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**Liturgical Celebrations**

Saturday Vigil .....5:00 pm  
 Sunday Mass ..... 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am  
 Daily Mass ..... Monday - Friday 8:00 am  
 Sacrament of Reconciliation ..... Saturday 3:30 - 4:15pm  
 (or by appointment anytime)

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place every  
 Friday in the church.  
 8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Holy Rosary  
 3:00pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy  
 6:00pm Benediction and Reposition

**Sacrament of Baptism**

Prospective parents are encouraged to prepare for the  
 Sacrament of Baptism prior to the birth of the child. The parish  
 offers a required one-session parent preparation program. The  
 sacrament is celebrated following the completion of this program.

**Sacrament of Holy Orders**

Please call the Office of Vocations at 401-831-8011 or e-mail at  
[www.catholicpriest.com](http://www.catholicpriest.com) for more information.

**Sacrament of Marriage**

Engaged couples are encouraged to make arrangements with the  
 priest at least one year prior to the date of marriage.

**Sacrament of the Sick**

Please call anytime. If you know that you will be admitted to the  
 hospital please call the office to make arrangements to  
 receive the Sacrament of the Sick at a daily Mass. Please  
 advise the parish when a parishioner is hospitalized.



**Saturday, May 8**

5:00pm For Our Parishioners

**Sunday, May 9**

7:30am +Stephen Libera (B'Day)  
by his family

9:30am +Marie Judge  
by her family

and +Helen Desmarais, Dorothea Mello  
and Constance Burton  
by their family

11:30am All Students, Military and  
Medical Staff of our parish  
by the Legion of Mary

and +Florence Rowland  
by the Crawford family

**Monday, May 10**

8:00am +Norman Cotnoir  
by Jeanne Morra

**Tuesday, May 11**

8:00am +Robert, Irma & Stephen Brodeur  
by their family

**Wednesday, May 12**

8:00am +George Fincik  
by his family

**Thursday, May 13 -Ascension of the Lord**

8:00am Mass of Thanksgiving  
St. Anthony & St. Jude  
by Sue Whelan

7:00pm Special Intentions

**Friday, May 14**

8:00am +Christine Sears  
by her daughter

**Saturday, May 15**

5:00pm +Remo Trivelli  
by his family

and +Milton Preble  
by his wife

**Sunday, May 16**

7:30am +Thomas F. Pendergast  
by his family

and +Howard J. Weekley, Sr. (3rd Ann.) and  
+Howard K. Weekley, Jr. (22nd Ann.)  
by Justine Weekley and family

9:30am For Our Parishioners

11:30am +Mary White (B'Day)  
by her family

and +Deborah Mohring  
by her family

**FROM THE PASTOR**

**Happy Mother's Day**

The gift of our mothers is so special because every mother is called to bring her children closer to the God who created us as His own children. The gift of motherhood is a sacred vocation which invites a woman to show her children the love of God by how she chooses to teach her children the meaning of love.

A mother's love is a reflection of the love of God when her love is life-giving, compassionate and merciful. A mother's love is a reflection of the love of God when it is willing to make sacrifices for the good of her children. The love of a mother offers guidance, acceptance, patience, discipline and forgiveness.

May every mother be honored, respected and appreciated by her children. May every mother be filled with joy as she sees her children striving to imitate her example of faith, hope and love.

Thank you to every mother, grandmother, godmother, as well as to those who have been a "mother figure" for showing us what love looks like and teaching us how to love.

Happy Mother's Day and God bless you!

**Religious Education & Faith Formation**

It is with great pleasure that I announce that *Generations of Faith* will continue this coming fall and it will be under the direction of Kristen Soucie. Kristen serves as our Director of Religious Education & Faith Formation, and I am confident that she will do a superb job with the *Generations of Faith (GOF)* program. She has already begun planning the 2021-2022 GOF along with the many other areas of Religious Education & Faith Formation for our parish community.

**Honoring Our Blessed Mother**

I invite you to join me in praying the Holy Rosary on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 6:30pm in the church and to adore and worship our Lord Jesus Christ during a time of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Praying the rosary helps us to meditate on the mysteries of Jesus' life, death and

resurrection and we also ask our Blessed Mother to pray for us now and at the hour of our death. The month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary and this evening of prayer and reflection is a wonderful way to honor her as we give praise and glory to Jesus Christ – Son of God and Son of Mary.

**The Ascension of the Lord**

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is this Thursday, May 13, 2021. Holy Mass will be offered at 8:00am and 7:00pm (streamed live).

**Parish Pastoral Council  
New Members Needed**

The Parish Pastoral Council consists of 12 members who serve as advisory to the pastor and provide the perspective of the parishioners for the good of the parish. We are looking for **four** new members to serve beginning in September. **If you are interested in joining the Parish Pastoral Council, please see Fr. David or any Council member as soon as possible.**

Interested candidates will be required to attend an informational meeting on Monday, May 24 at 7:00pm in the parish center, at which time you will be asked to share why you are interested in serving on the Parish Pastoral Council. If there are more than four candidates, the present council members will vote by ballot at their next meeting. Selected candidates will be invited to attend the June meeting. The three-year term will begin September 2021. Alternates may be asked to serve the remainder of a term, in the event there is a vacancy during the year.

