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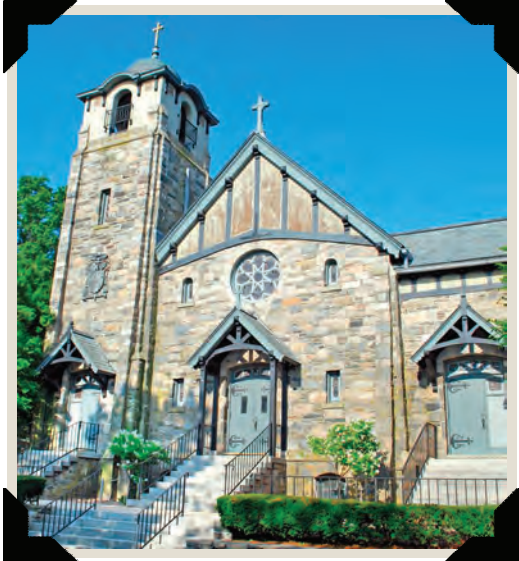
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Masses

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 OF EASTER

St. Francis Mass Intentions



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

Monday, May 3

7:00am For the People

Tuesday, May 4

7:00am †Luke & Henrietta Pucella
Requested by Family

Thursday, May 6

7:00am †Paul West
Requested by Susan Morrison

Friday, May 7

7:00am †Mary Beal
Requested by Family

Saturday, May 8

4:30pm †Joe Pouliot
(1st Anniversary Remembrance)
Requested by Family

Sunday, May 9

9:00am †Matilda Coppolino
Requested by the Pullano Family
11:00am †Theresa Ramieri
Requested by her Children

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Sunday, May 2

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

Sunday, May 9

10:00am †Roger Fenaughty
Requested by Family



SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Selma Gallo.



Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.

Now this is how we shall know that we belong to the truth and reassure our hearts before him in whatever our hearts condemn, for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.—1 John 3:18-24



Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (90)	-	April 25	\$3,836.00
Loose Donations	-		\$ 352.00
Online Giving (# of donors-78)	-		\$2,976.00
Total Budget	-		\$7,164.00

Second Collection (Ongoing Maintenance)

Budget envelopes used (48)	-	\$ 845.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 230.00
Total	-	\$1,075.00

Catholic Charity Appeal Goal for 2021 is \$104,595.00
As of 4/22/2021 the pledged amount is \$58,598.00. 199 Donors.

There is no second collection this week. Next week's second collection is for St. Vincent de Paul.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

MAY 2, 2021

From the Pastor,

From 1980 to 1986 I was an assistant pastor at St. Paul's parish in the Edgewood section of Cranston. Since I came to St. Francis, I have discovered several connections between us and St. Paul's: Father Joe Upton, who was here from 2010 to 2015, grew up in that parish; Father Chew, who until the shut-down was helping us with weekend Masses, was pastor of St. Paul's for six years; our hard-working, faithful parishioner Ellen Schwab is part of the Gilmartin family of Edgewood and grew up in that parish; and from time to time people I knew from there show up for Mass at St. Francis or St. Romuald's.

On Broad Street at the border of Cranston and Providence, the Palace movie theater had been bought by St. Paul's and made over into a chapel dedicated to St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr. What a great symbol of the power of Christ and his gospel: that one parish had two churches, one dedicated to a saint who was complicit in the murder--the lynching as it were--of the other! Like our Lord, St. Stephen died praying for the forgiveness of those who were putting him to death, including the future St. Paul, who approved of the stoning and held the coats of those who were venting their rage on the young deacon.

Here is a great lesson for us. It is not God's plan that people should remain divided and at enmity with one another but that even those who were enemies can be brought together if they open themselves to the will and the power of God. St. Paul, who had approved of the stoning of Stephen, was brought to repentance and faith and became the greatest preacher of the religion of St. Stephen, which he had sought to destroy. The Risen Lord shows us in the person of St. Paul and in his relation to St. Stephen that no one is beyond redemption. Hope springs eternal.

