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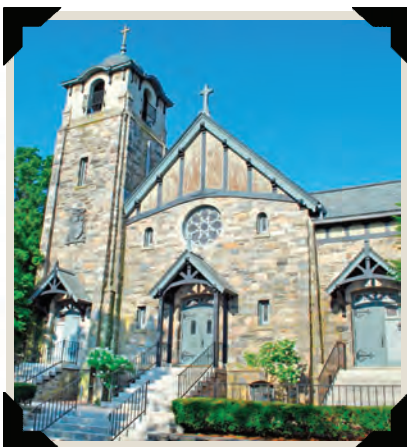
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Masses

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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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

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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## St. Francis Mass Intentions



### 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*

### Monday, March 8

7:00am †Charles McGowan

*Requested by Claire Sweet*

### 7:00pm Lenten Mission

### Tuesday, March 9

7:00am Mass for the People

### 7:00pm Lenten Mission

### Wednesday, March 10

### 7:00pm Lenten Mission

### Thursday, March 11

7:00am †Gloria Carney

*Requested by Jeff & Kathleen Carney*

### Friday, March 12

7:00am †Carol Meenan

(birthday remembrance)  
and

Donna Sousa (living intention)

*Requested by Viola*

### 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*

## St. Romuald Mass Intentions

### Sunday, March 7

10:00am †Linda Guernon

*Requested by Family*

### Sunday, March 14

10:00am †Kathleen Barry

*Requested by M. Cote*

## SANCTUARY LAMP



This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Margaret Marcoux.



## SAVE THE DATE: OUR ANNUAL PARISH MISSION BEGINS THIS 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. *Fr. Unsworth 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 (75)	-	<b>February 28</b> \$3,708.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 611.00
Online Giving (# of donors-77)	-	<u>\$2,951.00</u>
<b>Total Budget</b>	-	<b>\$7,270.00</b>

This week's second collection is the Monthly Collection. There is no second collection next week.

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

MARCH 7, 2021

## From the Pastor,

One of the great feasts of the liturgical year is celebrated on March 25: the Solemnity of the Annunciation. For some centuries this was also celebrated as New Year's Day, since Anno Domini (in the Year of the Lord) was counted from our Lord's conception, nine months before Christmas Day. Dating documents between 1582 until 1752 is a little tricky because until then England, for example, refused to accept the Gregorian calendar of 1582 because it came from the pope. The new calendar, which is still the one we use today, was 10 days different from the Julian calendar which had been used from the time of Julius Caesar. Also, in Catholic countries New Year's Day was January 1 but in England was still March 25. Russia did not accept the Gregorian calendar in after the Bolshevik Revolution and there are still Russian Orthodox who use the old calendar for the liturgical year.

In any case, March 25 is Annunciation Day and I'm surprised that we don't make more of it than we do. We believe that human life should be valued "from the moment of conception" so it seems to me that we should make more our Lord's virginal conception, when "the Word became flesh." Here in our parish, in addition to the usual 7 a.m. Mass on 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."

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.



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### Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup>

**Grades 1,3,4,6:** Complete at home, the Gospel Weeklies for the **3rd 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:* Holy Spirit, show us how to let go of things we do not need. Amen.

*Think:* **What things in your life do you need to get rid of** so you can focus more on God?

*Act:* **Clean out your closet and give away anything** you no longer need. If possible, give it to someone who will benefit from having it.

*Reflect:* **What actions have you done today that keep you close to God?**

### Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>

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

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



# This Week

## Monday, March 8

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

6-6:45pm Confessions (Church)

7:00pm Lenten Mission (Church)

## Tuesday, March 9

6-6:45pm Confessions (Church)

7:00pm Lenten Mission (Church)

## Wednesday, March 10

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

6-6:45pm Confessions (Church)

7:00pm Lenten Mission (Church)

## Thursday, March 11

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

6:00pm Thursday Night Prayer Meeting

## Friday, March 12

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.*



### STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT ST. FRANCIS

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

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. 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, 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](mailto:saintfrancis00@aol.com). In your request please state how you are active in this parish.



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