**2021 Catholic Charity Appeal**

**Parish Goal: \$99,845**

**Raised to Date: \$88,556**

Thank you to everyone who participated in the in-pew solicitation for the 2021 Catholic Charity Appeal. We are still in need of your help to reach our parish goal. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge in support of the 2021 Catholic Charity Appeal. A gift in any amount is gratefully received and sincerely appreciated. For your convenience, pledge envelopes are available at the entrances of the church. Once you complete filling out the envelope, please seal it and place it in the collection basket or send it to the parish office. **Please make checks payable to "2021 Catholic Charity Appeal" and not to the parish.** Thank you for your generosity and support.

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of **Jim & Evelyn Bonetti**, offered by Ann Hughes and **Elaine L. Dion and Bernice Weekley**, offered by their family. May they rest in peace.

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**WEEKEND COLLECTIONS**

May 2, 2021		Y-T-D
Weekly collection	\$7,191	\$309,477
Other Income	\$1,089	\$ 84,285
Online Giving	\$3,429	\$160,789
Finishing the Journey \$		\$176,551
Weekly Expenses*	\$13,373	\$588,412
Principal Paid on Loan \$		\$ 60,000
Deficit/Surplus	\$(1,664)	\$ 82,690

Average Number of budget users: 462  
Online Giving users: 183

Forecast of estimated operating expenses for the year divided by 52. Thank you for your continued support. The fiscal year began July 1, 2020.



**Sacrament Preparation**

Congratulations to our First Communion and Confirmation classes. Although 2020 was a challenging year, all things are possible with God. Special thanks to Bishop Evans, Fr. David, the staff of St. Francis de Sales, all parents, teachers, volunteers as well as the Legion of Mary for making last weekend very special.

**Confirmation I Grade 8**

Any families unable to attend the informational meeting regarding the service portion of the Confirmation II Program should be in touch with Kristen Soucie to reschedule at 401-885-3639 or [kristen.sfds@gmail.com](mailto:kristen.sfds@gmail.com).



**BLOOD DRIVE TODAY**

**Reminder:** The Blood Drive will be held this **Sunday, May 9 from 8:00am-1:00pm in the parish center.** Donations are by appointment (**walk-ins only accepted if safe spacing permits at time of arrival.**)

**It is Safe to Donate! Eat, hydrate, bring identification with you.** If you have any questions about donating blood, please contact the Blood Center at (401) 453-8383 or visit [www.ribc.org](http://www.ribc.org).



**Annual Raffle**

We will be holding our Annual Raffle on **Sunday, May 23, 2021.** Tickets have been mailed by bulk mail to all those who use budget envelopes or use online giving. Tickets will also be available at the church doors and at the parish office during normal business hours. **First prize is \$1,000, second prize is \$500.00 and third prize is \$250.00.** There will also be three additional gift card prizes: \$100 to Dave's Marketplace; \$100 to Stop & Shop and \$100 to Amazon.com.

The tickets are **\$5.00 for one ticket or \$20.00 for a book of five tickets.** You can return the ticket stubs in the collection basket at Mass in an envelope marked "parish raffle" or you can mail them to the parish office. We hope you will support our parish raffle. Good luck!

**500 CLUB MEMBERSHIP**

**Do you want to participate in a Fundraiser that helps the parish and may even win you some money?**

**Why should you join the 500 Club at St Francis de Sales? Why should you participate in a great monthly raffle with a \$500 prize?**

We give away \$6,000 each year and you could be one of the 12 lucky winners. Your participation will also be a big help to our wonderful parish ministries, who benefit from the 500 Club. **You may become part of the Club at any time.** *Buy a membership for yourself. Get additional memberships for family or friends. A membership makes a great gift!*

The cost is \$60 per year (or \$5 per month). The drawings are held in the parish center in the last week of each month. **We are hoping to get back to live drawings after the 9:30am Mass soon.**

To join or for any questions, please contact Kathy Siok at [kathys5@cox.net](mailto:kathys5@cox.net) or call her at 885-1608. You can also call Carole in the parish office during the week at 884-2105.

**Do not let another drawing go by without your participation.**



- Sunday, May 9**  
8:00am-1:00pm Blood Drive (PC)
- Monday, May 10**  
6:30pm Legion of Mary (Chapel)
- Tuesday, May 11**  
6:30pm Holy Rosary (Church)
- Wednesday, May 12**  
8:00pm AA Meeting (PC)
- Friday, May 14**  
8:45am Opening of Adoration (Church)  
3:00pm Divine Mercy (Church)  
6:00pm Benediction (Church)
- Saturday, May 15**  
8:00am Men of St. Joseph Meeting (PC)



**ST. FRANCIS DE SALES GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Our annual golf tournament is set for **Saturday, September 18, 2021** at the Exeter Country Club with an **8:30am shotgun start.** We hope you can **join us by playing in our tournament (more details to come) or by being a sponsor** to make it a successful fundraising event and community builder for our parish.

