SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI
WAKEFIELD

Father Adam A. Young S.T.L. ------------------------------ Pastor
Father Nicholas P. Smith ----------------------------- Pastor Emeritus
Father Henry J. Bodah ----------------------------- Pastor Emeritus
Rev. Deacon John Dowd---------------------- Deacon Assistant
Jacki Hunt------------------------------------------ Parish Secretary

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 Young. Due to the reduction in priests we can no longer accommodate Sunday weddings.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK
Please call the rectory.

Parish Staff
Barbette L. Cullen-------- Director of Religious Education
Robert J. Moniz ------------------- Cemetery Manager
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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

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

A little business this week. I want to thank you for your continued generosity in the collections. Even through this pandemic, we have had very healthy contributions. I truly appreciate your support of our parish.

I have been getting a lot of questions about Covid regulations and safety at Mass. The Diocese follows the recommendations of the RI Department of Health. For the time being, we will continue to be vigilant and cautiously optimistic. I just ask that we all comply with the directives by sanitizing your hands before and after Mass, and by wearing a mask if you are not vaccinated.

While the obligation to attend Mass has been reinstated, it's perfectly ok to stay at home if you are feeling under the weather or if you think you've been exposed. As Catholics, we believe the common good and health of all during these times is important.

Don't forget to get your tickets to the parish breakfast! Tickets will be sold after the Masses. I’m looking forward to it!

In Christ,
Fr. Young
This weekend’s second collection for Mission Appeal is for the Diocese of Jackson, Mississippi.

Father Lincoln Dall, a priest with the Diocese will be speaking to us for this Mission Appeal. He is currently serving as Vicar General of the Diocese and as pastor of St. Jude Catholic Church in Pearl, Mississippi. Prior to becoming a priest, he served as a lay missionary with a Catholic religious order called the Comboni Missionaries in a rain forest jungle region of Ecuador in South America.

The Diocese of Jackson is the largest Diocese geographically east of the Mississippi River, yet they have the smallest percentage of Catholics of any Diocese in the United States, at about 2.3%. The Diocese includes the Mississippi Delta, a floodplain area attached to the Mississippi River that is one of the poorest areas of the United States. There are some counties in the Diocese that do not have a parish or who do not have a resident priest.

We ask that you be generous in your donation next weekend. Thank you and God bless.

GIVE BLOOD
St. Romuald Chapel
Sunday, September 5, 2021
9:00am to 2:00pm
(walk-ins only accepted if safe spacing permits at time of arrival)
www.ribc.org/drives to book
Sponsor Code 2487
Eat, hydrate, bring identification with you.
(A free RI Blood Center Bottle Opener for all presenting donors!)

MONSIGNOR CLARKE SCHOOL IS GROWING AND HIRING!!!
We have positions for Middle School Religion (Part time 4 days) and Elementary Spanish (1 day teaching Pre K thru 5th).

Please help us spread the word and come join our amazing staff!
Forward resume and references to Mary Ricci at mricci@monsignorclarkeschool.org

Did you know that our parish offers Online Giving, a web-based electronic contribution application. We are providing this service so that you have the option to manage your contributions online or with your offering envelopes. This service is safe and secure. And it is convenient for you and for our parish staff. Sign up for Online Giving by visiting our parish website at www.stfranciswakefield.com and selecting the Online Giving link.

Our Catechists are a key component of our Religious Education program. Their unselfish generosity of time and talent is a gift to the young parishioners of St. Francis Parish. We are in need of Catechists at various grade levels.

Why not you?
Call Barbette Cullen at 792-8684 for more information regarding teaching, as well as, other opportunities to serve in the Rel. Ed. program. Training and assistance are provided.
Monday, August 23
7:30-11:00am Adoration (Church)
Thursday, August 26
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.

FEEDING OUR NEIGHBORS
PEACE DALE DINNER TABLE

Since January 1st of this year our St. Vincent de Paul Conference and 67 parish volunteers have been providing free, hot, and nutritious dinners every Friday for our neighbors in need. In just eight months, we have supported our community with over 5,000 pick up or delivered meals. During this pandemic period the meal program has reached out to people who are struggling financially, have lost loved ones, and are dealing with illness and loneliness. Our team has totaled more than 1,700 volunteer hours and become a pivotal resource for South Kingstown and Narragansett. All meal costs are covered by donations and grants. The generosity of our parish with volunteer time commitment and financial aid has made this meal program a successful and rewarding outreach project.

Aug. 29 (8:30-11:30): End of Summer Breakfast/ Matunuck
Sept. 5 (9-2): Blood Drive at St. Romuald Chapel
October 1 (5-7): Pasta Dinner
October 3 (12:15): Blessing of the Animals
Oct. 29 (6:30-9pm): Paint Night with Diane Costanza
November 6 (9-2): Church Bazaar

As always, as events draw near there will be more detailed information in the bulletin!

ATTENTION MUSIC LOVERS!
Have you ever thought about participating in the music ministry at St. Francis or St. Romuald? We would love to have you! You don't have to be an accomplished musician; you simply need a desire to get involved and a love for music at Mass. If you enjoy singing and/or play an instrument, consider joining the choir or the Praise youth ensemble. Choir rehearsals for the church will resume September 14th and be held each Tuesday night at 7pm. Praise rehearsals are TBA. Training will be provided for anyone interested in serving as a cantor. Be a part of the joy that music brings to our congregation and to the Lord! Contact Jen for more information: 401-595-0359 or MartaCanta@gmail.com. For the chapel contact Karen at : churchlady602017@gmail.com.

"The gift of language combined with the gift of song was given to man that he should proclaim the word of God through music."

End-of-Summer Breakfast at the Community Field House, Matunuck

Next Sunday, August 29, 2019
8:30am to 11:30am
Adults: $10.00—Children 6-12: $5
Children 5 and under: FREE
Tickets will be sold after all Masses this weekend.
Tickets can also be purchased at the breakfast!

BAKERS & SERVERS ARE NEEDED. IF YOU CAN HELP
PLEASE CALL ELLEN SCHWAB AT 789-7707.
Come join us!

Worship Concert at McVinney Auditorium
August 29, 2021 at 7:00pm

Our former Youth Minister, Emily Cuellar, is having a concert to help pay down her debt before heading into the convent. This concert is wonderful way for you to help Emily!
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