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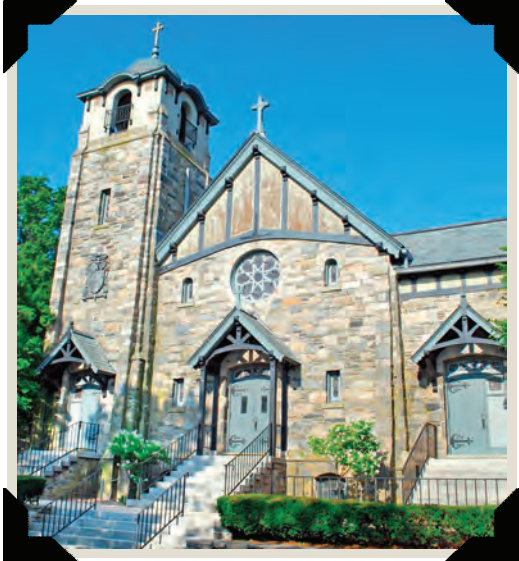
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Masses

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
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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

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Francis Mass Intentions



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 Rudegear

Monday, January 25

7:00am The Sweeney Family
 (Special Intention)

Tuesday, January 26

7:00am Mass for the People

Thursday, January 28

7:00am †Elizabeth Cheeseman
Requested by Family

Friday, January 29

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

Saturday, January 30

4:30pm †Regina McCourt
Requested by Family

Sunday, January 31

9:00am † Domenic & Matilda Coppolino
 (Anniversary Remembrance)
Requested by the Pullano Family

11:00am †Keith Beecroft
Requested by Elizabeth Jutras

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 24

10:00am †Mary Marchand
 (Birthday Remembrance)
Requested by Al & Gerri Marsocci

Sunday, January 31

10:00am †Thomas Mazzeo
Requested by Family



NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION: THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, rural terrain and a lack of ministers are obstacles to practicing their faith. Your support to the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, as well as other programs to help share our faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.



<u>Weekly Support</u>		<u>January 17</u>
Budget envelopes used (75)	-	\$3,589.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 802.00
Online Giving (# of donors-76)	-	\$3,053.00
Total Budget	-	\$7,444.00

<u>Second Collection (Catholic University)</u>	
Budget Envelopes used (40)	\$573.00
Loose Donations	\$ 43.00
Total	\$616.00

There is no second collection this week. Next week's second collection is for Latin America.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.



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From the Pastor,

This morning, Tuesday, the Mass was live-streamed using our new system for the first time. (As you will see in the next paragraph, I wrote this column yesterday saying that I wasn't sure we'd have the new system ready for the weekend and now I'm rushing to rewrite this first paragraph to reflect the new reality and get it sent out to the printers on time.) Many thanks to our computer guy, Ron Gladski of Projex Consulting, who designed and built the system over the course of many hours and weeks. God bless our parishioners whose input was invaluable and who are still involved in the details of making everything run smoothly: Mark Castro's knowledge of our sound system was extraordinary and invaluable; Ryan Bernard, who offered his time and talent to live-stream the Masses for the last 9 months, was of monumental help in collaborating with Ron to tweak the system into shape. I would not have known even the questions to ask without these guys.

Because I wrote this column on Mondays so that the bulletin can be sent to the printers on time, I cannot comment on the Inauguration, which is scheduled for Wednesday. I'm still praying that things go smoothly and free from violence, not only in DC but in the state capitals and cities as well. On January 6, the sight of marauders attacking our capitol, vandalizing federal property and threatening our democratically elected officials of whatever party with assault and even death, certainly crystallized for many of us what this country is up against. The fact that these vandals were chanting "USA, USA" as they sought to impede the confirmation of an election they didn't like but which had been certified by local and federal officials of both parties, should scare us into a sober evaluation of the political and cultural situation in our nation today. Are we committed to having a democratic republic, or will we overturn the rule of law for the sake of certain political or cultural ends? I could have much more to say about what brought us to this unprecedented outrage, but as they say: "Least said, soonest mended." God bless and save the USA!

Fr. Bodah



Congratulations to the proud parents and godparents of Walter Patrick Conley who was baptized on January 9 by Deacon John Dowd. *Your parish family rejoices with you!*

Sunday, January 24th

Grades 1-6: Virtual Class at 10am for the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus calls four fishermen to become fishers of men. They respond quickly and follow Jesus. This is a call that comes to all on this Sunday, and we need to respond with the same joy and enthusiasm as the first disciples.

Pray: Lord, help us to follow you, because you know what will make us truly happy. Amen.

Think: What would you have to leave behind to follow Jesus?

Act: If Jesus came to your home, he would be helpful around the house. Pray for Jesus to help your family notice each other's needs and act to fill those needs.

Discuss ways that your family can answer God's call to follow Jesus and bring the Good News to the people you meet.

Wednesday, January 27th

No Class for Confirmation I and II today.

Our next class is **February 3rd**.

Grade 7 will be in person and Grade 8 will be virtual.

Service reflections for Confirmation I and II are due no later than **Wednesday, February 10th**.



This Week

Monday, January 25

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

7:00pm Pastoral Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 27

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph

Thursday, January 28

6:00pm Thursday Night Prayer Meeting

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

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In March 2020, COVID-19 changed everything and your diocesan newspaper responded immediately moving all publishing online to the RI Catholic website, TheRICatholic.com. As the pandemic unfolded, we continued to bring you the news of the diocese online, eventually returning to print biweekly, and finally back to weekly in this New Year.

Now more than ever, your diocesan newspaper depends on its faithful readers to continue its 145-year mission of bringing the good news of the church directly to you. If you are interested in starting a new subscription or continuing to receive Rhode Island Catholic in your mailbox each week, please call Circulation Manager Sue Richard at 401-272-1010 ext. 0, or visit the newspaper's website, www.thericatholic.com, and click on Subscribe to order and pay for a subscription. The cost for a year of in-home delivery of the newspaper is only \$30.

Due to the ongoing pandemic online payments, checks or money orders are preferred (made payable to Rhode Island Catholic). Thank you!



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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