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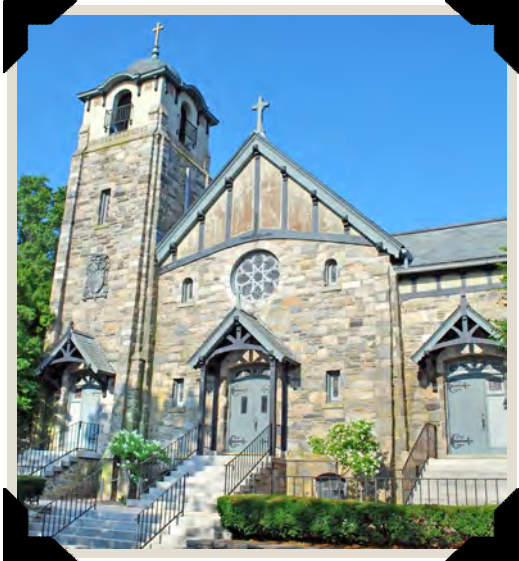
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Masses

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 / Winter Schedule

Sunday ----- 10:00 am

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES OF RI/WASHINGTON COUNTY & ST. GABRIEL'S CALL.

Washington County Office / Contact: -----Melanie Monteiro
----- 401-783-3149
Tuesday and Thursday ----- 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 Friday From 9:00 am—12:30 pm

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Francis Mass Intentions



Saturday, September 19

4:30pm †The Robinson & Feeny Family
(Anniversary Remembrance)
Requested by Family

Sunday, September 20

9:00am †Edward Carney
Requested by Jeff & Kathleen Carney
11:00am †Emery Joseph Reposa
Requested by Family

Monday, September 21

7:00am Special Intention

Tuesday, September 22

7:00am Mass for the People

Thursday, September 24

7:00am †Bill & Edward Carney
Requested by Jeff & Kathleen Carney

Friday, September 25

7:00am Paula Brodie
Special Intention

Saturday, September 26

4:30pm

Sunday, September 27

9:00am †Raymond Rogers
(Anniversary Remembrance)
Requested by Family
11:00am †Blanche Marcoux Jacques
Requested by Georgette

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Sunday, September 20

10:00am †Brenda Fay
Requested by the Dwyer Family

Sunday, September 27

10:00am †Jane P. Grimley
Requested by her Father

SANCTUARY LAMP



This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Edward and Bill Carney.



The Diocese of Providence cordially invites you to the
**Ordination to the
Diaconate
of
Daniel Martin Mahoney**

by
**His Excellency
The Most Reverend
Robert C. Evans, D.D., J.C.L.
Auxiliary Bishop of Providence**

**Next Saturday, September 26, 2020 at 10:00am
Cathedral of Saints Peter & Paul
30 Fenner St., Providence, RI 02903**

**The celebration will be Live-Streamed at www.youtube.com
"Roman Catholic Diocese of Providence, RI"**

**Deacon Daniel Mahoney will assist and preach at the 9:00am
and 11:00am Masses Sunday, September 27
at St. Francis Church in Wakefield.**



Weekly Support

		September 13
Budget envelopes used (73)	-	\$2,812.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 627.00
Online Giving (# of donors-77)	-	\$3,310.00
Total Budget	-	\$6,749.00

Catholic Charity Appeal: As of 9/10/2020 we have received pledges of \$67,241.00 from 218 donors. Our goal is \$110,100.00. Consider giving online at givecentral.org/2020CCA

This week's second collection is for the Priest's Retirement. Next week's second collection is for Ongoing Maintenance.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.



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**Catechetical Sunday today
September 20, 2020**

This year's theme is *I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you.* On this day, catechists are formally commissioned for ministry to the community. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each baptized person plays in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.



**RE Family Faith on the
Go Event!**

Today! Families in Grades 1-6 will participate in our RE Faith on the Go Event.

Instead of gathering for classes, families will be meeting our volunteers in the parking lot after the 9am and 11am Mass, to pick up materials for distance learning. Last names beginning with **A-D** pick up is from 10:00-10:30. Last names beginning with **E-Z** pick up is from 12:00-1:00. Please enter the parking lot from High Street.



