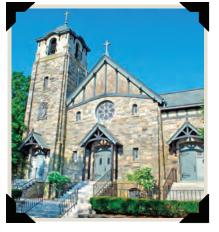


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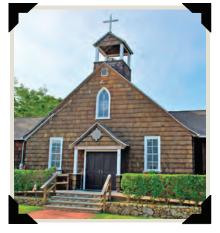
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Saint Francis Church
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 7:00 am
Saturday 4:30 pm
Sunday9:00 am and 11:00 am
SAINT ROMUALD CHAPEL / Winter Schedule

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 Thursday9:00 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.

Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she smiles at the future.

Proverbs 31:25



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

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

St. Francis Mass Intentions

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 Monday, May 10 7:00am †Tina Marie Luciano Requested by Family Tuesday, May 11 7:00am For the People



Thursday, May 13, The Ascension of the Lord
7:00am †James & Margaret Flynn Requested by Kathleen & Jeff Carney
6:30pm†Deceased Members of the Perpetual Mass Association

Friday, May 14 7:00am †Rita & Tom O'Rourke & Warren Behie Requested by Family 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

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Sunday, May 9 10:00am †Roger Fenaughty Requested by Family Sunday, May 16 10:00am For the People



SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Theresa Ramieri.

0 Intention for Ascension of the Lord, -May 13 at 6:30pm The Deceased Members of the Perpetual -1 -Mass Association 0 0 **Yvonne** Fanning Paul F. & Susan Greene Marílyn Maley Edna Otto Christopher Shafer Daníel Shea Laura Webb

Parish Giving

The Collection for the weekend of May 2 was not available at the time of transmittal. It will appear in next week's bulletin.

Catholic Charity Appeal Goal for 2021 is \$104,595.00 As of 4/29/21 the pledged amount is \$63,398.00. 211 Donors.

This week's second collection is for St. Vincent de Paul. There is no second collection next weekend.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

MAY 9, 2021

May is Mary's month, and I Muse at that and wonder why: Her feasts follow reason, Dated due to season-

Candlemas, Lady Day; But the Lady Month, May, Why fasten that upon her, With a feasting in her honour?

Is it only its being brighter Than the most are must delight her? Is it opportunest And flowers finds soonest?

Ask of her, the mighty mother: Her reply puts this other Question: What is Spring?— Growth in every thing—

Flesh and fleece, fur and feather, Grass and greenworld all together; Star-eved strawberry-breasted Throstle above her nested

Cluster of bugle blue eggs thin Forms and warms the life within; And bird and blossom swell In sod or sheath or shell.

All things rising, all things sizing Mary sees, sympathising With that world of good, Nature's motherhood.

Their magnifying of each its kind With delight calls to mind How she did in her stored Magnify the Lord.

Well but there was more than this: Spring's universal bliss Much, had much to say To offering Mary May.

When drop-of-blood-and-foam-dapple Bloom lights the orchard-apple And thicket and thorp are merry With silver-surfed cherry

And azuring-over greybell makes Wood banks and brakes wash wet like lakes And magic cuckoocall Caps, clears, and clinches all-

This ecstasy all through mothering earth Tells Mary her mirth till Christ's birth To remember and exultation In God who was her salvation

By Gerard Manley Hopkins, SJ



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"I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger." We welcomed

> Harry Champion Rebecca Costanza and

Anthony Silvia to the table of the Lord on their First Holy Communion Sunday, May 2nd. We pray that their First Communion may be a first step into a lifelong love of the Eucharist.

A quote from Pope Francis to First Communicants on their First Holy Communion:

I ask you always to pray with the same enthusiasm and joy that you feel today. Remember that this is the sacrament of your first Communion, not your last! Remember too, that Jesus is always there, waiting for you. I hope that today will be the beginning of many Communions, so that your hearts may always, like today, be festive, full of joy and, above all else, gratitude.



Monday, May 10 7:30-11:00am Adoration (Church) Tuesday, May 11 5-6:00pm Opening the Word (FGC) Wednesday, May 12 7:00pm Men of St. Joseph Thursday, May 13 6:00pm Thursday Night Prayer Meeting

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

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.



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: <u>www.stfranciswakefield.com</u> to view these revisions. Thank you, Bob Moniz, Cemetery Manager

Opening the Word

Would you like to develop a deeper understanding of the readings for the Sunday Litur-



gy? 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!

PRAYER SHAWLS



The St. Francis of Assisi Prayer Shawl Group has

many beautiful prayer shawls available. If you know of someone who could benefit from receiving a prayer shawl please contact Jean McGair at 401-783-1633.



FOOD DRIVE

Will run from May 15 through 23 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.





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