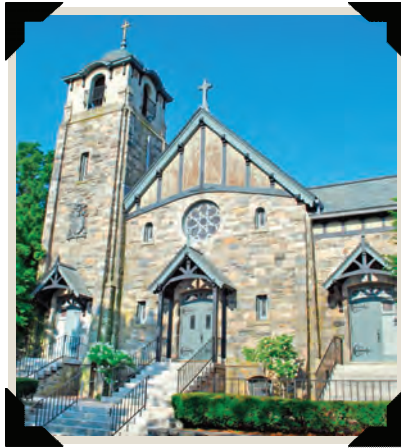


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Masses

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

Fourth Sunday
of Advent

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

St. Francis Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 19

4:30pm † Fred Robinson
(6th Anniversary)
Requested by Family

Sunday, December 20

9:00am † Henry H. Thayer, Jr. & Margherita Thayer
Requested by May Tran

11:00am † Kathleen Rose
Requested by Family

Monday, December 21

7:00am † James H. DeLuca, Sr.
Requested by Family

Tuesday, December 22

7:00am † Thomas Drennan
(Birthday Remembrance)
Requested by Jim & Susan Meehan

Thursday, December 24

7:00am Mass for the People

Christmas Blessings to All!

Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24

4:30pm † Mr. & Mrs. Thu Chi Tran & John Ha
Requested by Family

10:00pm † Elsie Clapperton
Requested by her Son

Christmas Day, Friday, December 25

9:00am † Kerri Bessette
Requested by Mom, Dad & Scott

11:00am † Jean G. Boisse
Requested by Family

Saturday, December 26

4:30pm † Clara Latowski
(Anniversary Remembrance)
Requested by Family

Sunday, December 27

9:00am † The Flynn & Carney Families
Requested by Jeff & Kathleen Carney

11:00am † Deceased Members of the Gallucci & Pouliot Families
Requested by Family

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 20

10:00am † Martin McSally
Requested by the Fitzpatrick Family

Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24

5:30pm † The Deceased Members of the Perpetual Mass Association

Christmas Day, Friday, December 25

10:00am † Henry H. Thayer Jr. & Margherita Rose Thayer
Requested by Dominique Shiels

Sunday, December 27

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 Hung Ba Tran.

Intention for December 24th at 5:30pm at the Chapel

The Deceased Members of the Perpetual Mass Association

Yvonne Fanning

Paul F. & Susan Greene

Marilyn Maley

Edna Otto

Christopher Shafer

Daniel Shea

Laura Webb

Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (82)	-	<u>December 13</u> \$7,290.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 352.00
Online Giving (# of donors-76)	-	<u>\$3,186.00</u>
Total Budget	-	\$10,828.00

Second Collection (Retired Religious)

Budget envelopes used (45)	-	\$1,384.00
Loose Donations	-	<u>\$ 207.00</u>
Total	-	\$1,591.00

Immaculate Conception Collection: \$460.00

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

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

From the Pastor,

Many thanks to those who arranged and worked at the “parking lot communion” we had last Sunday. The weather was more than cooperative-- it was like a mild spring day—and 25 vehicles of parishioners had registered to take advantage of this opportunity to receive Our Lord in Holy Communion. God bless all who helped with this event!

Now we’re entering the last week of Advent and by this time next week Christmas Day will have passed and we’ll be celebrating the Feast of the Holy Family. In the meantime, it remains to be seen what Christmas will look like this year in our homes and families. We are all still being urged to be very careful of our own health and the health of others by mingling as little as possible with people we don’t actually live with. So, let’s do the best we can.

Masses in our parish will be held in the parish church at 4:30 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve and at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Christmas Day. Masses at the chapel will be at 5:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve and at 10:00 a.m. on Christmas Day. The 4:30 Christmas Eve Mass will be live-streamed and will be available for viewing on our Facebook page and on our parish website: stfranciswakefield.com. Any overflow crowd at the church on Christmas Eve can be seated downstairs in Helen Bouchard Hall or in the Father Greenan Center. Alas, there is no place to put any overflow at the chapel except out on the deck on the west side of the building. I would once again encourage people who are of advanced age or who have underlying medical conditions to consider watching the Mass from home or coming on Christmas morning rather than the evening before. I know this will be a sacrifice for some but will free up places for our younger parishioners, especially the children. Christmas morning will not be as likely to attract larger crowds, so there should be ample room for those who arrive on time.

