

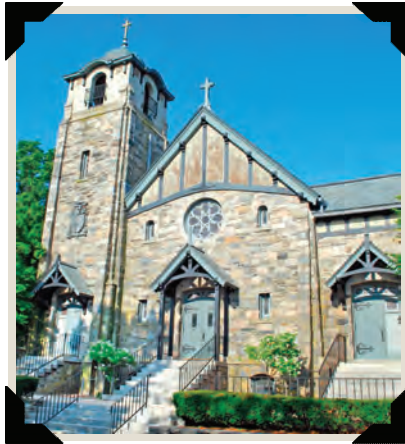
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Masses

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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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 BAPTISM OF THE LORD

St. Francis Mass Intentions



Saturday, January 9

4:30pm †Edward F. Sweet

Requested by Family

Sunday, January 10

9:00am † Mr. & Mrs. Gerard McDavitt, Sr.

Requested by May Tran

11:00am † Kerri Bessette

Requested by Mom, Dad & Scott

Monday, January 11

7:00am Mass for the People

Tuesday, January 12

7:00am † Gladys LaPorte

Requested by Roger & Mary Grace Hood

Thursday, January 14

7:00am † Sam Johnson

Requested by Dana Hawkins

Friday, January 15

7:00am † The Stoyko & Fitton Families

Requested by Family

Saturday, January 16

4:30pm † Branden DeLuca

Requested by Family

Sunday, January 17

9:00am † Antonio, Anella & Gloria Luongo

Requested by José & Venerina DaSilva

11:00am † Thomas Cronin

Requested by Ed & Diane Rudegeair

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 10

10:00am † Sister Rita Kiernan

Requested by Gail Dandurand

Sunday, January 17

10:00am † Dan & Barney Fenaughty

Requested by Mom & Family

THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA



Next weekend, the arch/diocese will be taking up the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. Located in the heart of the nation's capital, Catholic University offers graduate and undergraduate courses in more than 180 academic programs. By giving to the National Collection, you will help support more than 6,000 students who are seeking a faith-filled education at an institution that supports cutting edge research in multiple fields. Your investment will enable the University to continue to support the Church and to advance its work of preparing the next generation of leadership, both religious and lay, of our Church and nation. It will also enable the continuance of The Catholic Project, a University initiative jumpstarted by philanthropy which aims to help bishops, priests, and the lay faithful develop a deeper understanding of the lay vocation and principles for effective action in the wake of the recent Church crisis. Through research, new academic programs, and dialogue, the project brings together the clergy and lay leaders to develop solutions to the issues facing our Church and bring about reforms. Thank you for your generosity. Learn more at: collection.catholic.edu.



<u>Weekly Support</u>	<u>December 27</u>
Budget envelopes used (81)	-
Loose Donations	-
Online Giving (# of donors-76)	-
Total Budget	\$10,802.00

Christmas Collection: \$9,583.00
Christmas Flowers: \$1,856.00

<u>Weekly Support</u>	<u>January 3</u>
Budget envelopes used (100)	-
Loose Donations	-
Online Giving (# of donors-86)	-
Total Budget	\$15,120.00

<u>Second Collection (Monthly Collection)</u>	
Budget Envelopes used (42)	-
Loose Donations	-
Total	\$1,411.00

New Year's Collection: \$1,306.00

This week's second collection is for ongoing maintenance. Next week's second collection is for the Catholic University.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.



From the Pastor,

The Christmas season ends this weekend with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. On Monday, we return to “Ordinary Time,” meaning that the Sundays are “ordinated” or “numbered” from now till Lent and from after Eastertide till the Feast of Christ the King at the end of the liturgical year.

Pope Francis has designated this year, until December 8, as “A Year of St. Joseph” and after the statue of the Madonna and Child are returned to its usual place near the baptismal font, we shall place the statue of St. Joseph next to the altar. Devotion to St. Joseph is relatively new in the Church: his name was only added to the First Eucharistic Prayer of the Mass (the Roman Canon) by Pope John XXIII around the year 1960, and the present Holy Father had St. Joseph’s name added to all the other Eucharistic Prayers only about six years ago. He is called “Joseph the silent” since he never speaks in the text of the gospels and because Sacred Scripture wants us to understand that the only Father of the Lord Jesus is God himself. the New Testament downplays the role of St. Joseph. Still, with the contemporary focus on strengthening family life, St. Joseph’s example of openness and obedience to God’s will is held out to all of us and especially to fathers of families. May his intercession bring many men to a living faith and make them examples of upright life to their spouses and children.

Elsewhere in the news: as you know, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament has recommenced on Mondays in the parish church from 7:30 to 11 a.m. Although all the half-hour time slots are covered, we have only one person for the 8:30-9 slot every week and one person for the 9-9:30 slot on the third, fourth and (if needed) fifth weeks of the month. If anyone could spare the time to commit to any of these half-hour spaces, please let us know. Thanks. While it’s not absolutely necessary to sign up for this ministry, since anyone can drop by for prayer whenever the church is open, if you could register for a slot, we’d be able to contact you personally if Adoration is canceled for some reason.

A very happy and healthy new year to all!

Fr. Bodah



The Baptism of the Lord

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: “One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water, he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit....—A reading from the Gospel of Mark

Sunday, January 10th

At home: Grades 1-6: Gospel Weeklies-The Baptism of the Lord

1st Grade: This week, your child will learn that Baptism is the sacrament that welcomes us into God’s family. They will also learn the *Sign of the Cross*. Practice making the sign of the cross before and after prayers this week. Talk about some of the things you might see at a Baptism.

2nd and 3rd Grade: Discuss how Baptism is one of the three Sacraments of Initiation. Through these sacraments, we become members of God’s family.

4th-6th Grade: Talk with your child about how you have undertaken your responsibility of raising him or her in the faith. Ask your child how he or she keeps God’s Commandments. Your child can tell you the story of Jesus’ baptism.

Online Class Assessments: to be submitted to your child’s catechist each week. Weekly coloring pages: to be emailed to Mrs. Cullen

Wednesday, January 13th

6:30-8:30pm Grade 7 Confirmation I Class to meet virtually

6:30-8:30pm Grade 8 Confirmation II Class in person 2nd floor FGC

THE SIGN OF THE CROSS



IN THE NAME OF
THE FATHER,



AND OF THE SON,



AND OF THE HOLY



SPIRIT,



amen.

This Week

Monday, January 11

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

Wednesday, January 13

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph

Thursday, January 14

6:00pm Thursday Night Prayer Meeting

Monday, January 18

NO ADORATION—OFFICE CLOSED/HOLIDAY

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



The Annual Respect for Life Mass will be celebrated at **9:00 a.m.** on **Saturday, January 23, 2021** in the Cathedral of Saints Peter & Paul, Providence. The Most Rev. Thomas J. Tobin, Bishop of Providence, will be the main celebrant, and Rev. Stephen J. Dandeneau will be the homilist for the Mass.

The Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be on the altar for veneration during Mass. Please RSVP at 401.278.2518 or cooley@dioceseofprovidence.org.



DONATIONS TO THE GIVING TREE

The parishioners of St. Francis have once again demonstrated their generous spirit particularly in these difficult times! The

Giving Tree was a great success and will provide much needed support to our St. Vincent de Paul chapter here at St. Francis and the Jonnycake Center. Many families will be provided with basic necessities in their time of need.

Thank you and may God bless you bountifully in this New Year, *Social Outreach Committee*



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.



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.



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