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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

Catholic Social Services of RI/Washington County & St. Gabriel’s Call.
Washington County Office / Contact: Melanie Monteiro
401-783-3149
Tuesday ― 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 Young. Due to the reduction in priests we can no longer accommodate Sunday weddings.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK
Please call the rectory.
Dear Parishioners,

I've had a chance to explore the neighborhood a little bit. I had breakfast at Meldgie's. I've been to the Mew's (which isn't so new. That was a hang out when I was in college, but nice to be back nonetheless!) I even got out on the bike path when the humidity let up. So beautiful!

Another highlight of my week was just about every priest in South County either called or made a visit in person to welcome me to the area. Msgr. Halloran and Fr. Creedon even rolled up on their motor scooters. What would a priest biker gang be called? Heaven's Angels?

In particular I want to thank Fr. Randall for his kindness. I am looking forward to celebrating his 70th Anniversary at the end of the month. I hope you will join us in celebrating this milestone at Mass and/or the reception on the lawn of the rectory. Details can be found in the bulletin.

We ask the Lord to give us strength this week and thank Him for all his blessings. And if things didn't go quite how we wanted them, "let us begin again!"

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

MONSIGNOR CLARKE SCHOOL IS GROWING AND HIRING!!!

If you know anyone looking for a teaching position, we are hiring for part time Art, Music and Computer Technology. Please help us spread the word and come join our amazing staff! Forward resume and references to Mary Ricci at mricci@monsignorclarkeschool.org

All CDC guidelines for summer camps will be followed.

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 11th-12th
Time: 9:00-11:30
Cost: $20.00 per child

If you would like to volunteer to help with VBS contact Mrs. Cullen at 792-8684 or email: cullen_stfrancis@verizon.net.
Monday, July 26
7:30-11:00am Adoration (Church)
Thursday, July 29
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.*

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**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!*

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**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.

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**Peter’s Pence Collection Next Weekend**

Next week, we will take up the Peter’s Pence Collection, which unites us and Catholics around the world more closely with the Holy Father in two ways: it supports the structures of the Holy See through which the Pope governs the Church as well as his charitable efforts to assist victims of war, oppression, natural disasters, and others most in need. Please be generous.

For more information, visit [http://www.peterspence.va/en.html](http://www.peterspence.va/en.html).

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**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.

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**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 wedding anniversaries in 2021.
- 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.*

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