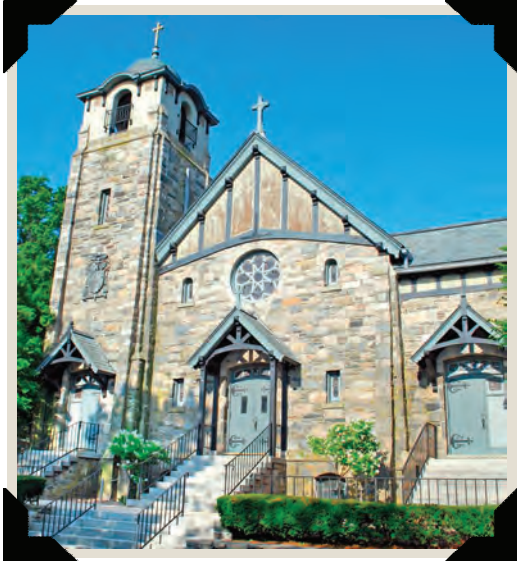
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Masses

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: ----- 402-783-3149
Monday, Wednesday & Friday ----- 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

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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 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Francis Mass Intentions



Saturday, August 22

4:30pm †James E. Sweet

Requested by Family

Sunday, August 23

9:00am †Marguerite Dowd

(Birthday Remembrance)

Requested by Family

11:00am †Richard Clarke

Requested by Family

Monday, August 24

7:00am †Gilbert McGair

Requested by Jean

Tuesday, August 25

7:00am President Donald J. Trump

Requested by Karen Koza

Thursday, August 27

7:00am Mass for the People

Friday, August 28

7:00am †Marcia Signorelli

Requested by Family

Saturday, August 29

4:30pm †Pat Pezzelli

(30th Anniversary Remembrance)

Requested by Family

Sunday, August 30

9:00am †Joseph Pouliot

Requested by Robert O'Niell

11:00am †Miriam Quinn

Requested by the Grimes Family

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 22

5:30pm

Sunday, August 23

8:00am †Lucille Torello

Requested by Family

10:00am †Kay, Michael & Cody Fahey

Requested by a Friend

Saturday, August 29

5:30pm

Sunday, August 30

8:00am †Anthony Ciccone

Requested by Family

10:00am †Dorothy Maddren

Requested by a Kathleen Dwyer

SANCTUARY LAMP



This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Hung Ba Tran.



I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with all my heart, for you have heard the words of my mouth; in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise; I will worship at your holy temple.

I will give thanks to your name, because of your kindness and your truth: when I called, you answered me; you built up strength within me.

The Lord is exalted, yet the lowly he sees, and the proud he knows from afar. Your kindness, O Lord, endures forever; forsake not the work of your hands.—Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8



Weekly Support		August 16
Budget envelopes used (78)	-	\$3,062.00
Loose Donations	-	\$1,556.00
Online Giving (2 week's collection)	-	\$6,788.00
Total Budget	-	\$11,406.00

Second Collection (St. Vincent DePaul)		
Budget envelopes used (53)	-	\$2,238.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 323.50
Total	-	\$2,561.50

Feast of the Assumption: \$445.00

Catholic Charity Appeal: As of 8/13/2020 we have received pledges of \$65,721.00 from 210 donors. Our goal is \$110,100.00.

There is no second collection next week. Next week's second collection is for Ongoing Maintenance.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

AUGUST 23, 2020

From the Pastor,

The moral teachings of the Catholic Church extend to every facet of human life. There are teachings on proper medical care, on the moral use of military force, on just labor relations, on the right to unionize and to go on strike if necessary, on the restraint of the greed of laissez-faire capitalism, on the unacceptability of Communism, on the restraint of retributive justice (for example, the non-use of capital punishment), on distributive justice (that every human being has a right to the goods of the earth: food, clean water, shelter, access to health care), on proper race relations, on care for the Earth. There are also teachings on conjugal and sexual morality, on the utter immorality of abortion, on the proper regulation or limitation of conceptions in a marriage.

I have long reminded would-be converts that sooner or later, everyone finds something in Catholic teaching to object to. Sooner or later, some teaching or other is going to interfere with something I want to do. Cafeteria Catholicism is most people's way of life. They accept the teachings they like and ignore or even reject those they don't: "What does the Church know about running a business? About conducting a war? About the law and just punishments? Medical procedures? What do celibate popes know about married life?"

