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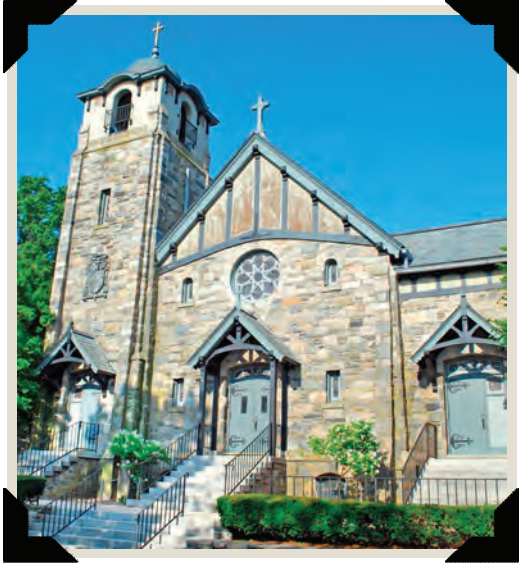
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Masses

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

Saturday ----- 5:30 pm\*  
Sunday ----- 8:00 am\* and 10:00 am  
\*Summer only (Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day Weekend)

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES OF RI/WASHINGTON COUNTY & ST. GABRIEL'S CALL.

Washington County Office / Contact: -----Melanie Monteiro  
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Tuesday ----- 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 Young. 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 IN ORDINARY TIME

### St. Francis Mass Intentions



#### Saturday, February 5

4:30pm †Arlene (Feeney) Robinson  
*Requested by David & Sandra Driscoll*

#### Sunday, February 6

9:00am †Barbara Taylor  
*Requested by Ryan & Jen Bernard*  
 11:00am †William F. Connors  
*Requested by Jeanne & Dan Thompson*

#### Monday, February 7

7:00am †Deceased Members of the Carr Family  
*Requested by Family*

#### Tuesday, February 8

7:00am †Rev. Francis J. Tuite (2<sup>nd</sup> Pastor)  
*106<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Remembrance*  
 †Rev. John A. O'Rourke (8<sup>th</sup> Pastor)  
*85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Remembrance*

#### Thursday, February 10

7:00am Mass for the People

#### Friday, February 11

7:00am †Edward Mahoney  
*Requested by John & Patty Grimes*

#### Saturday, February 12

4:30pm †Jeannette DeLuca  
*Requested by Family*

#### Sunday, February 13

9:00am †Marie Champion  
*Requested by Nancy & Lisa Izzo*  
 11:00am †Peter F. Curran  
*Requested by Family*

### St. Romuald Mass Intentions

#### Sunday, February 6

10:00am †Tara Higgins  
 (Anniversary Remembrance)  
*Requested by Family*

#### Sunday, February 13

10:00am †Marty Durkin & Kyle Couto  
*Requested by Family*

Dear Parishioners,

One constant message I have received from you since I arrived in July is your desire to grow as a parish; to have an amazing youth program, to have young families come back, to reach out to those who have been away from the church, to increase our love of the Eucharist and our help to the poor. Sounds amazing!

Now who wants to help me do it? A great place to start is the Alpha Course. I have seen it revive parishes that have become stuck in a rut. I've seen it transform whole communities. Ideally I would like to run the Alpha Course twice a year here at St. Francis. It's my dream that every parishioner will attend. The kickoff of this year's Alpha will be **Wednesday March 9th at 7PM**. Mark your calendars!

Alpha is a parish-wide effort. We will need your talents in certain areas such as hospitality, food preparation, set-up/clean-up, table leaders, childcare (great for teens looking for service hours) and prayer team. Please email me at [pastor@stfranciswakefield.com](mailto:pastor@stfranciswakefield.com) or contact the rectory if you feel called to help grow St. Francis Parish!

In Christ,

*Fr. Young*



<b>Weekly Support</b>		<b>January 30</b>
Budget envelopes used (22)	-	\$ 940.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 813.00
Online Giving (# of donors-83)	-	\$2,584.00
<b>Total Budget</b>	-	<b>\$4,337.00</b>

<b>Second Collection (Latin America)</b>		
Budget envelopes used (12)	-	\$217.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 81.00
Online Giving (# of donors-3)	-	\$ 20.00
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>\$318.00</b>

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

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

FEBRUARY 6, 2022



**SANCTUARY LAMP**

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Domenic & Matilda Coppolino.

