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1 Cor 15:57

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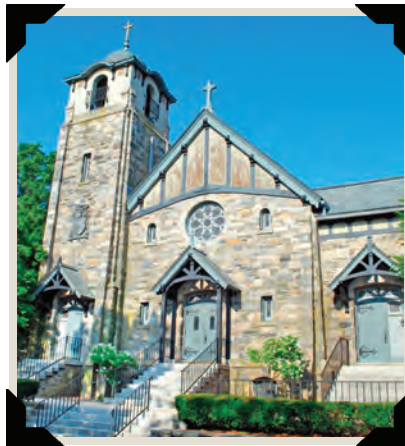
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Masses

SAINT FRANCIS CHURCH

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday ----- 7:00 am
Saturday ----- 4:30 pm
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 THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Francis Mass Intentions



Saturday, November 7

4:30pm †William & Genevieve Wajda
Requested by Family

Sunday, November 8

9:00am †Patrick Dufficy
Requested by Family

11:00am †Antonio & Maria Costa & Family
Requested by Natalie Amaral

Monday, November 9

7:00am †Theodore & Helma Spinner

Tuesday, November 10

7:00am †John Meehan
Requested by Jim & Susan Meehan

Thursday, November 12

7:00am Mass for the People

Friday, November 13

7:00am †Rita & Tom O'Rourke & Warren Behie
Requested by Family

Saturday, November 14

4:30pm †Charles Moffitt
(Anniversary Remembrance)
Requested by Family

Sunday, November 15

9:00am †Margaret & James Stickley
Requested by Margot Ferry

11:00am †Margaret Marcoux
Requested by Georgette

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Sunday, November 8

10:00am †Kathleen Brannon
Requested by Family

Sunday, November 15

10:00am †Louise Fichweg
Req. by Wallace & Marilyn Monahan

SANCTUARY LAMP



This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Patrick Dufficy.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT WORKING ON THE MARGINS



The weekend of November 21/22 our second collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Forty million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address

the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.



Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (79)	-	\$3,915.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 260.00
Online Giving (# of donors-77)	-	\$3,016.00
Total Budget	-	\$7,191.00

November 1

Second Collection (All Saints)

Budget envelopes used (50)	-	\$846.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 88.00
Total	-	\$934.00

Catholic Charity Appeal: As of 10/29//2020 we have received pledges of \$73,786.00 from 237 donors. Our goal is \$110,100.00. Consider giving online at givecentral.org/2020CCA

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

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

NOVEMBER 8, 2020

Rejoice in the Lord!

To say I am writing this note with mixed emotions is an understatement! On the one hand, I am coming down from the high of my Ordination on Saturday at the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul and assisting at my first Masses at St. Francis last weekend. To assist Fr. Bodah at the altar last weekend as a Deacon was a blessing that I could never fully put into words. Assisting at my home parish of St. Francis of Assisi for the very first time is something I will never forget.

And yet, I still write with a heavy heart as I know that after 23 years, it is time to say good bye. St. Francis Church has been my family's spiritual home for the last 23 years. As a family we came "home" every Sunday to celebrate the sacraments and gather strength to persevere in living a good Christian life. My four children received almost all their sacraments here and lived Parish life to the fullest. We have been blessed indeed!

Thank you seems too little to say in expressing my gratitude. To Father Bodah and Deacon Dowd who encouraged me every step of the way on my Diaconate formation—thank you! To the parish staff who have helped me out in numerous ways over the years—thank you! And to all of you, our fellow parishioners who we interacted with over the course of the last 23 years and have enriched our Catholic faith—thank you!

St. Francis of Assisi Parish will forever be in my heart. You have laid the foundation for my Diaconate work ahead. And thankfully, I can always come "home" for a visit. Please know you will be in my prayers and I ask God to bless you and your families in the days to come.

God Bless –
Deacon Joe



GIVING TREE

This year's Giving Tree will benefit our own St. Vincent de Paul's chapter, who reaches out to those needy families in our area, and the Jonnycake Center.

Tags will be placed on the trees at both the church and the chapel the weekend following Thanksgiving with the suggested gift certificates: Belmont's, Shaw's, Stop & Shop, Walmart, Job Lot and Visa. Gift cards in \$25 increments are recommended (easier to distribute).

Please return with offertory or to the rectory. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



**RELIGIOUS
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Sunday, November 8th

10:00-10:50 Grade 5 to meet in person today FGC

Grades 1-6

Thank you Parents for taking on the responsibility of teaching your child's faith formation at home. During this unprecedented time, the call to build the domestic church has never been so important!

Your parish will continue to support you by offering the monthly virtual class and an occasional in person class.

The next virtual class for grades 2-6 will be next **Sunday, November 15th**.

First Grade Catechist: We are still in need of a First Grade Catechist. Please call the RE Office at 792-8684, if you can give of your time, virtually once a month.

Your child's Gospel Weeklies for **November 15-January 10th** are available for pick up in the lower church.

Online Class Assessments: Parents please remember to submit your child's online class assessment to his/her catechist each week. Also, weekly coloring pages are to be e-mailed to Mrs. Cullen.

**Wednesday, November 11th
Veteran's Day**

No Classes for Grades 7 & 8 today. *Classes will take place next Wednesday, November 18th.*

This Week

Tuesday, November 10

7:38am Finance Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 11

The Parish Office will be closed for Veterans' Day

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

Thursday, November 12

5:00pm Opening the Word (FGC)

6:00pm Thursday Night Prayer Meeting (HBH)

7:00pm RCIA (Rectory)

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



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Peace Dale Congregational Church is resuming their Wednesday night free dinner program. St. Francis of Assisi SVDP Conference is planning to sponsor and prepare one Wednesday dinner each month. Dinners are take-out service only with curb side pickups between 4:30-5:30pm. The PDCC has worked with the RI Department of Business Regulation to develop detailed COVID precautions. The Church has a wonderfully equipped commercial kitchen with room for social distance.



We are asking for volunteers to join us for this group project, help our community and enjoy fellowship with other parishioners. There are multiple volunteer roles, both inside the kitchen as well as outside, with varying time commitments: food prep, cooking, servers, packers, runners to cars and traffic controllers. Several positions require only an hour time commitment.

Our currently scheduled SVDP meals are Wednesdays, December 2nd & December 30th. If you are able to help with these dates or future ones, call or text 401-477-6046 or email www.doinggoodinc@icloud.com by November 15th.



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!



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE FOR THE JONNYCAKE CENTER

The Social Outreach Committee is sponsoring the Parish Thanksgiving Food drive to benefit The Jonnycake Center of Peace Dale. The food drive will run for two weeks, from Saturday October 31st until Sunday November 8th. Each year during the holidays the Jonnycake Center distributes food to hundreds of families benefitting thousands of individuals. The pandemic has made this need even greater.

The foods being requested are: stuffing mix-box or bag, turkey gravy-can or package; cranberry sauce, canned vegetables, canned pumpkin or other pie filling, quick bread mixes and pie crust mixes.

PLEASE NO GLASS!

There will be receptacles in the church and St. Romuald's for donations. *Please keep in mind that the church is open during the day. Donations may be dropped off at any time before the church closes at 4pm.*

Our St. Francis family has always been generous when called upon to help those in our local community who are most in need. Thank you for your continued generosity especially during these trying times.



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