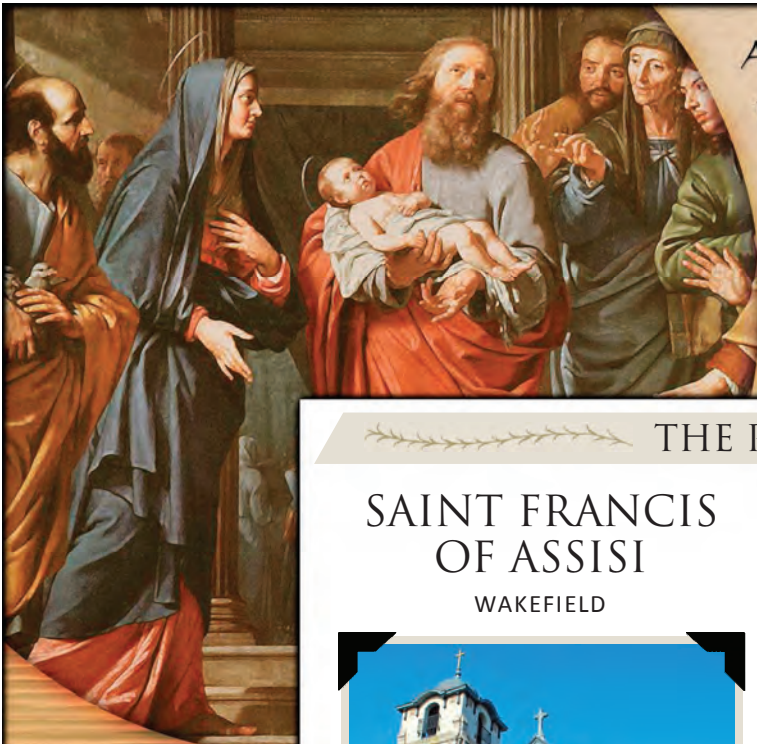


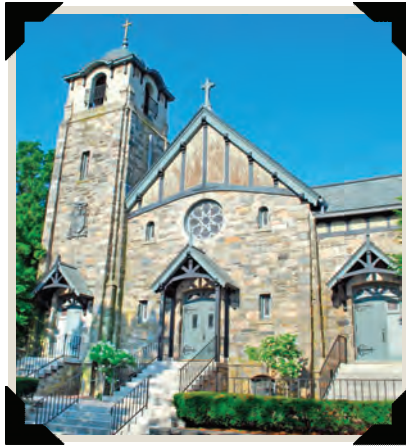
All-powerful Father, Christ your Son became man for us and was presented in the temple. May he free our hearts from sin and bring us into your presence. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



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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

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION  
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## THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### St. Francis Mass Intentions



#### Saturday, January 30

4:30pm †Regina McCourt

*Requested by Family*

#### Sunday, January 31

9:00am † Domenic & Matilda Copolino  
(Anniversary Remembrance)

*Requested by the Pullano Family*

11:00am †Keith Beecroft

*Requested by Elizabeth Jutras*

#### Monday, February 1

7:00am †Pete Reusch

(Birthday Remembrance)

*Requested by Wife*

#### Tuesday, February 2

7:00am †Casandra Senge

*Requested by Sister Maria Fest*

#### Thursday, February 4

7:00am †Concetta & Bob Wilson

*Requested by Jean*

#### Friday, February 5

7:00am †Rev. Charles Burns

(3<sup>rd</sup> Pastor)

*120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Remembrance*

#### Saturday, February 6

4:30pm Mass for the People

#### Sunday, February 7

9:00am † Angela Brousseau

*Requested by Dolores DiPrete & Family*

11:00am †Elsie Clapperton

*Requested by Mark & Diane Castro*

### St. Romuald Mass Intentions

#### Sunday, January 31

10:00am †Thomas Mazzeo

*Requested by Family*

#### Sunday, February 7

10:00am †Tara Higgins

(8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Remembrance)

*Requested by the Higgins Family*



#### THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION: THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

*This 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](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america).



#### Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (75)	-	<b>January 24</b> \$6,593.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 212.00
Online Giving (# of donors-78)	-	<u>\$3,216.00</u>
<b>Total Budget</b>	-	<b>\$10,021.00</b>

This week's second collection is for Latin America. Next week's second collection is for the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

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

*From the Pastor,*

Several items:

- ◆ Lent is coming up on February 17. This year, we cannot distribute ashes in the usual way, i.e. by rubbing a cross on the foreheads of the recipients. We are obliged to say the formula (either “Repent and believe the gospel” or “Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return”) only once over the whole congregation. The ashes are then distributed individually in the way already customary in Europe, viz., by sprinkling them on the top of the head of each person. The minister of ashes will therefore not touch the recipient. Those who do not want ashes sprinkled on their heads can remain in their seats. The same readings and prayers are said in any case. Masses will be at 7 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; there will also be a service of the readings and prayers with distribution of ashes, but without Mass, at noon. Since there are no religious education classes in common on Wednesday afternoons, we will not have the usual service at 4:15 p.m.
- ◆ Stations of the Cross, led by either myself or Deacon John Dowd, will be held in the parish church every Friday of Lent. Jim DeLuca is also organized a service of Stations at St. Romuald’s Chapel every Wednesday. He wants to know whether people would prefer this at 12:30 or at 4:30. Please let him know as soon as possible by emailing him at [JDucaJR@verizon.net](mailto:JDucaJR@verizon.net)
- ◆ The annual parish mission this year will be led by the newly-retired pastor of St. Bernard’s in Wickford, Fr. John Unsworth, who served as a deacon in this parish in the summer of 1975 before returning to Louvain to complete his studies for the priesthood. His theme will be “Lent as a Pilgrimage.” Because we are restricted this year from making physical journeys to places of pilgrimage, can we reimagine Lent in terms of a spiritual pilgrimage, a grace-filled movement toward an encounter with the Holy? Fr. Unsworth, will preach at all the Masses on the weekend of March 6-7. He will preach at live-streamed Mass at 7 p.m. on the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of that week and will be available for confessions each evening from 6-6:45. Mark your calendars!

*Fr. Bodah*

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**Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Grades 1-6:** Complete at home, the Gospel Weeklies for the **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Pray:* Jesus, help us to listen to you in all things. Amen.

*Think:* **Do we recognize Jesus’ authority over us and** his ability to teach us?

*Act:* **How can we help others?**

As a family, **discuss ways your family is living out the Good News of the Gospel** in your home.

*Online Class Assessments:* to be submitted to your child’s catechist each week.

Gospel Weeklies for January 17<sup>th</sup>-March 7<sup>th</sup> for grades 1-6 are available in Helen Bouchard Hall for pick up..

**Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>**

6:30-8:30pm Confirmation I- Grade 7  
*In Person* FGC

6:30-8:30pm Confirmation II Grade 8  
*Virtual Class*

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



# This Week

## Monday, February 1

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

## Wednesday, February 3

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph

## Thursday, February 4

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.*

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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](http://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](http://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!***

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