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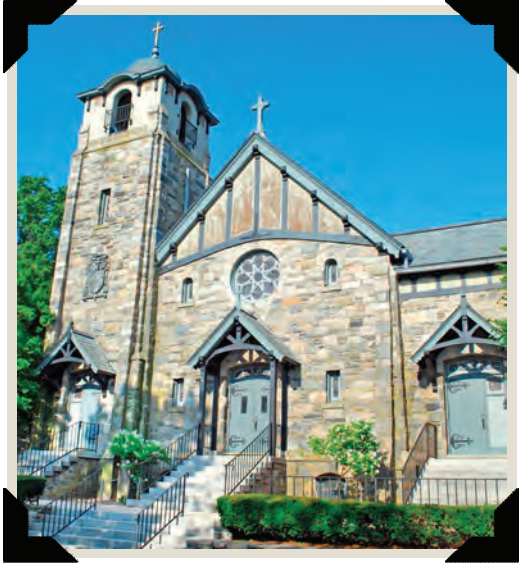
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Masses

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  
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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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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.

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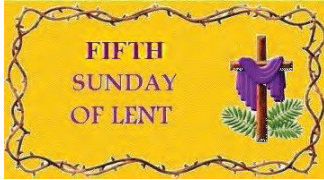
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Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Friday From 9:00 am—12:30 pm

# THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

## St. Francis Mass Intentions



**Saturday, March 20**

4:30pm †Camella Ford

*Requested by the Pezzelli Family*

**Sunday, March 21**

9:00am † Alan Thayer

*Requested by Jean Fenaughty*

11:00am †Chuck & Jeannine Denecour

*Requested by Mark & Diane Castro*

**Monday, March 22**

7:00am Mass for the People

**Tuesday, March 23**

7:00am †Rev. James E. Greenan

(9<sup>th</sup> Pastor)

*69<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Remembrance*

**Thursday, March 25**

7:00am The Sweeney Family

(Special Intention)

**6:30pm Benediction with Rosary for Life**

**Friday, March 26**

7:00am Sara Chaffee-Standish & Aaron Rogerson

(Special Intention)

*Requested by Mary & Louie Pavao*

**Saturday, March 27**

4:30pm †Reinaldo Flores

*Requested by Family*



**Sunday, March 28**

9:00am † Edward Carney

*Requested by Jeff & Kathleen Carney*

11:00am †Tom Pullano

*Requested by Family*

## St. Romuald Mass Intentions

**Sunday, March 21**

10:00am †Mary Smith

*Requested by Mark & Diane Castro*

**Sunday, March 28**

10:00am †Jeannette DeLuca

*Requested by Family*

## SANCTUARY LAMP



This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Gloria Carney.

## Holy Week and Easter Services



*Come Worship With Us!*

### HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 1 (STREAMED)

**7:00pm** Mass of the Lord's Supper

*(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will continue until 11:00pm in Helen Bouchard Hall)*

### GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2 (STREAMED)

**3:00pm** Stations of the Cross

**7:00pm** Celebration of the Lord's Passion

### HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 3 (STREAMED)

*No 4:30pm Mass*

**Confessions** from 3:00-4:00pm

**7:30pm** Solemn Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection

### EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4 (9AM TO BE STREAMED)

**9:00am and 11:00am**

*St. Francis Church*

**10:00am**

*St. Romuald Chapel*



### Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (82)	-	<b>March 14</b> \$3,353.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 476.00
Online Giving (# of donors-79)	-	\$3,086.00
<b>Total Budget</b>	-	<b>\$6,915.00</b>

**Catholic Charity Appeal Goal for 2021 is \$104,595.00**

**As of 3/11/2021 the pledged amount is \$34,873.00.**

This week's second collection is for Ongoing Maintenance. Next week's second collection is for Catholic Relief Services/Operation Rice Bowl.

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

*From the Pastor,*

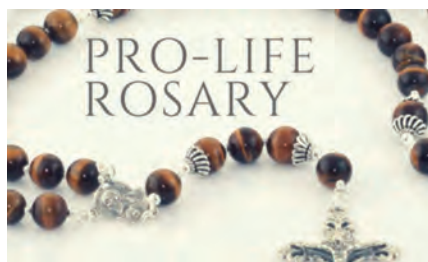
Please allow me to review the guidelines for bringing communion to those unable to attend Mass because of their medical condition or the debility of age.

First of all, those in Holy Orders—bishops, priests and deacons—are the “ordinary” ministers of Holy Communion. Thanks to the present policy of the Church, lay people may be deputed as “extraordinary” ministers to assist in this privilege of distributing the Body and Blood of the Lord to his people, either at Mass or to those in hospitals or nursing homes or to the homebound, making it possible for those people to receive communion more frequently than the priest would be able to supply.

Several things should be kept in mind. No one should take it upon himself or herself to bring communion to anyone without first getting permission from the pastor. We have a one-page pamphlet for bringing communion to the shut-ins which we are happy to supply to extraordinary ministers. Those who have been delegated should present themselves at the altar step at the end of communion and receive the pyx from the celebrant or deacon. It is also permitted to receive an extra host during communion to those who have made arrangements with the pastor ahead of time. At whatever time they receive the host, they are then obliged to leave the church immediately and go directly to the hospital, nursing home, or home of the recipient. If you prefer to linger after Mass to chat with fellow parishioners, that is fine, but then you will not be eligible to bring communion to others. Also, no one may ever take the Eucharist from the tabernacle on his or her own initiative. I hope these guidelines of the Church will help to ensure proper respect for the Eucharist as well as making it possible for the sick or incapacitated to receive communion.

