SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI
WAKEFIELD

Father Adam A. Young S.T.L. ----------------------------- Pastor
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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 / Summer Schedule
Saturday ---------------------------------------------------------- 5:30 pm
Sunday ---------------------------------------------------------- 8:00 am and 10:00 am

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.

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

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
Let Us Begin Again...

Dear Parishioners,

I've spent a weekend at the church and another full weekend at the chapel. I guess I am fully initiated! Thank you again for all your kind welcomes. Your joy is infectious.

The Gospel last weekend was all about "going out". Jesus never intended His Church or our faith to be something private. The very last thing Jesus said before he ascended into heaven was, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..." (Mt. 28:19). The Church exists to evangelize, or in other words, to bring the message of Christ to the world.

Let's bring that to our parish. St. Francis of Assisi parish has been established by the Church guided by the Holy Spirit to bring Christ to Wakefield, Peacedale, and Matunuck. How are we doing with this mission? I invite you to think seriously about that question. I have a real passion for reaching out and evangelizing, as you will see! I look forward to setting a vision with you to do just that!

In Christ,
Fr. Young
**Fr. Robert Randall’s 70th Anniversary of his Ordination**

We are pleased to announce a special celebration to honor Fr. Robert Randall on the 70th anniversary of his Ordination to the priesthood. All are invited to join with him at the 4:30 Mass on Saturday, July 31, followed by a reception in his honor on the Rectory lawn.

**Let the Children Come to Me**

2021-2022 Religious Education Registration

Those families which are new to the parish and families with children entering 1st grade must register their children. Catholic school students in grade 2, 7 & 8 must register for First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Students currently enrolled and active in the program are promoted to the next grade each year and do not need to register again.

The online registration form may be found at www.stfranciswakefield.com

**Sanctuary Lamp**

This week’s sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Ralph Calitri.

**Vacation Bible School**

Vacation Bible School will run for two days this August!

Do you have room in your schedule for two days of VBS fun?

Two mornings of non-stop fun all while learning cool things about your faith!!

We will hold all activities outside, weather permitting!

Don’t miss out! Be sure to register!!

We will be training to be Champions for Christ!

Children who have completed Grades: Kdg. – 4th are invited to attend!!

When: August 11-12th

Time: 9:00 -11:30

Cost: $20.00 per child

All CDC guidelines for summer camps will be followed.

Registration forms may be found at the entrances to the church. Please submit no later than August 6th.

If you would like to volunteer to help with VBS contact Mrs. Cullen at 792-8684 or email: cullen_stfrancis@verizon.net.
Monday, July 19
7:30-11:00am Adoration (Church)
6:30pm Event Committee Meeting (FGC)

Thursday, July 22
6:00pm Opening the Word/Bible Study (FGC)

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

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 to order a meal or volunteer to deliver. Call 401-588-4192.

TENT REVIVAL: ST. MARY’S CHURCH, CAROLINA

St. Mary’s Church in Carolina will be hosting a Tent Revival on July 26th, 27th and 28th under the tent at our St. James Campus with Father Najim. Start time is 6:00 pm.

John Polci will be performing and we will end with a Healing Mass on Wednesday, July 28th. If raining it will be relocated to inside St James Chapel.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Office of Marriage Preparation & Enrichment is sponsoring the annual Wedding Anniversary Celebration honoring couples of the Diocese of Providence who will be observing their 25, 40, 50- and OVER 50 years wedding anniversaries in 2021.

The celebration will be held on Sunday, September 26, 2021, 1:00pm at the Cathedral of SS. Peter & Paul, Providence. It will include Mass, renewal of marriage vows, a personalized certificate for each couple and a reception for the couples and their families. Bishop Thomas J. Tobin will be the main celebrant and homilist.

Following are points regarding participation:

♦ The celebration is for couples observing their 25-, 40-, 50- and OVER 50 years wedding anniversaries in 2019.
♦ One or both of the spouses need to be Catholic, with the marriage recognized by the Church.
♦ The celebration is for couples; if it is not possible for both to be present, a certificate can be forwarded directly to the couple.

Please contact the parish office at 783-4411 to register for this special celebration. Registration deadline is August 27.

FOOD DONATIONS FOR THE JONNYCAKE CENTER: JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER

Please remember we are always in need of nonperishable food items (no glass or outdated items). Your donations may be placed in the baskets located at St. Francis or St. Romuald. These items will be donated to the Jonnycake Food Pantry in Peace Dale. Thank you for your generosity.

Thinking of advertising your business/company? Consider doing so in our bulletin!
If interested call (800)364-0684!