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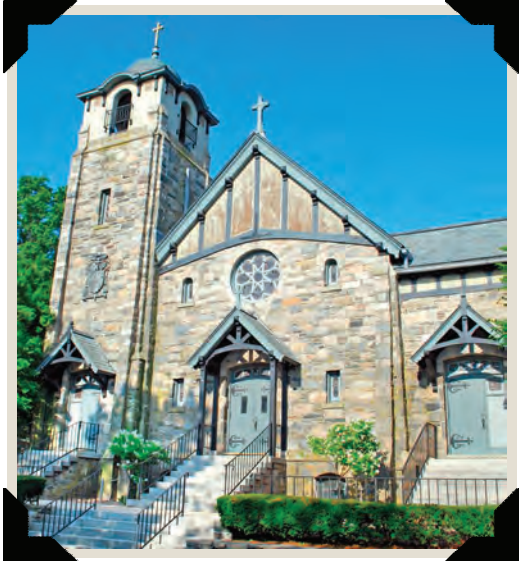
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Masses

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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

St. Francis Mass Intentions



Saturday, April 24

4:30pm †John Champion
(Birthday Remembrance)
Requested by Family

Sunday, April 25

9:00am †Anthony Hoa Van Tran
Requested by Family

11:00am For the People

Monday, April 26

7:00am †TJ Jones
Requested by John & Patty Grimes

Tuesday, April 27

7:00am †Edith Boisclair
Requested by Family

Thursday, April 29

7:00am †Pete Reusch
Requested by Ellen Schwab

Friday, April 30

7:00am †John P. Gabriele
Requested by Rick & Liz Soltyziak

Saturday, May 1

4:30pm †Chuck & Jeannine Denecour
Requested by Ed & Kathleen Puchalla

Sunday, May 2

9:00am †Tracy Walsh
Requested by Jeff & Kathleen Carney

11:00am †Earl F. Cronan
Requested by Jeanne & Dan Thompson

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Sunday, April 25

10:00am †Tony Kieon
(2nd Anniversary Remembrance)
Requested by his Sister, Susan

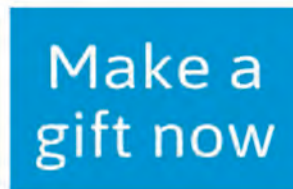
Sunday, May 2

10:00am †Al Marchand
(Anniversary Remembrance)
Requested by Al & Gerri Marsocci



SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of John Champion.

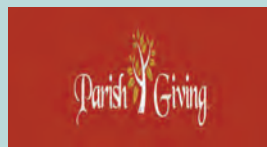


2021 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL

WILL YOU JOIN US BY MAKING YOUR GIFT THIS WEEKEND?

The Catholic Charity Appeal funds over 30 programs and ministries each year to serve thousands of people in Rhode Island. Catholic social services provides immediate support like food, heating and rent assistance, diapers, formula, clothing and more. The Appeal also funds Emmanuel House homeless shelter, St. Martin de Porres Senior Center, Faith Formation, Youth Ministry, evangelization programs, St. Gabriel's Call for expectant mothers, Life and Family Ministry, St. Clare's nursing home in Newport, and many other vital programs.

"Our compassion is an expression of faith and a proclamation of hope for our troubled times." ~ BISHOP TOBIN



Weekly Support		April 18
Budget envelopes used (77)	-	\$3,221.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 140.00
Online Giving (# of donors-80)	-	\$3,109.00
Total Budget	-	\$6,470.00

Second Collection (Monthly Collection)		
Budget envelopes used (49)	-	\$1,214.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 376.00
Total	-	\$1,590.00

Catholic Charity Appeal Goal for 2021 is \$104,595.00
As of 4/15/21 the pledged amount is \$56,278.00. 189 Donors.

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

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

APRIL 25, 2021

From the Pastor,

The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called “Good Shepherd Sunday” since the readings for the day focus on the mystery of the Risen Christ as Shepherd of his people. Our Lord has a direct relationship with each individual Christian, baptized into his Body and therefore sharing his life. But this pastoral function of the Lord is also shared with other human beings, especially those called to Holy Orders and sent in service to his people. The bishops are successors of the Apostles, with and under the Bishop of Rome as successor of St. Peter, and each bishop is high priest for his own diocese. He shares this priesthood with his presbyters, whom we call “priests,” who are participants in the three-fold ministry of preaching the faith, administering the parish ministries and finances, and celebrating the sacraments.

