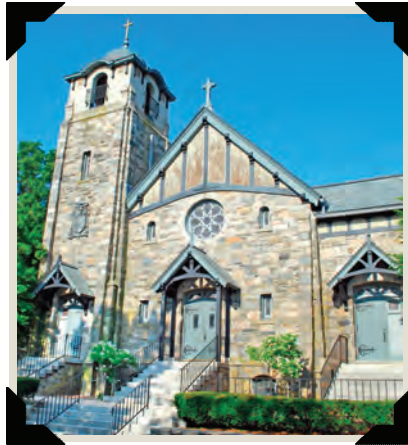


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Masses

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 / Winter Schedule
Sunday ----- 10:00 am

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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

Third Sunday
of Advent

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

St. Francis Mass Intentions

Happy 3rd week of Advent!



Saturday, December 12

4:30pm † Henrietta & Luke Pucella
Requested by Family

Sunday, December 13

9:00am † James & Sarah Folcarelli
Requested by Family

11:00am † Rebecca Milton
Requested by the Grimes Family

Monday, December 14

7:00am Mass for the People

Tuesday, December 15

7:00am † Chris Shafer & John Earley
Requested by Maria

Thursday, December 17

7:00am † Tina Marie Luciano
Requested by Family

Friday, December 18

7:00am † Rita & Tom O'Rourke & Warren Behie

Requested by Family

Saturday, December 19

4:30pm † Fred Robinson
(6th Anniversary)
Requested by Family

Sunday, December 20

9:00am † Henry H. Thayer, Jr. & Margherita Thayer

Requested by May Tran

11:00am † Kathleen Rose

Requested by Family

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 13

10:00am † Mary Marchand
(Anniversary Remembrance)

Requested by Gerri & Al Marsocci

Sunday, December 20

10:00am † Martin McSally

Requested by the Fitzpatrick Family

SANCTUARY LAMP



This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Rose & Jimmy Gilgun.



GIVING TREE

This year's Giving Tree will benefit our own St. Vincent de Paul chapter and the Jonnycake Center.

Tags have been placed on the trees at both the church and the chapel. Suggested gift certificates: Belmont's, Shaw's, Stop & Shop, Walmart, Job Lot and Visa. Gift cards in \$25 increments are recommended (easier to distribute).

Please return with offertory basket or to the rectory by NEXT weekend of December 19/20. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (95)	-	\$4,146.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 580.00
Online Giving (# of donors-90)	-	\$4,803.00
Total Budget	-	\$9,529.00

Second Collection (Monthly Collection)

Budget envelopes used (51)	-	\$ 975.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 233.00
Total	-	\$1,208.00

This week's second is for the Retired Religious. Next week's second collection is for Ongoing Maintenance.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.



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From the Pastor,

We are gearing up for Christmas and have no idea how many people will try to attend Mass. A couple of parishioners kindly offered to coordinate a pre-registration program, but I demurred. I know that no matter what efforts we would make, some people wouldn't get the message that they'd have to register ahead of time and would be offended by being turned away, even if they arrived in plenty of time. So, we'll have to wait and see. I would love to see the church and chapel full, but during this pandemic, it is not to be. Social-distancing must still be observed, and that limits the number of people that can fit in the spaces available. We'll be live-streaming the 4:30 Christmas eve Mass, and those who cannot fit into the church can watch the Mass from downstairs in the Helen Bouchard Hall or from the Greenan Center, as well as from home at our Facebook site or from our parish website: stfranciswakefield.com. Despite my desire to see everyone filling the churches, I really must recommend that people of more advanced age, people with underlying medical conditions, or those with at-risk people at home, really think twice about coming out to Mass.

If you are registered in the parish, you should have received a postcard with the Mass schedule and the reference to the website. If you cannot be here in person, please join us by video and in the spirit of Christmas. God bless us every one!

Fr. Bodah



Christmas Schedule for St. Francis of Assisi and St. Romuald Chapel

Christmas Eve: Thursday, December 24
4:30pm (will be live streamed) & 10:00pm at the church
5:30pm at the chapel

Christmas Day: Friday, December 25
9:00am & 11:00am at the church
10:00am at the chapel

Due to Covid restrictions, seating is limited at both the church & chapel. We encourage you to plan to arrive to Mass early for seating arrangements. Please remember to wear your mask. Those in high risk categories & individuals of advanced age are encouraged to watch from home at stfranciswakefield.com.