Elsewhere in the news: please consider attending the Rosary for Life with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the parish church this Thursday, Annunciation Day, from 6:30 to 7 p.m. Pray for a greater respect for human life in every condition and at every stage of development.

*Fr. Bodah*



**BENEDICTION WITH PRO-LIFE ROSARY: THURS., MARCH 25**

This Thursday, March 25, we plan to have Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament with a “pro-life rosary” at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to join us to pray for a greater respect for human life in all its stages and for a conversion of heart in our society so that children will be conceived by those who want them and abortion will no longer be viewed as a viable solution for what is perceived as a “problem.”



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**  
(401) 792-8684

**Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Virtual class** for Grades 1,3,4,6 at 10:00am

Materials needed: Gospel Weeklies for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent and WCBT handbook

**Grade 2** will meet in person at 10am in FGC

**Grade 5** will meet in person at 10am in FGC

**Pray:** *Help me to put you first*, Lord, to seek your will, and to help others grow in faith. Amen.

**Think:** *How can* the sacrifices we make during Lent be like seeds that help grow our faith?

**Act:** *During Lent, Catholics are encouraged to do* Works of Mercy and give to those in need by making offerings to the Rice Bowls. Make an extra offering this week and remember to bring your Rice Bowl on Palm Sunday.

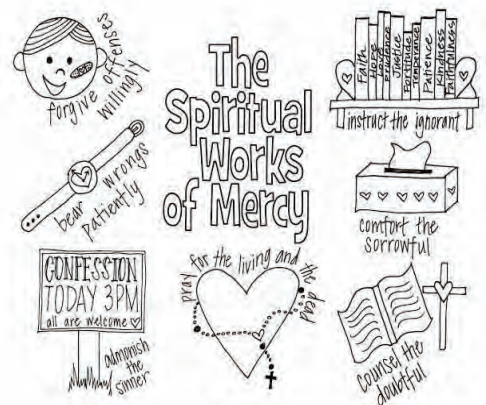
**Reflect:** *What can you do during the rest of* Lent and throughout the year to live as a follower of Jesus?

**Confirmation I & II classes have ended for the year.**

**Confirmation is April 10<sup>th</sup>** at 10am.

Most Reverend Thomas J. Tobin will be our celebrant.

Please keep our Confirmation candidates and their families in your prayers.



# This Week

## Monday, March 22

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

7:00pm Pastoral Council Meeting

## Wednesday, March 24

12:30pm Stations of the Cross (St. Romuald Chapel)

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph

## Thursday, March 25

9:00am Staff Meeting (Office closed during this time)

6:00pm Thursday Night Prayer Meeting

6:30pm Benediction w/ Rosary for Life (Church)

7:00pm RCIA (Rectory)

## Friday, March 26

7:00pm Stations of the Cross (Church)

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

### DRIVE UP RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

On Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, there will be a drive up, remain in your car, distribution of Holy Communion in the main Church parking lot for those who have been uncomfortable or unable to attend Mass. You are not obligated to receive Communion, use judgment on your own vulnerability. Please remain home if you are experiencing any symptoms or are ill. Last names A-J are asked to arrive at 12:30 pm and K-Z at 12:45 pm. Wear masks and bring hand sanitizer. Enter the parking lot on Winter Street and exit on High Street. If you plan to participate or have questions, call, or text 401-588-4192 and leave your name, contact information and number receiving Communion.



### BISHOP HENDRICKEN OPEN HOUSE MARCH 21

Bishop Hendricken High School will hold an in-person Open House on Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, from noon-3:00pm. Information on the academics, college placement, athletic and extracurricular activities will be available. The entrance exam for prospective 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> grade students will be held on Saturday, April 10, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. For more information, please call the Admissions Office at 401-889-5425.



### 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? Seniors? Mobility concerns? Homebound? Any one in our community of South Kingstown or Narragansett is welcome to order one. Call 401-588-4192.



Calling all Catholic Men! Pope Francis has declared this to be the year of St. Joseph. It is clear that all men need to imitate St. Joseph and to be the biological and spiritual fathers that God calls them to be, ready to hand on and defend the Catholic Faith.

The Diocese of Providence invites all priests, deacons, and other Catholic men to join us for this morning with apologist Trent Horn. We will begin the morning with Holy Mass celebrated by his Excellency, Bishop Robert C. Evans, followed by a talk and a Q & A session with Trent.

Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul, Providence, RI *Free parking is available in the Cathedral lots.*

9:00AM Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop Evans

10:00AM Trent Horn's talk "No More Mr. Nice Guy"

11:00 AM Q & A with Trent Horn

12:00 Noon Closing

**For More Information contact the Diocese of Providence/Office of Faith Formation at 401-278-4646 or go to:**

**<https://www.discovercatholicfaith.org/mens-conference>**



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