**INDIVIDUAL AND/OR BUSINESS SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

- Hole Sponsor (Tee Sign) -\$125**
- Contest Sponsor-\$250**  
(Longest Drive. Closest to the Pin or Closest to the Line)
- Tournament Gift Sponsor - \$500**
- Post-Round Lunch Sponsor- \$500**
- Silver Club Sponsor -\$1,000**
- Gold Club Sponsor - \$1,500**

Each sponsor will have a sign at the golf tournament. Please be sure to include how you would like your name printed on the sign. You can also choose to be an anonymous donor or sponsor in memory of a loved one. If a sponsorship is not possible, a donation in any amount would be welcome.

**Please make checks payable to St. Francis de Sales Church. If you have any questions, please call Carole in the parish office at 884-2105 during the week.**

## **JACOB'S GIFT** **BOXES**

Jacob's Gift Boxes are at the **main and side doors** of the church and in the **parish center**. Jacob's gift monthly collections are distributed to faith-based ministries throughout the state. In May, \$125.00 was given to the **North Kingstown Food Pantry** and to the **St. Edward Food and Wellness Center**. In addition, **\$200.00** was given to **Mother of Life Pregnancy Center**.

Another way to help Jacob's Gift is to purchase Dave's or Stop & Shop gift cards through the church and place them in the gift boxes. Your kind donations help care for those who are in need. **Thank you for your continued support!**

Michael N. Zaino, Coordinator

## **Fr. Farrell E. McLaughlin (Fr. Mac)** **50th Anniversary** **Celebration**

You are cordially invited to join in the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Ordination and First Mass of Fr. Farrell McLaughlin on May 23, 2021 at 11:30am at St. Joseph Church, 183 Sayles Avenue, Pascoag, RI. There will be a light reception immediately following in the church hall (handicapped accessible).

Due to Covid 19, you have a choice of attending either in person or virtually by going to [stjosephpatrickburrillvilleri](https://www.facebook.com/stjosephpatrickburrillvilleri) on Facebook. As a count is needed, Fr. Mac asks you please to make a reservation for attending by calling him at 401-578-9243 by May 14.

## **MAGNIFICAT**

### **An International Women's Ministry Event**

Magnificat is a woman to woman ministry for Catholic Christian women. The Magnificat "Our Lady of Divine Providence Chapter" invites you to attend a unique Magnificat morning, highlighted by the extraordinary vocalist and composer Jon Polce. He will share Part 2 of his music and testimony.

This event will be held at St. Philip Church, Greenville RI on Saturday, June 12, 2021 from 9:00am to 12:00pm. CDC guidelines will be followed. Please join us and bring a friend. The cost is \$25 per person. For further information or to make a reservation, contact Linda Gatta at (401) 864-7731.

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## **SUPPORTING THE NKFOOD PANTRY NEEDS**

Here are some ways you can support the North Kingstown Food Pantry:

1. Continue to donate non-perishable food items by placing them in the shopping cart in the foyer of the church.
2. Donate personal care items, i.e., dental hygiene items, deodorant, toilet paper shampoo & soap, etc. in the shopping cart in the foyer of the church.
3. Send monetary donations directly to the North Kingstown Food Pantry, 445 School Street, NK, RI 02852.
4. Volunteer your time at the food pantry. If interested, please call David Souls at 885-3663.

## **CITIZENS' CLIMATE LOBBY CATHOLIC ACTION TEAM**

Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL) Catholic Action Team invites you to their first virtual CCL Catholic Conference being held on Zoom on May 15, 2021 from 12:00pm-4:00pm. The conference is entitled "Call to Action to Care for Our Common Home" which will help you explore the tools needed to reach Catholics effectively and activate the Catholic voice to Care for Creation and promote the *Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act (EICDA)*. Everyone is invited, especially CCL volunteers with Catholic members of Congress.

Live speakers lined up for this event include: Bishop John Stowe from the Diocese of Lexington; Bishop Robert McElroy from the Diocese of San Diego and Jose Aguto from Catholic Climate Covenant. They are hoping to secure at least one member of Congress to speak about how their faith plays a role in their decision making in Congress. There will be informative breakout sessions to help you connect with Catholics in your Congressional District and gain Grassstop endorsements to show your Catholic members of Congress that Catholics in their districts want them to support the EICDA.

Catholics are a large demographic in Congress. About 30% of Congress, as well as President Biden, identify as Catholic. Our chance of passing fee and dividend legislation has never been better. We hope that connecting with Catholic members of Congress through their faith will seal the deal. To register or for more information go to <https://sites.grenadine.co/sites/citizensclimate/en/ccl-virtual-catholic-conference>.



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