**ROSARY REPAIRS**

We now have an anonymous volunteer who has offered to repair rosaries. 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.



**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.



*"...when i was a stranger you took me in".*  
Matthew 25:35

In a moments time your world has just changed. You and your family must leave the country with what ever you can carry, not next week, but, now! Doesn't seem possible, however, nearly 70,000 Afghans had to make that split second decision just 4 months ago. Now many are still living in military barracks as they await their fate here in the United States.

They have not been able to restart their lives because the Afghan Resettlement Agencies are understaffed and overwhelmed. St. Francis of Assisi church has been given the opportunity to help by becoming a "Sponsor Circle" and fostering an Afghan family.

Churches are being asked to create a support group, to provide initial financial support as well as mentoring for an incoming family. This will give our church the ability to come around a family, support them with gaining employment, housing, schooling, healthcare, basic needs and so on.

We need volunteers with a wide variety of abilities and who would be able to give a little time or a considerable amount of time.

**For more information: Call 401-477-6046 or visit [Sponsorcircles.org](http://Sponsorcircles.org).**

Thank you and God bless!



**FAITH FORMATION**  
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**Sunday, February 6, 2022**

**9:55-10:50am** Grades 1-6 (FGC)

**10:00am** First Eucharist Parent Mtg. (HBH)

*Pray: Jesus, you remind us that we shouldn't be afraid and that you have a mission for us too. Help me to be open to sharing my faith with others. Amen.*

**6:30-8:15pm** Confirmation I Gr. 7 (FGC)

*Service reflections for Confirmation I & II are due today.*





# This Week

## Monday, February 7

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

7:00pm Finance Council Meeting (Rectory)

## Tuesday, January 8

6:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

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

Just a reminder that there are inspirational ***Catholic media CDs*** 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!***

### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY UPDATE

Hopefully, the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be able to meet in person once again in April. We meet the first Thursday of each month in the Rectory from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. We do not meet over the winter, but hopefully continue to knit prayer shawls at home. At the present time, our inventory is down to only three shawls! If you have a prayer shawl at home, please drop it off at the Rectory so that Father Young can bless it. We welcome all knitters and if you cannot make the meetings, we are happy to receive any and all shawls that are made at home.



For further information, please call Jean McGair at (401)-783-1633 or e-mail her at [jean@mcgair.com](mailto:jean@mcgair.com).

Got Life-Size Questions



### IS THERE MORE TO LIFE THAN THIS?

Many ask this question often. You may have even struggled with finding the answer. In March, St. Francis Parish will embark on a 10 week journey to re-discover our faith and discuss answers to life's deepest questions. Keep your eyes peeled! #Alpha.



### ASH WEDNESDAY—MARCH 2

**7:00am & 6:30pm Mass w/ distribution of Ashes**

**Noon Liturgy of the Word with distribution of Ashes**

**ADDITIONAL CONFESSION TIMES DURING LENT**  
*Prepare your heart during the season of Lent.*

#### St. Francis Church

Saturday at 3:30PM to 4:00PM

Sunday at 10:00AM to 10:30AM

#### St. Romuald Chapel

Sunday at 9:15AM to 9:45AM



### FROM THE DIOCESE Take the Synod Survey!

Pope Francis has asked every diocese across the world to engage people for a “listening phase” of the Synod on Synodality. Let your voice be heard—take the Diocese of Providence’s synodal survey and learn about other ways to participate at <https://dioceseofprovidence.org/synod>.

#### Who should take the survey?

Everyone! Catholics, other Christians, and non-Christians alike. We want to know about your experience with the Catholic Church—experiences that have been positive, negative, and everything in between.

#### What else is happening?

Next, the diocese will hold in-person regional and virtual listening sessions around Rhode Island. Stay tuned for dates and locations.

#### What is the Synod?

Started October 2021 by Pope Francis, the Synod of Synodality (officially titled “For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission”) aims to create discussions around broadening participation in the Church.

#### Have comments or questions?

Contact the diocesan Synod Committee by email at [faithformation@dioceseofprovidence.org](mailto:faithformation@dioceseofprovidence.org) or by phone at 401-278-4646.



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