

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

St. Francis Mass Intentions



Saturday, March 28

4:30pm †Jeannette DeLuca
Requested by Family

Sunday, March 29

8:00am
10:00am †Vera Banks
Requested by Ed & Diane Rudegeair
12:00nn †Richard Clarke
Requested by Steve & Jacki

Monday, March 30

7:00am †Jeannette DeLuca
Requested by Family

Tuesday, March 31

7:00am †Jean G. Boisse
Requested by Family

Thursday, April 2

7:00am Mass for the People

Friday, April 3

7:00am †Theresa Ramieri
Requested by Rick & Liz Soltysiak

Saturday, April 4

4:30pm †Enda Faughnan
Requested by Jean



Palm Sunday, April 5

8:00am †Abel Grillo
Requested by Mark & Diane Castro
10:00am †Patrick Dufficy
Requested by Family
12:00nn †David Webster
(Birthday Remembrance)
Requested by Mary Ann Torgen

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 29

10:00am †Margaret Dolan
Requested by Ed & Kathleen Puchalla



Palm Sunday, April 5

10:00am †Josephine, Walter, Tony & Mike
Kieon
Requested by Sue Boland



SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Jeannette DeLuca.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Responds to Coronavirus
VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Here is a CNS translation of the prayer Pope Francis recited by video March 11 for a special Mass and act of prayer asking Mary to protect Italy and the world during of the coronavirus pandemic.



**O Mary,
you always shine on our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain,
keeping your faith firm.
You, Salvation of the Roman People,
know what we need,
and we are sure you will provide
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,
we may return to joy and to feasting
after this time of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who has taken upon himself our sufferings
and carried our sorrows
to lead us, through the cross,
to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.
Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God.
Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.**



Weekly Support		March 22
Budget envelopes used (20)	-	\$1,014.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 15.00
Online Giving (# of donors-65)	-	\$2,078.00
Total Budget	-	\$3,107.00

As of 3/23/2020 we have received pledges of \$32,139.00 from 119 donors.

We ask that during this difficult time, if you are not already using our on-line giving to please consider using it during our closing. If you prefer to continue to use your envelopes it would be helpful if you would mail your contributions to the office. We thank you for your support.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

MARCH 29, 2020

From the Pastor,

In the midst of this unprecedented health crisis, we are doing our best to provide what services we can. Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays Mass will be live-streamed and put on our website or Facebook page or both. <http://stfranciswakefield.com/>. We will also have the usual time for confessions: Saturdays from 3:30-4 p.m. in the reconciliation room behind the pulpit in the church.

I ask and urge everyone to cooperate in minimizing contact with others outside the immediate family who live together and to follow the guidelines about handwashing and other health precautions.

This experience of having our lives turned upside down can certainly make us appreciate what we had, much of which we took for granted. It can also make us appreciate what we have, for which we can continue to give thanks.

Fr. Bodah

Important COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

At the request of the governor and the medical community, Bishop Tobin, has ordered the cancellation of all public Masses, other services and church activities until further notice. Religious Education, Alpha, committee/group meetings and social events are also canceled until further notice.

Please refer to our website for updated information, current bulletins and the link to view our Sunday Mass at 11am with live streaming.

Our website is www.stfranciswakefield.com.

PRINTED BULLETINS

Please pass the word along that our bulletin company has suspended printing of the bulletins until further notice. You can find bulletins on our website for you all to keep up with the parish news. God bless!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
(401) 792-8684



All classes and parent meetings have been cancelled until further notice.

Please watch your email for updates.



JESUS said,
"Let the
Little children
come to me."

▶ Luke 18:16 ◀

This Week

All upcoming parish events/meetings have been canceled until further notice. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

The pizza bingo and the indoor yard sale have been canceled for this year.

The parish offices will be closed Good Friday, April 10 & Monday, April 13.

Buy Tickets Now!

MAY MONEY MADNESS IN JUNE!

