

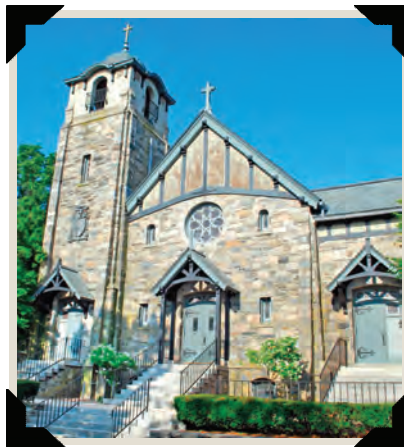
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learn to surrender  
to God's Will in all  
things. From Mary  
we learn to trust  
even when all hope  
seems gone. From  
Mary we learn to  
love Christ her Son  
and the Son of God!"

- Pope John Paul II

## 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  
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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

# THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

## St. Francis Mass Intentions



### 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*

### Monday, December 28

7:00am † Marie McGrath  
*Requested by Pat & Eve Sweeney*

### Tuesday, December 29

7:00am † Theodore & Thelma Spinner

### Thursday, December 31

7:00am † Sylvia DeLuca  
*Requested by Family*

### New Year's Day, Friday, January 1

**9:00am** † For the Deceased Members of the  
Perpetual Mass Association

### Saturday, January 2

4:30pm Mass for the People

### Sunday, January 3

9:00am † Mr. & Mrs. Thu Chi Tran &  
John Ha

*Requested by Family*

11:00am † Theresa & Bob Boss

*Requested by Ed & Diane Rudegeair*

## St. Romuald Mass Intentions

### Sunday, December 27

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

### Sunday, January 3

10:00am † Elizabeth DeLucia  
*Requested by Jane Estes & Family*

## SANCTUARY LAMP



This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of James Smith, R. & R. Calitri & E. & M. Bragdon.



*Hail Mary Full of Grace.....*

Parish Giving

*Due to an early transmittal the collection for the weekend of December 19/20 and Christmas was not available. These totals will appear in a later bulletin.*

There is no second collection this week. Next week's second collection is the monthly collection.

**As always, thank you for your continued generosity.**



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*From the Pastor,*

I had planned to write something more personal for this Sunday after Christmas, especially to thank everyone who contributed to making the holiday Masses so peaceful an experience; but the holiday and the threat of a coming snow storm means that I have to write something today, Tuesday, December 15. So, with acknowledgement to those who produce “Magnificat” magazine, here is their meditation from “The Magnificat Advent Companion” entitled “The Birth of the Virgin Mary.”

*The ark of Noah was built to save mankind from the deadly force of the flood. It was built with precision and care, for the ark would be Noah’s only refuge. It would deliver his family from death and destruction. The new Ark, who is the Blessed Virgin Mary, was created with even greater care and precision, for not just one family would find safety within her but all families! Mary guides us through the last days of our Advent waiting. Her conception and birth are the last preparations before the floods begin again—not floods of water or wrath but floods of mercy and love—as God becomes man and takes flesh of the Virgin. The dove is sent out again to bring not a simple olive branch but the very root and stem of Jesse, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*Fr. Bodah*



**Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup>**

**No Classes this week  
Christmas Vacation**

**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.



*Pray the Rosary with your children!*

# This Week

**Monday, December 28**

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

**Wednesday, December 30**

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph

**Friday, January 1**

OFFICE CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAY

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



## NAMES OF LOVED ONES CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING

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



## ANNUAL BABY SHOWER

Our Social Outreach Committee is sponsoring their annual baby shower during the month of January to benefit *St. Gabriel's Call*—an outreach of the Office of Life and Family Ministry that provides needed resources for women in need.

Following are items that are needed: Diapers (Sizes for new born, 1, 4, 5 & 6), wipes, new born clothing, clothing 6-9 months & up; bibs, pacifiers, blankets & crib sheets, baby tubs, bottles & sippy cups.

Donations can be placed by the statue of St. Francis in the back of the church and there will be receptacles at the chapel. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



## 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.



*The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.—Luke 2:16*



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