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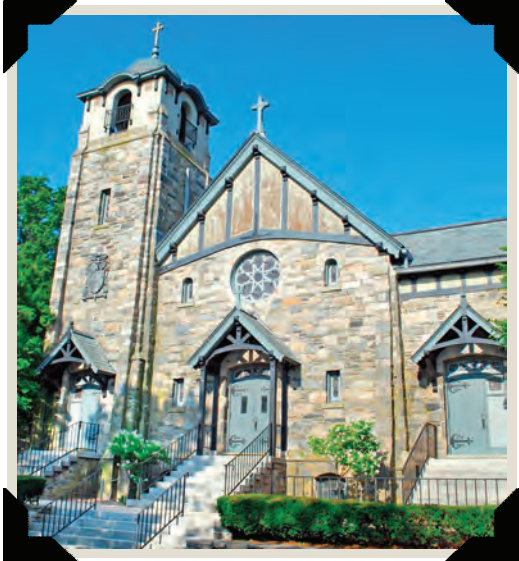
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Masses

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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY / Wakefield  
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 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### St. Francis Mass Intentions



#### 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*

#### Monday, January 18

7:00am †Frank & Roz Hawkins

*Requested by Family*

#### Tuesday, January 19

7:00am †Thomas MacLane

*Requested by Kathleen & Jeff Carney*

#### Thursday, January 21

7:00am Mass for the People

#### Friday, January 22

7:00am †Beatrice & Alfred Bonin

*Requested by Viola*

#### Saturday, January 23

4:30pm †Dr. Domenic Coppolino

*Requested by the Pullano Family*

#### Sunday, January 24

9:00am †Charles Moffitt

*Requested by Family*

11:00am †Mary Una Blackjohn

*Requested by Ed & Diane Rudegeair*

### St. Romuald Mass Intentions

#### Sunday, January 17

10:00am †Dan & Barney Fenaughty

*Requested by Mom & Family*

#### Sunday, January 24

10:00am †Mary Marchand

(Birthday Remembrance)

*Requested by Al & Gerri Marsocci*

# THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA



*This weekend*, parishes in your arch/diocese are taking up the National Collection for The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. 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 donation will also enable the continuance of The Catholic Project. Jumpstarted by philanthropic gifts, The Catholic Project is an initiative of the University that aims to help clergy 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. Thank you for your generosity.



#### Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (77)	-	<b>January 10</b> \$3,535.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 378.00
Online Giving (# of donors-78)	-	<u>\$3,556.00</u>
<b>Total Budget</b>	-	<b>\$7,469.00</b>

#### Second Collection (Ongoing Maintenance)

Budget Envelopes used (50)	-	\$ 886.00
Loose Donations	-	<u>\$ 140.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>\$1,026.00</b>

This week's second collection is for the Catholic University. There is no second collection next week.

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

JANUARY 17, 2021

## *From the Pastor,*

I am writing this on Monday and by the time you read this the new live stream system should be up and running.

Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, we should be in a good position to pay for this advancement in our service to those who are unable to come to Mass. We have received 10 donations for this effort ranging from \$1,000 to \$50 and totaling \$4,500. In addition, we also received an unrestricted gift of \$3,000 in memory of Colleen Brite from someone who attends St. Romuald's Chapel and who wishes to remain anonymous.

In the last couple of years, the federal government issued new guidelines about the radio frequency that can be used for sound systems, so in 2019 we had to have the church sound system upgraded. At that time we were told that the chapel system would have to be redone sometime in 2020, so when the strict shut-down was lifted we went ahead with upgrading the chapel system and the tuner for the stand mic that the deacon uses at Mass in the church. Just to upgrade the standing mic cost \$1,118. The chapel system was \$1,256.

I'm writing all this for several reasons: 1) to let you know what kinds of expenses we occur because of demands beyond our control; 2) to let you know that things are pretty much covered by the generosity of these above-mentioned 11 donations; 3) to thank these donors for their wonderful support of the efforts of our parish to make the Mass audible to those in attendance and to provide live-streaming to those who cannot be with us in person. My sincere thanks also to all of you who are able and willing to continue your financial support to the work being done here. God bless you. God bless the work!

*Fr. Bodah*



**A Suggestion:** In honor of the year of St. Joseph, you can use the St. Joseph figurine from your manger scene as a way of remembering him in your home through December 8.



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### **Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>**

**No Class** for grades 1-6. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend

### **Next Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>**

Virtual Class for Grades 1-6 at 10:00  
Materials needed: Gospel Weeklies for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time and WCBT handbook

### **Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>**

Confirmation classes are held on the first and second Wednesday of the month.

**No Class** for Confirmation I and II today. Our next class is February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Service reflections for Confirmation I and II are due no later than **Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>**.



# This Week

**Monday, January 18**

**NO ADORATION—OFFICE CLOSED/HOLIDAY**

**Wednesday, January 20**

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph

**Thursday, January 21**

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

6:00pm Thursday Night Prayer Meeting

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

## NEWS FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

We appreciate all the donated gift cards from the giving tree. We received several food requests before Christmas and already have begun to distribute them. They will help our neighbors in need during the difficult times ahead.

The Conference has decided to become more involved in addressing food insecurity among our neighbors. A recent report from Rhode Island Food Bank found that one-in-four of the State's households lacks adequate food. We worked with the Peace Dale Congregational Church's (PDCC) Dinner Table program for the past six weeks; since October, meals requested increased from 70 to 170. Beginning on Friday, January 8, 2021, our Conference will provide a second weekly Friday dinner meal to the PDCC Dinner Table program. The willingness of St. Francis of Assisi parishioners to volunteer has made this possible. The meals are pick-up only with a detailed, safe Covid-19 protocol in place. Please let us know if you are able to assist in this weekly Friday effort. Many jobs require only 60-90 minutes in the afternoon preparing meal containers and delivering those meals to cars during the 4:30 - 5:15 pm pick-up window. Food preparation and cooking take place earlier in the day. In addition, the program needs volunteers to bake cookies at home for desserts and others to deliver meals off-site to a handful of local recipients. If you can volunteer for any of these jobs, please email [doingoodinc@icloud.com](mailto:doingoodinc@icloud.com) and indicate if you prefer a specific activity.

\*Recently, an article on [IndependentRI.com](http://IndependentRI.com) described this project and the cooperation of our Conference and Parish with the PDCC in this ecumenical venture.

As one year passes and another begins, we want to humbly express our gratitude for your continued support, which makes all of this great work possible.



## 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.

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