"Due to the Corona Virus and directives, May Money Madness tickets will now be sold after Masses in May with the drawings to be held in June. You can still continue to mail your forms and money to the Rectory.

Ticket prices are: \$10 each, 6 for \$50 or 12 for \$100. A fun parish event with prizes awarded daily throughout the month of May.

Drawing Prizes: Monday thru Saturday—\$50;
Sunday—\$100; May 31- drawing—\$500.

Fill out the form below and include payment. Return through the weekly offertory or mail to: May \$ Madness, St. Francis Church, 114 High St., Wakefield, RI 02879. Tickets will be forwarded to you.

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No. _____

No. of Tickets: ___ \$10 each ___ 6 for \$50 ___ 12 for \$100



St. Vincent DePaul Society

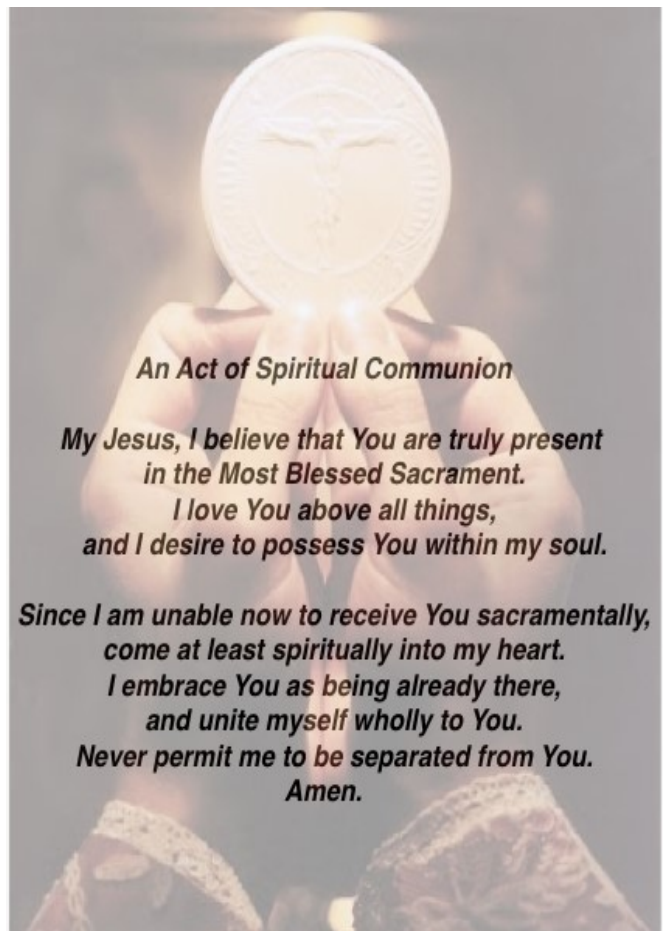
Just a reminder that our St. Vincent de Paul chapter here at St. Francis needs your help. They ask your help by using their poor boxes located in the church and chapel so that they can assist those in need in our area

(Gift cards are accepted). Please keep them in your prayers!



SPRING FOOD DRIVE

The Social Outreach Committee is again sponsoring a food drive to benefit the Jonnycake Center's Vacation Breakfast and Lunch Program. This program benefits clients, children who participate in school nutrition assistance programs. ***This will be the final weekend that we will be collecting donations—the church will be open from 7am to 4pm (Monday-Friday).*** Your generous donations will go toward helping these children enjoy healthy meals and snacks throughout their entire vacation and summer breaks. Foods needed are: juice boxes, jelly (all varieties), peanut butter, healthy snacks and fruit squeeze tubes. Please place donations in receptacles near St. Francis statue and entrance to St. Romuald's Chapel. Thank you as always for your continued generosity.



An Act of Spiritual Communion

*My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present
in the Most Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to possess You within my soul.*

*Since I am unable now to receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as being already there,
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.*