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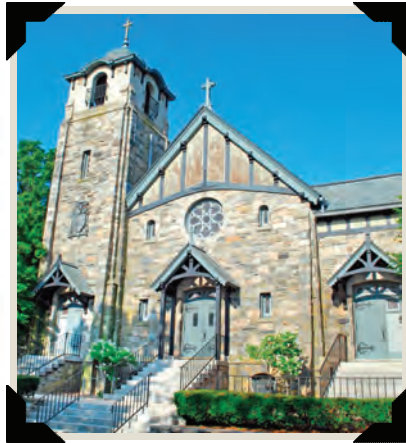
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Masses

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

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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.

welcome

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

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Days

Giving
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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

St. Francis Mass Intentions



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

Monday, March 1

7:00am †Charles McGowan

Requested by Claire Sweet

Tuesday, March 2

7:00am †Judith Gardner & Patricia Lord

Requested by Mark & Laurie Friel

Thursday, March 4

7:00am Mass for the People

Friday, March 5

7:00am †Joseph Boragine

Requested by Family

Saturday, March 6

4:30pm †Walter P. Reusch

Requested by the Murphy Family

Sunday, March 7

9:00am † Blanche Jacques Marcoux

Requested by her Daughter

11:00am †Virginia Hourigan & Christine McPherson

Requested by her Sister, Peggy

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 28

10:00am †Dan Fenaughty

Requested by Family

Sunday, March 7

10:00am †Linda Guernon

Requested by Family

SANCTUARY LAMP



This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Blanche Jacques Marcoux and the candle at the Chapel burns in the memory of Shirley Cummings.



SAVE THE DATE: OUR ANNUAL PARISH MISSION BEGINS NEXT 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: A Parish Pilgrimage to Easter." 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 next 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 (87)	-	\$8,954.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 398.00
Online Giving (# of donors-78)	-	\$3,244.00
Total Budget	-	\$12,596.00

Second Collection (Ongoing Maintenance)

Budget envelopes used (57)	-	\$1,233.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 83.00
Total	-	\$1,316.00

Ash Wednesday Collection: \$523.00

There is no second collection this week. Next week's second collection is the Monthly Collection.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

From the Pastor,

Please consider marking your calendars to attend the annual parish mission on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, March 8, 9, and 10. Father John Unsworth was the pastor of St. Bernard's in Wickford until last July when he retired after more than 40 years of parish work. At one time, he was the youngest pastor in the diocese when he was appointed by Bishop Gelineau to St. Mary's in Pawtucket, a large parish with a school and a cemetery. Some years later he was transferred to St. Brendan's in the Riverside section of East Providence, another parish with a school, and about 10 or 12 years ago was made pastor of St. Bernard's, which had just built a new parish church. Fr. Unsworth led the campaign to pay the debt on the new church, rehabilitate the farm house next door as the rectory, and some years later led the parish in building a new parish center. Now, in his "retirement," he has been appointed by Bishop Tobin as the liaison to the other senior priests of the diocese, and will be responsible for keeping in touch with the elderly clergy, especially those living on their own.

A few years ago, Fr. Unsworth went on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and found it such so moving that he would like to lead us to a similar experience: in effect, we'll go on pilgrimage while having to stay at home. So the theme will be "Lent: A Parish Pilgrimage to Easter." Each evening Fr. Unsworth will hear confessions in the reconciliation room behind the pulpit from 6 to 6:45. Mass will be celebrated at 7 p.m. and after Mass, Father will speak and answer questions and take comments from the congregation. The evening will end by 8 p.m. For those unable to attend, the evening will be livestreamed to our parish website: stfranciswakefield.com. I hope you can join us.

Fr. Bodah

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.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
(401) 792-8684

Sunday, February 28th

Grades 1,3,4,6: Complete at home, the Gospel Weeklies for the **2nd Sunday of Lent**

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

Grade 2 will meet in person at 10am in FGC

Grade 5 will meet in person at 10am in FGC

Pray: Lord, help us to remember we also are God's beloved children. Amen.

Think: How will you change and grow during lent?

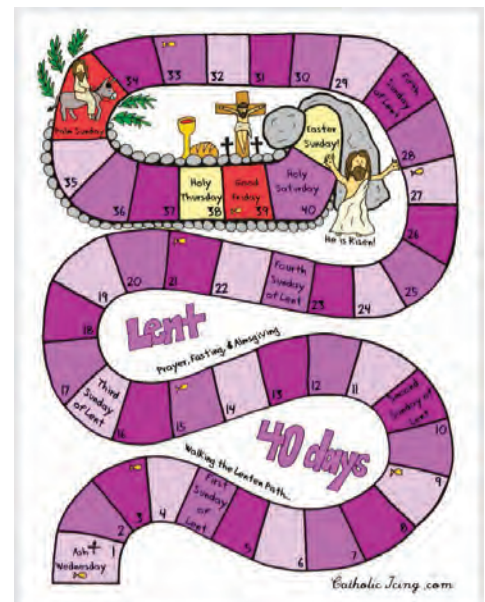
Act: In the Gospel, we read that Jesus' clothes became dazzling white. Discuss when people wear white at church-Baptisms, First Communions, and weddings and what wearing white symbolizes.

Reflect: How can making a change during Lent bring us closer to Jesus?

Wednesday, March 3rd

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

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



This Week

Monday, March 1

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

Wednesday, March 3

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

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph

Thursday, March 4

6:00pm Thursday Night Prayer Meeting

Friday, March 5

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.

Congratulations to the proud parents and god-parent of Theodore David Whitney who was baptized on February 20 by Father Bodah. *Your parish family rejoices with you!*



STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT ST. FRANCIS

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

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 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 SVPD 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.



Elementary School Tuition Aid 2021-2022

Now is the time to turn in tuition assistance applications for the **2021-2022** school year. If you have not yet received your forms

from the school, please call the school and inquire about them.

Regarding Catholic School Assistance:

The Diocese of Providence urges all parishes to support Catholic Schools by giving aid, as far as possible, when parents request it. As believers in the value of Catholic Schools, we are happy to do that, both to the fullest extent allowable, and to the extent that the parish can afford. Some things to note, however! Eligibility for consideration requires that families :

- 1. Complete the Facts Form from the Catholic School Office. (No applications will be considered if the Facts Form has not been completed)**
- 2. You must be registered parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi Parish & contributing members for at least a one year period.**
- 3. Attend Mass regularly.**
- 4. Be actively involved in St. Francis of Assisi parish life.**
- 5. All requests are to be turned into the parish office, whether your child has been accepted or not, no later than April 15.**

Please submit your assistance request **by mail** to St. Francis of Assisi, 114 High St., Wakefield, RI 02879 or email it to saintfrancis00@aol.com. In your request please state how you are active in this parish.



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