Fr. Bodah



MAY DEVOTIONS

May is the month of Mary. Once again the rosary will be recited at 6:30pm Monday through Friday at St. Romuald Chapel. The Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary will also be recited at the closing followed by the Salve Regina. All are welcome!

MESSAGE FROM THE CEMETERY MANAGER

In order to maintain the sacredness and beauty of our cemetery there have been some revisions and clarifications in the bi-laws regarding memorials and decorations .

Please visit our website at www.stfranciswakefield.com to view these revisions. Thank you, Bob Moniz, Cemetery Manager



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Thank you to our 2020-2021 Catechists!

Grade 1: Max Sherman Grade 2: Carson Wallace
Grade 3: Marin McQuarrie Grade 4: Mrs. Erin Sherman
Grade 5: Mrs. Liz Soltysiak Grade 6: Mrs. Heather Clune
Confirmation I and II: Mrs. Diane Castro, Mrs. Kendra Pitkin, Mrs. Adrienne Daly and Christian Curie

This pandemic year made it necessary to take on the world of zoom classes. Virtually, once a month you provided our children with a connection to our faith. You shared that this year was challenging in trying to motivate your students via virtual classes and sometimes it was frustrating because of glitches in technology. Your perseverance and your determination, creativity and love for our Catholic faith came through in the end. Our children and their families benefited from your efforts and we thank you!! May God reward you with many blessings for this beautiful gift you have given our children.

This Week

Monday, May 3

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

Tuesday, May 4

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

7:00pm SVD Meeting (HBH)

Wednesday, May 5

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph

Thursday, May 6

6:00pm Thursday Night Prayer Meeting

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

St. Vincent DePaul Society

The parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi have been very generous in their financial support of our St. Vincent de Paul Conference. We would like to encourage parishioners to contact our Conference if they are experiencing financial hardship or know of a neighbor or anyone in our community of South Kingstown or Narragansett who is struggling and needs assistance. We want to be of service to our own parishioners as well as others of any religious conviction. The conference phone number is 401-871-8936.



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? We are in need of volunteers to deliver meals. Call 401-588-4192 or email esweeney1@cox.net to order a meal or volunteer to deliver. Call 401-588-4192.

ROSARY REPAIRS

We now have an anonymous volunteer who has offered to repair rosaries. We ask if you have a rosary that you would like repaired please place the rosary in an envelope and place your name and phone number on the outside of the envelope so that when the repair is complete you can be notified. Please drop your envelope off at the rectory or place it in the black mailbox next to the rectory door.

Don't miss out! Rhode Island Movie Premiere of ROE V. WADE

The Office of Life and Family Ministry invites you to attend the Rhode Island Movie Premiere of ROE V. WADE, Thursday, May 6 at 7:00pm in McVinney Auditorium, 43 Dave Gavitt Way, Providence.

Registration required at <https://forms.office.com/r/kq8rUe8uvd>. Limited seating, COVID compliant. No admission fee, freewill contributions accepted.

For more information, please contact Lisa Cooley, Office of Life and Family, 401-278-2518 or lcooley@dioceseofprovidence.org.



Thursday, May 13, The Ascension of the Lord
Mass times at the church are at 7:00am & 6:30pm.
The 7:00am Mass will be streamed.



FOOD DRIVE
Will run from May 15 through 23
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SOCIAL OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The Social Outreach Committee is again sponsoring a spring food drive to benefit the Jonnycake Center's Vacation Breakfast and Lunch Program. This program benefits client's children who participate in school nutrition assistance programs. The food drive will be running from May 15th thru May 23rd. Your generous donations will go toward helping these children enjoy healthy meals and snacks whenever they are not in school. Items needed are: cereal, pasta sauce, jelly (please no grape), healthy snacks and tuna fish. Please place donations in receptacles near the St. Francis statue in church and the entrance to St. Romuald. *Don't forget that the church is open every day so even if you are not attending Mass you may drop off donations at anytime.* Thank you, as always, for your continued generosity.



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