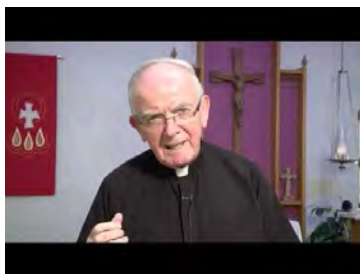
Our Catechists are a key component of our Religious Education program. Their unselfish generosity of time and talent is a gift to the young parishioners of St. Francis Parish. This year due to the pandemic, our program will be different. We are beginning our year with distance learning along with a monthly virtual class with your child's catechist. We are in need of catechists for grades 1 and 3. Virtual classes will begin on Sunday, October 18th. If interested in sharing your time, talent and love for our Catholic faith call the RE Office at 792-8684 or email Barbette at Cullen_stfrancis@verizon.net

From the Pastor,

Against the advice of a medical doctor, we still hope to restore the 4:30 Saturday Mass on October 17. So far, two couples have volunteered to be pre-Mass greeters or post-Mass sanitizers and two more couples have let us know that they'd be interested in attending. So, not a groundswell of interest so far. I might take this opportunity to remind people of more advanced age that they should think twice about coming out to be part of a crowd. We are legally dispensed from the obligation to attend weekend Mass while this phase of the pandemic lasts and it would not be a sin to do what is necessary to protect one's health. Nevertheless, anyone is welcome to join in public common worship, as long as we can maintain the requirement of 6-foot distancing. I take it that anyone who is not feeling well would have the charity—not to mention the common sense—to stay away.

Elsewhere in the news, our good parishioner Daniel Mahoney will be ordained to the diaconate this Saturday in our Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul. He will diaconate and preach at both Masses in the church next Sunday and there will be a reception to which all are invited, probably on the lawn of the rectory, after the 11 o'clock Mass. God bless the valiant parishioners who are making arrangements for this event! Dan will complete his seminary studies over the coming academic year and has been assigned also to help at St. Luke's parish in Barrington. Please God, he will be ordained to the priesthood next spring and then receive his first priestly assignment. Our prayers and best wishes go with him.

Fr. Bodah



**PRIEST RETIREMENT FUND:
THIS WEEKEND**

This weekend's second collection supports the Senior Priest Retirement Fund. If you would like to support this effort that provides critical resources for priests in their retirement years, please visit www.srpriestri.com to make an online donation using a secure server or mail your offering to Sr. Priest Retirement Fund, Office of Stewardship & Development, One Cathedral Square, Providence, RI 02903. Thank you for your support of this critical effort to provide for senior priests in their retirement years – years many priests continue to spend very active in ministry.

This Week

Wednesday, September 23

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

Thursday, September 24

9-10:30am Staff Meeting (Office closed during this time)

6:00pm Opening the Word (FGC)

6:00pm Thursday Night Prayer Meeting (HBH)

The parish office is open 9am to 4pm Monday through Thursday and 9am to 12:30 on Friday.



Brothers and sisters: Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me life is Christ, and death is gain. If I go on living in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. And I do not know which I shall choose. I am caught between the two. I long to depart this life and be with Christ, for that is far better. Yet that I remain in the flesh is more necessary for your benefit.

Only, conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ.—A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians

16TH ANNUAL HUMAN LIFE GUILD MASS

The Diocese of Providence would like to invite you to celebrate Respect Life Month on Friday, October 2, 2020 in the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul, Providence, during the 12:05pm Mass. Bishop Thomas J. Tobin is the main celebrant and homilist. Join us for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament immediately following Mass until 3:00pm. All are invited. Parking is limited, please arrive early. Mask wearing and seating in compliance with all COVID19 protocols.

Please RSVP your attendance to Lisa Cooley, Coordinator, Office for Life & Family, by Wednesday, September 30 at lcooley@dioceseofprovidence.org or 401.278.2518. *Due to COVID-19, this special Mass is in lieu of our annual gathered Human Life Guild Day.*



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.



GRAND RAFFLE TICKETS AND DRAWING DRAWING TO BE HELD, MONDAY OCTOBER 5

Just a reminder to return your grand raffle tickets. The drawing will take place on Monday, October 5 following the morning Mass that takes place at 7:00am. This Mass and the drawing will be streamed and can be seen on our website at stfranciswakefield.com. Thank you for your support and good luck to all!



OCTOBER DEVOTIONS

October is one of Our Lady's months. All are invited to pray the rosary at St. Romuald Chapel weeknights at 6:30pm throughout the month of October. All are welcome!



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