Sunday, December 13th

Grades 1-6:

Complete at home, the Gospel Weeklies for the **Third Sunday of Advent**
Pray: Dear Jesus, show us how to teach others about you. Help us to be voices of faith.

Think: Who are the people whose words and actions have taught you about Jesus?

Act: Our actions should let people know we are followers of Jesus.

Online Class Assessments: to be submitted to your child's catechist each week.

Weekly coloring pages: to be emailed to Mrs. Cullen.

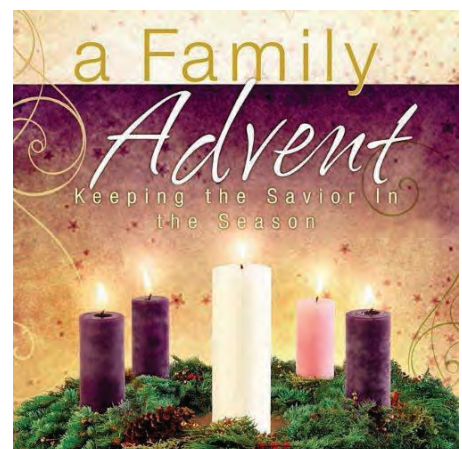
Wednesday, December 16th

No Class for Confirmation I and II until January.

Classes are held on the first and second Wednesday of the month.

Next Sunday, December 20th

Grades 1-6 to meet virtually at 10am with their catechist.



This Week

Monday, December 14

7:30-11:00am Adoration (Church)

Wednesday, December 16

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph

Thursday, December 17

9-10:30am Staff Meeting (Office is closed during this time)

6:00pm Thursday Night Prayer Meeting



Saint Francis of Assisi Office Hours through the Holidays

Tuesday, December 22
(Closed all Day)

Wednesday, December 23
(Closed all day)

Thursday, December 24
(Closed all day)

Friday, December 25
(Closed all day)

Friday, January 1
(Closed all day)

COLLECTION FOR THE RETIRED RELIGIOUS

This weekend's second collection is for the Retired Religious. In good times and bad the senior religious shown here have dedicated themselves to God's work. Together with nearly 30,000 elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests in the United States, they educated the young, tended the sick, and ministered to the needy. Today, they pray for a world that is hurting. Many religious communities do not have enough retirement savings and struggle to provide for aging members. Your tax-deductible gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



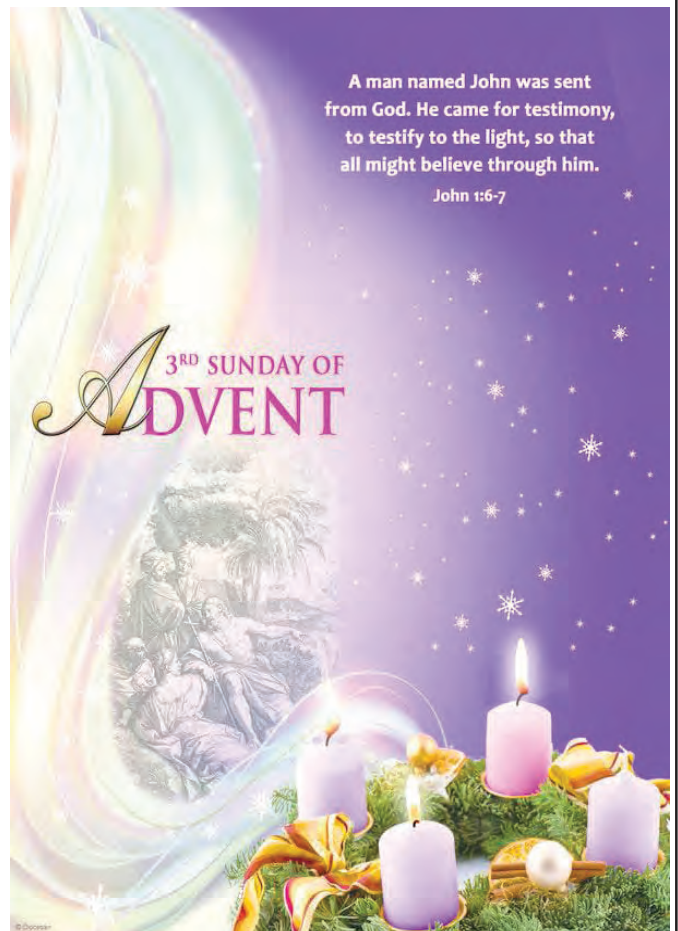
St. Vincent DePaul Society

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!*

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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