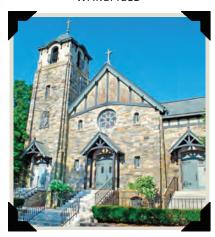


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Masses

SAINT FRANCIS CHURCH

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 7:00 am
Saturday 4:30 pm
Sunday9:00 am and 11:00 am
SAINT ROMUALD CHAPEL / Summer Schedule

Saturday----- 5:30 p

Sunday-----8:00 am and 10:00 am CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES OF RI/WASHINGTON

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Sacraments

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday at $3:30 - 4:00 \ \text{pm}$ 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.



PENTECOST SUNDAY

St. Francis Mass Intentions



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 (1st Anniversary Remembrance) Requested by Family

Monday, May 24

7:00am For the People

Tuesday, May 25

7:00am The Sweeney Family (Special Intention)

Thursday, May 27

7:00am †Claire Pennacchia

Requested by Rick & Liz Soltysiak

Friday, May 28

7:00am †Theresa McGrath

Requested by Eve & Patrick Sweeney

Saturday, May 29

4:30pm †Richard DeJoseph

(Anniversary Remembrance)

Requested by his Wife

Sunday, May 30

9:00am†Joao, Alberto & Aldora DeSousa

Requested by Family

11:00am †Harry Krekorian

(Anniversary Remembrance)

Requested by Family

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Sunday, May 23

10:00am † Dale Sullivan

Requested by Ralph & Maggie Riccio

Saturday, May 29

5:30pm †Kathleen Dwyer

(Birthday Remembrance)

Requested by Family

Sunday, May 30

8:00am†Robert & Mary Cochrane

Requested by Al & Gerri Marsocci

10:00am † John Quirk

Requested by Roger & Mary Grace Hood

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of James Smith.



Congratulations to the following winners!

MAY MONEY MADNESS WINNERS:

May 8	Jose DaSilva	\$50
May 9	Joyce Reusch	\$100
May 10	Eve Sweeney	\$50
May 11	Mr. & Mrs. Ed Puchalla	\$50
May 12	Catherine Greene	\$50
May 13	Carol Moore	\$50
May 14	Roger & Mary Grace Hood	\$50

CONGRATULATIONS!



Weekly Support
Budget envelopes used (107)
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Online Giving (# of donors-78) Total Budget

> Ascension of the Lord: \$442.00

Catholic Charity Appeal Goal for 2021 is \$104,595.00 As of 5/13/21 the pledged amount is \$67,956.00. 227 Donors.

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

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

May 23, 2021

From the Pastor,

Pope Francis has designated the Monday after Pentecost Sunday as the annual memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church. Here is a piece from a meditation on that mystery from our Holy Father:

Mother of the Church

In the heart of the Church, Mary shines forth. She is the supreme model for a youthful Church that seeks to follow Christ with enthusiasm and docility. While still very young, she accepted the message of the angel [and] with open heart and soul, she replied, *Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord*. We are always struck by the strength of the young Mary's *yes*, the strength in those words, *be it done*, that she spoke to the angel. This was no merely passive or resigned acceptance, or a faint *yes*, as if to say, "Well, let's give it a try and see what happens." Mary did not know the words, "Let's see what happens." Mary did not know the words, "Let's see what happens." She was determined; she knew what was at stake and she said "yes" without thinking twice. Hers was the *yes* of someone prepared to be committed, someone willing to take a risk, ready to stake everything she had, with no more security than the certainty of knowing that she was the bearer of a promise......

Recent letter from The Society for the Propagation of Faith

Dear Father Bodah,

During the best of times, the poor are at a disadvantage with respect to access to what they need. At a time when even wealthy countries are struggling, may your gift help bridge the gap between those who have the means to give and those who need it. Catholic Relief Services helps those in need all over the world and are in partnership with many other organizations of good will.

I am extremely grateful to you and the members of St. Francis of Assisi Parish for your donation of \$2,832.00.

I would be remiss if I did not remind you of the fact that the Rice Bowl collection sends 75% of all that is collected to the missions throughout the world, while 25% of the money collected remains here in our own Diocese. It supports local organizations that reach out to our own population that struggles daily to strive.

Sincerely yours, Rev. Francesco Francese, Director



Monday-Friday 6:30pm Rosary (St. Romuald)

Monday, May 24
7:30-11:00am Adoration (Church)
7:00pm Pastoral Council Meeting (HBH)
Wednesday, May 26
7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (FGC)
Thursday, May 27
6:00pm Thursday Night Prayer Meeting (HBH)
Monday, May 31
HOLIDAY—OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED; NO ADORATION

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 to order a meal or volunteer to deliver. Call 401-588-4192.

Just a reminder that there are inspirational <u>Catholic media CDs</u> available at the side entrance (parking lot side) in the main church and at the chapel. Please be sure to take a moment to look them over.

OPENING THE WORD WILL RESUME WITH HARRY SMITH BEGINNING THURSDAY, JUNE 3 AT 6:00PM



Every **Thursday evening from 6-7pm in Fr. Greenan Center** Harry Smith will offer *Opening the Word with a study on the Gospel of St. John* to help guide us in unfolding sacred scripture. Bibles and supplements will be provided. Feel free to join us! No registration is required. All are welcome!

Food Pantry Needs

FOOD DRIVE

Pantry Will run from May 15 through 23
Needs Sponsored By:
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.



The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Spirit of God dwelling within us, alleluia.—Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11 (63B)



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