A blessed Christmas, everyone!

Fr. Bodah



Father Bodah, Deacon Dowd and the staff would like to wish you all a very blessed Christmas. God bless!



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Sunday, December 20th

Virtual Class: Grades 1-6 at 10:00 for the 4th Sunday of Advent; Materials needed: Gospel Weeklies and WCBT handbook

Pray: Dear God, show us how to bring Jesus to others. Amen.

Think: How do you show that you believe God can do impossible things?

Act: Consider how we all carry Jesus into the world like Mary did. Work with your family to make a list of ways you can bring Jesus to others.

Parents: Be sure to check out the **QR code** for family resources in your child’s gospel weekly. *Weekly coloring pages:* to be emailed to Mrs. Cullen

Wednesday, December 23rd

No Class for Confirmation I (gr.7) and II (gr. 8) until January 6th.

The Religious Education Office will be closed during school vacation: Dec. 22nd through January 3rd.



This Week

Monday, December 21

7:30-11:00am Adoration (Church)

Wednesday, December 23

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph



RCIA at St Francis

If you know "someone", a spouse, relative, friend, neighbor who might be interested in becoming a Catholic, or is a Catholic but has not received all the sacraments of initiation, please let them know that our parish will be starting a Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program.

Our goal is to hold the classes in person following safety protocols. Please pass the word to anyone you know who may be interested in joining us. *If interested in this program or would like more information please contact* Pat Lefoley at plefoley1@cox.net or 401-339-3858. You may also call the parish office at 401-783-4411.



Saint Francis of Assisi Office Hours through the Holidays

Tuesday, December 22
(Closed all Day)

Wednesday, December 23
(Closed all day)

Thursday, December 24
(Closed all day)

Friday, December 25
(Closed all day)

Friday, January 1
(Closed all day)



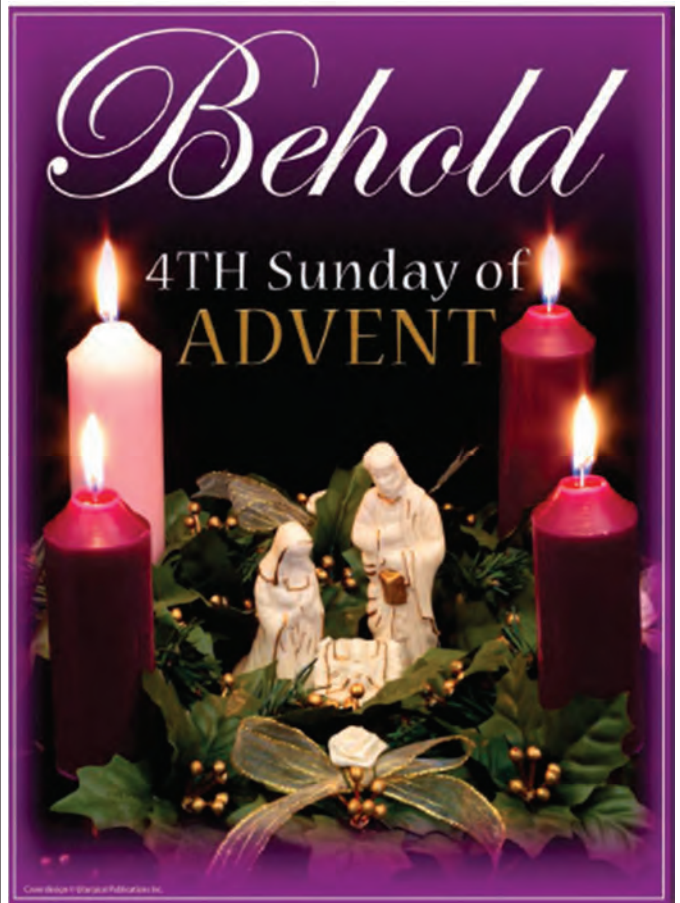
St. Vincent DePaul Society

*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!***



NAMES OF LOVED ONES CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING

The names of the loved ones written on the Christmas Offering Flower envelopes will be placed in a box on the altar at the church and chapel. Those members will be remembered at Mass on Christmas Eve. They will remain on the altar through the Feast of the Epiphany.





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