The political parties are divided between which teachings they accord with and which they don't. In our own country we have really only two parties to choose from and neither one embraces the fullness of Catholic teaching. The voter is left to make a prudential decision. Some will decide that one or another teaching is more important than all the others combined; others are free, according to the official decision of the Holy See, to choose a candidate who holds to the most teachings. The only caveat of the Holy See is that it would be immoral for Catholics to vote for a candidate only *because* he or she favors abortion. It would not be immoral to vote for a pro-choice candidate if in other ways he or she reflects more faithfully the bulk of other Catholic teachings. Some people don't like this. As far as I know the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith has not changed this decision that was made when Cardinal Ratzinger was in charge. He is still alive as Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI; those who reject his teaching may write to him directly to express their dissent from the teaching of the Holy See. As for me, I'll stick with Rome.

Fr. Bodah



Every year the Diocese of Providence hosts the Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul. Sadly, this year due to COVID 19 this event has been canceled to avoid the risks to the health of the participants that would take part in this event.

In the meantime, the Diocese is eager to recognize those couples in the Diocese of Providence who are celebrating significant wedding anniversaries this year. If you are a couple who is celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or more years of marriage please email our office at saintfrancis00@aol.com. Please provide us with your names, number of years married and mailing address. We will forward this information to the Diocese and you will receive a signed certificate from the Bishop in recognition of your anniversary. God bless!



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As the pandemic continues and with fall right around the corner, plans to start our 2020-2021 Religious Education program safely and wisely are being finalized. Classes will look different this year and our plans will need to be flexible and versatile.

In the meantime, we are taking registrations for the coming year.

Who needs to fill out a registration form?

Those families **new** to the parish and families with children entering First Grade **must** register for classes. Families with children in Catholic school in Grade 2 and Grades 7 & 8 must register for First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Students currently enrolled in the program are automatically promoted to the next grade and do not need to register again.

Registration forms may be found online at www.stfranciswakefield.com under the Religious Education tab. An information packet will be mailed the fourth week of August to all registered families.

Please call Barbette at the Religious Education Office at 792-8684 if you have any questions.

This Week

Sizzling Summer Sweepstakes drawings continue through the month of August—Good luck to all and thank you for your support!

Wednesday, August 26

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (FGC)

Thursday, August 27

6:00pm Opening the Word (FGC)

6:00pm Thursday Night Prayer Meeting (HBH)



Congratulations to the following winners!

SIZZLING SUMMER SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS:

August 8	Renny Simpson	\$50
August 9	Bill & Vicky Apicerno	\$100
August 10	Bill Gallogly	\$50
August 11	Ray Quirk	\$50
August 12	Katie Degan	\$50
August 13	Paul Costanza	\$50
August 14	Marnie DeLuca	\$50

CONGRATULATIONS!



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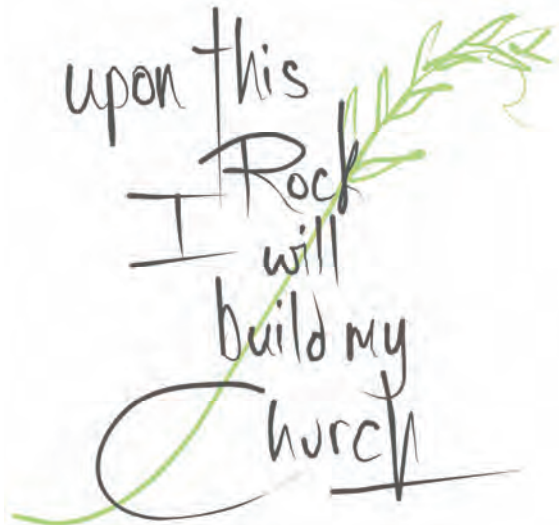
*Just a reminder that our St. Vincent de Paul chapter here at St. Francis needs your help. They ask your help by using their poor boxes located in the church and chapel so that they can assist those in need in our area (Gift cards are accepted). If you know of someone in need of assistance, SVDP can 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.

Just a reminder that there are inspirational Catholic media CDs available at the side entrance (parking lot side) in the main church and at the chapel. Please be sure to take a moment to look them over.





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