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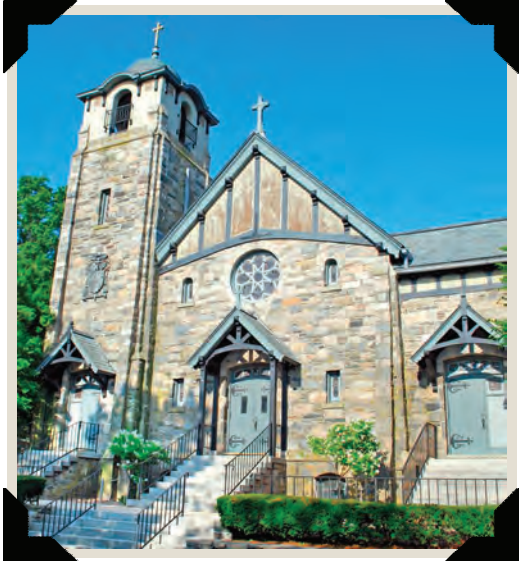
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Masses

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

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Francis Mass Intentions



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

Monday, February 8

7:00am Mass for the People

Tuesday, February 9

7:00am † Rev. Francis J. Tuite

(2nd Pastor)

105th Anniversary Remembrance

Thursday, February 11

7:00am † Joe & Eldora Lord

Requested by Mark & Laurie Friel

Friday, February 12

7:00am † Rev. John A. O'Rourke

(8th Pastor)

84th Anniversary Remembrance

Saturday, February 13

4:30pm † Lenny A. Albanese

Requested by Family

Sunday, February 14

9:00am † Mr. & Mrs. Thu Chi Tran & John Ha

Requested by Family

11:00am † Bruce Tavares

Requested by Mark & Diane Castro

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 7

10:00am † Tara Higgins

(8th Anniversary Remembrance)

Requested by the Higgins Family

Sunday, February 14

10:00am † Jeannette DeLuca

Requested by Family

SANCTUARY LAMP



This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Domenic & Matilda Coppolino.



Ash Wednesday: February 17

All Ash Wednesday Services will take Place at St. Francis Church

7:00am Mass with distribution of Ashes

12NN Liturgy of the Word with Distribution of Ashes

6:30pm Mass with distribution of Ashes



Weekly Support

Budget envelopes	-	January 31 \$2,316.00
Loose Donations	-	\$1,599.00
Online Giving (# of donors-74)	-	\$2,568.00
Total Budget	-	\$6,483.00

Second Collection (Latin America)

Budget envelopes	-	\$485.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 83.00
Total		\$568.00

This week's second collection is for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. There is no second collection next week.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.



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From the Pastor,

Ash Wednesday is coming up on February 17, as I wrote about last week. If you want to know how ashes will be given out this year, please go to our website stfranciswakefield.com, or on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/stfranciswakefield/>. At the Facebook page you have to scroll down a bit to find the video.

Since the ashes have to be sprinkled on the head rather than applied to the forehead, you might think of postponing a hairdo until after Ash Wednesday!

As you know, there is no obligation to receive ashes and I would recommend thinking twice about coming out in a crowd unless you have to. In any case, as soon as we reach capacity, the doors of the church will be shut and those whose custom it has been to show up 10 minutes late "to get their ashes" will this year find themselves stuck outside like the foolish virgins in the gospel and get the same response from me as those improvident young ladies got from the lord of the wedding banquet. Lol.

Don't forget too that Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting for those between the ages of 14 and 60, which means that only one full meal may be taken. Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent are also days of complete abstinence from meat for all Catholics, even those over the age of 60. Note that this does not mean that one has to eat fish, only that one should not eat meat.

Prayer, fasting and almsgiving are the program. Don't forget that on Mondays the Blessed Sacrament is exposed on the altar for adoration from after the 7 a.m. Mass until 11 a.m. Stations of the Cross will take place in the church every Friday at 7 p.m. and on Wednesdays at the chapel at a time to be determined. The Saint Vincent de Paul boxes are available in both churches for your donations, which go directly to those in need, and the Society is always looking for additional volunteers for the dinners they host on Friday evenings. There will also be a number of "The Word Among Us" pamphlets available at the doors as an aid to Lenten meditation.

As always, the weekday and the Sunday 9 a.m. Masses will be livestreamed.

Fr. Bodah



DAYS OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

Church discipline requires that Ash Wednesday and Good Friday be observed as days of fasting. Those between the ages of 18 and 59 should take only one full meal on those days, without taking solid food between meals. Abstinence from meat is also required on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent. Those with serious health conditions are excused from these requirements.

Sunday, February 7th

Grades 1-6: Complete at home, the Gospel Weeklies for the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pray: Jesus, help us to do your work of feeding the hungry, caring for the sick, and comforting others. Amen

Think: *How do you feel when you see people who are sick or struggling?*

Act: *Make a card or a meal for someone who is sick or alone.* Pray for that person.

Reflect: *Even though we cannot physically heal others we can imitate Jesus' love and compassion.*

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

Wednesday, February 10th

6:30-8:30pm Confirmation I Grade 7
Virtual

6:30-8:30pm Confirmation II Grade 8
In Person FGC

Service reflections for Confirmation I and II are due **TODAY**.



This Week

Monday, February 8

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

Tuesday, February 9

7:38am Finance Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 10

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph

Thursday, February 11

6:00pm Thursday Night Prayer Meeting

Monday, February 15

NO ADORATION—HOLIDAY (Offices closed)

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 six Fridays of Lent
Stations of the Cross at
7:00pm:

Friday, February 19
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 will take place on Wednesdays during Lent beginning February 24—time will be announced soon)



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!**

Friday Dinners Available

The SVDP dinner program is providing Friday meals for pick up or delivery at no cost. Would you – or someone you know – like a cooked meal? Seniors? Mobility concerns? Homebound? Any one in our community of South Kingstown or Narragansett is welcome to order one. Call 401-588-4192



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are heard each Saturday afternoon at 3:30-4:00pm in St. Francis Church. All are welcome!





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