SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI
WAKEFIELD

114 High Street
Wakefield, RI 02879

Father Henry J. Bodah ———— Pastor
Father Nicholas P. Smith ———— Pastor Emeritus
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Barbette L. Cullen ———— Director of Religious Education
Mary Clarke ———— Parish Bookkeeper
Robert J. Moniz ———— Cemetery Manager
Robert J. Kelly ———— Parish Sexton

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 COUNTY & ST. GABRIEL’S CALL
Washington County Office / Contact: Melanie Monteiro ———— 401-783-3149
Tuesday and Thursday ———— 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

St. Vincent de Paul Society / Wakefield
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 Bodah. 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
**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*

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**St. Romuald Mass Intentions**

**Sunday, May 9**
10:00am †Roger Fenaughty  
*Requested by Family*

**Sunday, May 16**
10:00am For the People

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**Sanctuary Lamp**

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

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**Intention for Ascension of the Lord, May 13 at 6:30pm**

**The Deceased Members of the Perpetual Mass Association**

Yvonne Fanning
Paul F. & Susan Greene
Marilyn Maley
Edna Otto
Christopher Shafer
Daniel Shea
Laura Webb

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**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 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-eyed 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

“I am the bread of life; who-
ever 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 Com-
munion 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 be-
inning of many Communions, so
that your hearts may always, like to-
day, 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 by-laws regarding memorials and decorations.

Please visit our website at: www.stfranciswakefield.com 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 Liturgy? 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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K.J. Alexander

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To them, she’s the queen
who will save them all.

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