I bring all this up since Dan Mahoney, one of our long-time parishioners, who was ordained a deacon last year, is going to be ordained to the priesthood in the cathedral on the first Saturday of June. Dan gave a year of his life to the NET ministries, a group of young people who travel around the country giving retreats to young teens and trying to get them to realize the beauty and power of the Gospel message. Dan’s response to the call to the priesthood did not come right away after this and he worked as a short-order cook in the restaurant before he became convinced that God was calling him to a different vocation than he had foreseen.

Dan will celebrate his first Mass of Thanksgiving here at St. Francis on Sunday, June 6, at 5 p.m. and although the pandemic has made this an “invitation only” event, we will livestream the Mass so that others can watch from the Helen Bouchard Hall and the Father Greenan Center or even from home.

I know that the example of priests like Fathers Nick Smith, Joe Upton, Msgr. Theroux, and others who served here during Dan’s younger days, as well as the faithful witness of so many of our loyal parishioners, helped to form Dan’s sense of vocation. We join with one another in celebrating his ordination, and pray for a long and fruitful priesthood wherever the Lord sends him.

Elsewhere in the news: despite what you may have heard, I DO NOT KNOW who my successor is going to be. Rumors are rife and they are only rumors. Sometimes rumors turn out to be correct; far more often they do not. Take them with a grain of salt and pray for the parish and for whomever the bishop may send.

Fr. Bodah



ADORATION

St. Francis of Assisi offers Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Monday from 7:30am to 11:00am. We are in need of Adorers particularly for the 7:30-8:00am and 8:30-9:00am time slots. If you can spend a half hour with Jesus please contact our Adoration coordinator, Liz

Soltzyiack at 792-9379.

All are welcome!



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Sunday April 25th

10:00-10:45am First Communion class FGC

Thursday, April 29th

6:00pm First Communion Rehearsal. We will meet upstairs in the church.



First Holy Communion and our May crowning will take place next Sunday, May 2nd during our 9am Mass.

Please continue to keep Rebecca Costanza, Anthony Silvia and Harry Champion and their families in your prayers as the children prepare their hearts to receive Jesus for the first time next Sunday.



Our First Communion students will participate in a traditional crowning in honor of our Blessed Mother Mary, after 9am Mass next Sunday.

This Week

Monday, April 26

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

Tuesday, April 27

5-6:00pm Opening the Word (FGC)

Wednesday, April 28

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph

Thursday, April 29

6:00pm Thursday Night Prayer Meeting

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



SOLEMN DIOCESAN CELEBRATION
Year of Saint Joseph

Saturday
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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.

MAY MONEY MADNESS



Tickets for May Money Madness are being sold after masses this weekend. They can also be purchased at the parish office, Monday through Thursday 9am to 4pm and Friday 9am-12:30pm. **The last day to buy a ticket is April 30.**

Ticket prices are: \$10 each, 6 for \$50 or 12 for \$100. A fun parish event with prizes awarded daily throughout the month of May.

Drawing Prizes: Monday thru Saturday—\$50; Sunday—\$100; May 31st drawing—\$500.

Fill out the form below and include payment. Return through the weekly offertory or mail to: May \$ Madness, St. Francis Church, 114 High St., Wakefield, RI 02879 Tickets will be forwarded to you.

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HEALING MASS FOR THE LOSS OF A CHILD

The Respect Life Ministry at St. Philip Church, Greenville, will be hosting a **Healing Mass** for pregnancy and infant loss. We invite parents, grandparents, siblings and family who grieve the loss of children from the causes of miscarriage, stillbirth, abortion and early infant death. The Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Phillip Dufour on Thursday, April 29, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at St Philips, 622 Putnam Pike, Greenville, RI 02828. Social distancing and mask wearing will be observed. For more information please contact Ashley Codding at 401-533-3455.



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