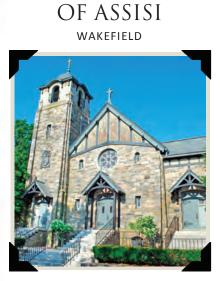
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Robert J. Moniz	Cemetery Manager
Robert J. Kelly	Parish Sexton

Masses

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 Thursday9:00 am to 2:00 pm

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY / Wakefield 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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

St. Francis Mass Intentions



Saturday, March 13 4:30pm [‡] Reinaldo "Rey" Flores (Anniversary Remembrance) Requested by Family Sunday, March 14 9:00am⁺ Margaret Hagan Requested by Friend 11:00am [†]Neal Fiorio Requested by Family Monday, March 15 7:00am †Aggie Walsh Requested by Dolores DiPrete Tuesday, March 16 7:00am Mass for the People Thursday, March 18 7:00am †Patricia McGrath Requested by Eve & Patrick Sweeney Friday, March 19 7:00am †Rita & Tom O'Rourke & Warren Behie *Requested by Family* Saturday, March 20 4:30pm [†]Camella Ford Requested by the Pezzelli Family Sunday, March 21 9:00am⁺ Alan Thayer Requested by Jean Fenaughty 11:00am †Chuck & Jeannine Denecour Requested by Mark & Diane Castro

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 14 10:00am †Kathleen Barry *Requested by M. Cote* Sunday, March 21 10:00am †Mary Smith *Requested by Mark & Diane Castro*



SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Albertina Wiseman.

Holy Week and Easter Services



Come Worship With Us!

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 1 (STREAMED)

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper (Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will continue until 11:00pm in Helen Bouchard Hall)

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2 (STREAMED)

3:00pm *Stations of the Cross* **7:00pm** *Celebration of the Lord's Passion*

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL3 (STREAMED) No 4:30pm Mass Confessions from 3:00-4:00pm

7:30pm Solemn Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4 (9AM TO BE STREAMED)

9:00am and 11:00am St. Francis Church

10:00am St. Romuald Chapel



<u>Weekly Support</u> Budget envelopes used (99 Loose Donations Online Giving (# of donors–91) **Total Budget**

<u>March 7</u> \$7,296.00 \$ 137.00 <u>\$4,777.00</u> **\$12,210.00**

Second Collection (Monthly Collection)Budget envelopes used (56)\$1,232.00Loose Donations\$217.00Total\$1,449.00

Catholic Charity Appeal Goal for 2021 is \$104,595.00 As of 3/4/2021 the pledged amount is \$32,065.00

There is no second collection this week. Next week's second collection is for Ongoing Maintenance.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

MARCH 14, 2021

Thoughts from Blessed Concepción Cabera de Armida

When my soul is sad and weary through desolation and abandonment, where shall I find refreshment, and peace, if not in your most precious blood, which rejoices the soul by the visits of its grace. When I am overcome with weakness and discouragement, when temptations surround me on every side, to whom shall I have recourse, but to him who is consolation and strength itself: And when my soul is flooded and filled with consolation, and peace and happiness reign in my heart, to whom shall I go, if not to you, O my Jesus, that I may share my joy and happiness with you. On every occasion, O my beloved, it is to you that I wish to go; it is upon your most loving Heart that I wish to lean, both now and through eternity.

Blessed Concepción († 1937), also known as "Conchita," was a wife, mother, widow, and mystical writer. She was the first Mexican laywoman to be beatified.



Virtual Faith Formation Convocation † March 19-21, 2021

Parish Leaders. Catechists. Teachers. Parents. *I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you.-St. Paul*

Exclusive Access

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EDUCATION (401) 792-8684

Sunday, March 14th Grades 1,3,4,6:

Complete at home, the Gospel Weeklies for the 4th Sunday of Lent, Laetare Sunday

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

Thank you Parents for taking on the responsibility of teaching your child's faith formation at home. We hope you find that this time spent each week is a very special family time with our Lord.

Grade 2 will meet in person at 10am in FGC

Grade 5 will meet in person at 10am in FGC

Pray: Lord, keep me close to the light of Christ and help me to avoid the darkness of sin. Amen.

Think: *How can* you reflect the light of Christ to others?

Act: *Find the* sanctuary lamp. It is a reminder that Christ is present in the tabernacle. Genuflect or bow to show Jesus your love and respect.

Reflect: How can you stay close to the light of Jesus?

Wednesday, March 17th

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

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

This is the LAST DAY OF CLASSES for Confirmation I and II.

Confirmation is April 10th at 10am. Most Reverend Thomas J. Tobin will be our celebrant.

Please keep our Confirmation candidates and their families in your prayers.



Monday, March 15 7:30-11:00am Adoration (Church) Wednesday, March 17 12:30pm Stations of the Cross (St. Romuald Chapel) 7:00pm Men of St. Joseph Thursday, March 18 6:00pm Thursday Night Prayer Meeting 7:00pm RCIA (Rectory) Friday, March 19 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.

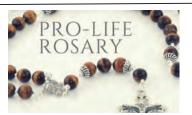
DRIVE UP RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

On Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11th, there will be a drive up, remain in your car, distribution of Holy Communion in the main Church parking lot for those who have been uncomfortable or unable to attend Mass. You are not obligated to receive Communion, use



Holy Communion

judgment on your own vulnerability. Please remain home if you are experiencing any symptoms or are ill. Last names A-J are asked to arrive at 12:30 pm and K-Z at 12:45 pm. Wear masks and bring hand sanitizer. Enter the parking lot on Winter Street and exit on High Street. If you plan to participate or have questions, call, or text 401-588-4192 and leave your name, contact information and number receiving Communion.



Benediction with Pro-Life Rosary: Thurs., March 25

Next Thursday, March 25, we plan to have Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament with a "pro-life rosary" *at 6:30 p.m.* All are invited to join us to pray for a greater respect for human life in all its stages and for a conversion of heart in our society so that children will be conceived by those who want them and abortion will no longer be viewed as a viable solution what is perceived as a "problem."



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



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, <u>no later than April 15</u>.

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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