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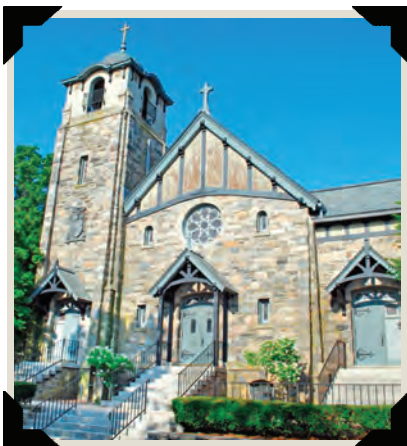
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Father Henry J. Bodah ----- *Pastor*  
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Robert J. Kelly ----- *Parish Sexton*

### 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  
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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.

*This High  
Priest of ours  
is One who  
has taken  
His seat in  
heaven, on  
the right  
hand of that  
throne where  
God sits in  
majesty.*

Hebrews 8:1

*welcome*

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Friday From 9:00 am—12:30 pm

# THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## St. Francis Mass Intentions



- Saturday, May 15**  
4:30pm †John McLoughlin  
*Requested by Family*
- Sunday, May 16**  
9:00am †The Hunt & Caswell Families  
*Requested by Family*  
11:00am †Corinne Bertrand  
*Requested by her Daughter, Barbara*
- Monday, May 17**  
7:00am †William Church  
*Requested by a Friend*
- Tuesday, May 18**  
7:00am Fr. Robert Randall's 70<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary of Ordination
- Thursday, May 20**  
7:00am Special Intention for Healing
- Friday, May 21**  
7:00am †John P. Gabriele  
*Requested by Rick & Liz Soltysiak*
- Saturday, May 22**  
4:30pm †Thomas Pullano  
(Birthday Remembrance)  
*Requested by his Wife*
- Sunday, May 23**  
9:00am †Mr. & Mrs. Thu Chi Tran & John Ha  
*Requested by Family*  
11:00am †Marion Cheli  
(1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Remembrance)  
*Requested by Family*

## St. Romuald Mass Intentions

- Sunday, May 16**  
10:00am For the People
- Sunday, May 23**  
10:00am † Dale Sullivan  
*Requested by Ralph & Maggie Riccio*



*Congratulations to the following winners!*

### MAY MONEY MADNESS WINNERS:

May 1	Venerina DaSilva	\$50
May 2	Marie Champion	\$100
May 3	Jim DeLuca	\$50
May 4	William Gallogly	\$50
May 5	Kim Parente	\$50
May 6	Allison O'Brien	\$50
May 7	Renny Simpson	\$50

**CONGRATULATIONS!**



<u>Weekly Support</u>		<u>May 2</u>
Budget envelopes used (98)	-	\$6,220.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 445.00
Online Giving (# of donors-83)	-	<u>\$3,659.00</u>
<b>Total Budget</b>	-	<b>\$10,324.00</b>

<u>Weekly Support</u>		<u>May 9</u>
Budget envelopes used (85)	-	\$3,273.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 935.00
Online Giving (# of donors-86)	-	<u>\$3,814.00</u>
<b>Total Budget</b>	-	<b>\$8,022.00</b>

<u>Second Collection (St. Vincent de Paul)</u>		
Budget envelopes used (54)	-	\$1,402.00
Loose Donations	-	<u>\$ 245.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>\$1,647.00</b>

**Catholic Charity Appeal Goal for 2021 is \$104,595.00**  
**As of 5/6/21 the pledged amount is 65,348.00. 221 Donors.**

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

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

MAY 16, 2021

## *From the Pastor,*

We are slowly returning to what we knew before the coming of the pandemic. I join with the Holy Father, our bishops, the medical community and the government in urging everyone who is eligible to get vaccinated. Let's do whatever we can to preserve the common weal and stop the spread of this virus.

You may have noticed that we have moved the tapes on the pews to make every other one, instead of every third one, available for seating. We are also resuming the passing of the collection baskets and the procession from the rear of the church to the altar. Please God, we shall be back entirely to the *status quo ante* in the next few months.

I cannot thank enough all the people who stepped up to ensure the smooth operating of the parish during this difficult time: the cadres of people who were willing to stand at the doors to welcome people, to see that they sanitized their hands and to find them seats; the teams who sanitized the church and chapel after every service, weekends and weekdays; the team who have stepped in at the chapel to try to cover all the things that Bill Harding used to take care of; the altar servers who have returned to assist the celebration of the Mass; Ryan Bernard who set up our livestreaming until we had the camera and the new system installed, and who continues to see to the scheduling of other liturgical services as needed. All these people made and are making it possible to carry on. I am paying homage here just to those who have helped with the extra labors caused by the pandemic; I haven't room in this space to thank all those who are serving and have served in other capacities to keep things running.

I must, however, give a special shout-out to our chief sexton, really our plant manager, Bobby Kelly. His workload expanded exponentially during this strange time and he remained as steadfast as ever in seeing to the smooth running of all the buildings and functions. From leaf-blowing to snow shoveling, to lawn mowing, to hedge trimming, the exterior of our properties is nearly a fulltime job. Who sets up for every event and cleans up afterwards? Who makes sure that light bulbs are changed, that bathrooms are cleaned, that door hinges are oiled, that boilers are serviced, that walls are painted, that walk ways are patched? And this is only the tip of the iceberg. Without the constant work of Bobby, I don't know what we would do. On behalf of the whole parish, I cannot thank him enough for his faithful service. May the Lord bless him with good health for many years to come!

*Fr. Bodah*



**Congratulations** to the proud parents and godparent of Madeline Mae Murray who was baptized on May 2 by Deacon John Dowd. *Your parish family rejoices with you!*

# This Week

## Monday-Friday

6:30pm Rosary (St. Romuald)

### Monday, May 17

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

### Tuesday, May 18

7:38am Finance Council Meeting

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

7:00pm SVD Meeting (HBH)

### Wednesday, May 19

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph

### Thursday, May 20

6:00pm Thursday Night Prayer Meeting (HBH)

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

## 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? We are in need of volunteers to deliver meals. Call 401-588-4192 or email [esweeney1@cox.net](mailto: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.

## OPENING THE WORD



Would you like to develop a deeper understanding of the readings for the Sunday Liturgy? Every **Tuesday evening from 5:00-6:00pm in Fr. Greenan Center** we will be using a series called *Opening the Word* to help guide us in unfolding sacred scripture for the upcoming Sunday readings. Feel free to join us! No registration is required. All are welcome!



## Online Giving

Did you know that our parish offers Online Giving, a web-based electronic contribution application? We are providing this service so that you have the option to manage your contributions online or with your offering envelopes. This service is safe and secure. It is also convenient for you and for our parish staff. Sign up for Online Giving by visiting our parish website at [www.stfranciswakefield.com](http://www.stfranciswakefield.com) and selecting the Online Giving link.



**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 15<sup>th</sup> thru May 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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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