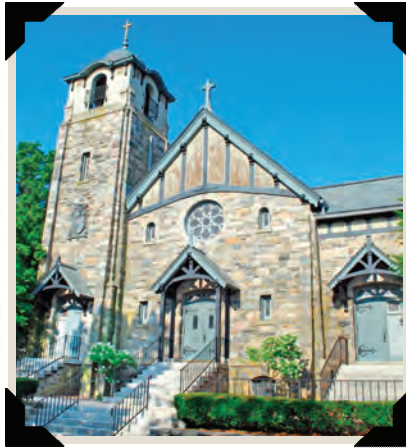


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Masses

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

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 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.

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Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Friday From 9:00 am—12:30 pm

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

St. Francis Mass Intentions



Saturday, February 20

4:30pm †Tom Pullano

Requested by Family

Sunday, February 21

9:00am †Ralph Banks, Jr.

Requested by Mark & Diane Castro

11:00am †Hannah Cyr

Requested by Jen Bernard

Monday, February 22

7:00am Mass for the People

Tuesday, February 23

7:00am †Shirley Cummings

Requested by Jean

Thursday, February 25

7:00am †James Flynn

Requested by Kathleen & Jeff Carney

Friday, February 26

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

Requested by Family

Saturday, February 27

4:30pm †Tom McEntee

Requested by Bruce & Bea MacGregor

Sunday, February 28

9:00am †Bruce Tavares.

Requested by Shaun & Linda Curry

11:00am †Joshua Paquette

Requested by Florrie Bagley

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 21

10:00am †John Estes

(5th Anniversary Remembrance)

Requested by Wife & Family

Sunday, February 28

10:00am †Dan Fenaughty

Requested by Family

SANCTUARY LAMP



This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of James Flynn.



SAVE THE DATE: OUR ANNUAL PARISH MISSION BEGINS THE WEEKEND OF MARCH 6/7

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 the 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!



Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (72)	-	February 14	\$9,920.00
Loose Donations	-		\$4,701.00
Online Giving (# of donors-75)	-		\$2,701.00
Total Budget	-		\$17,322.00

This week's second collection is for Ongoing Maintenance. There is no second collection next week.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.



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DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and have trust in God.

Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.

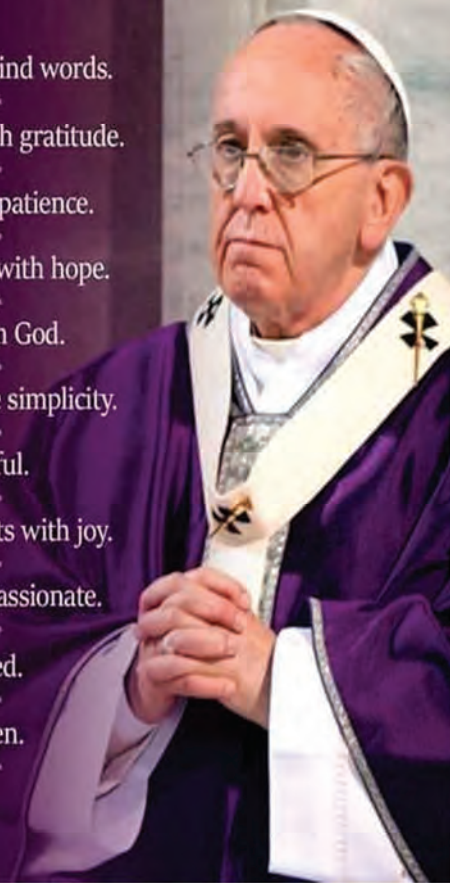
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words; be silent and listen.



Sunday, February 21st

Virtual class for Grades 1,3,4,6 at 10:00am

Materials needed: Gospel Weeklies for the **1st Sunday of Lent** and WCBT handbook

Grade 2 will meet in person at 10am in FGC

Grade 5 has begun meeting in person and the next in person class is **Feb. 28th**.

There is no virtual class for 5th grade today.

Parents are responsible for today's lesson on the 1st Sunday of Lent.

Pray: Holy Spirit, help me to make good choices that are pleasing to God.

Think: How does the Holy Spirit help me to live as a follower of Jesus?

Act: Look around your church for symbols of the Holy Spirit.

Reflect: How can you use Lent to be the Good News to people in your life?

Wednesday, February 24th

No Class for Confirmation I & II-Our next class will be March 3rd

JOB POSITION AVAILABLE: CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES OF RI/ WASHINGTON COUNTY

The Catholic Social Services of RI Satellite Office (Located in Helen Bouchard Hall) is in search of a Satellite Coordinator who will assist the local Catholic Parishes in the South County area with fulfilling their call to social service to the poor and needy.

This person will have the responsibility of:

- ◆ Maintaining the Satellite Office.
- ◆ Providing for basic needs assistance to the poor and needy.
- ◆ Maintaining contact with local pastors & social service organizations with regards to needs.
- ◆ Maintaining current information with regards to various programs/ services offered via the satellite.

This position is 15 hours a week—normally 3 days per week. If interested please contact Melanie Monteiro at 401-783-3149.



This Week

Monday, February 22

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

7:00pm Pastoral Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 24

12:30pm Stations of the Cross (St. Romuald Chapel)

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph

Thursday, February 25

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

6:00pm Thursday Night Prayer Meeting

Friday, February 26

7:00pm Stations of the Cross (Church)

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

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.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT ST. FRANCIS

On the Fridays of Lent Stations of the Cross at **7:00pm**:

Friday, February 26

Friday, March 5

Friday, March 12

Friday, March 19

Friday, March 26

Good Friday, April 2, Stations will be at 3:00pm.

All are welcome to join us!

STATIONS AT ST. ROMUALD CHAPEL

Join us for a unique experience when we present the Stations of the Cross as seen through the eyes of Mary every Wednesday beginning February 24 through March 31 at 12:30pm at Saint Romuald Chapel in Matunuck. All are welcome.



St. Patrick's Day Fund Raiser Saturday, March 13th

Order a corned beef dinner and benefit the Peace Dale Dinner Table Program which serves full course, free, hot meals for our community on Wednesday and Friday nights. The Friday meal is sponsored and prepared by our St. Francis of Assisi SVDP Conference and volunteers from our parish and the community. Contactless curbside pick-up at Peace Dale Congregational Church Saturday, March 13th between 4-6 pm, 261 Columbia St, Wakefield. Orders must be placed by Saturday, March 6th. To order call 401-542-0332. Meals include homemade Irish soda bread, corned beef, cabbage, onions, carrots, potatoes, and a homemade dessert. Donation is \$15 per meal. Payment is made when the meal is picked up—cash or check to Peace Dale Dinner Table Program.

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.



Remember during Lent to Pray, Fast and have Community Outreach to end abortion. For more information about Diocesan events contact the Office of Life and Family Ministry—Lisa Cooley, Coordinator at 401-278-2518 or email lcooley@dioceseofprovidence.org.



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