

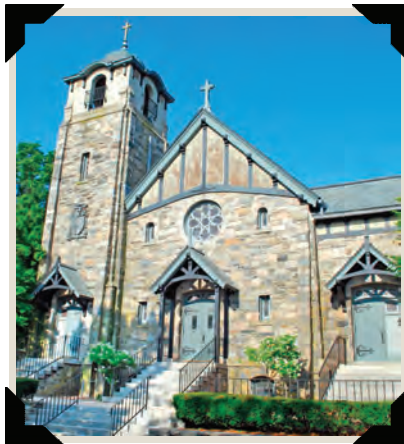
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Masses

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

Saturday ----- 5:30 pm*
 Sunday ----- 8:00 am* and 10:00 am
 *Summer only (Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day Weekend)

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.

welcome

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

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Francis Mass Intentions



Saturday, February 19

4:30pm †Arlene Robinson

Requested by Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Gaglione and Family

Sunday, February 20

9:00am †Mr. & Mrs. Thu Chi Tran & John Thanh Ha

Requested by Family

11:00am †Ramona Ouimet

Requested by Ralph & Sabina Franco

Monday, February 21

7:00am †Linda Farinacci

Requested by Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Oliverio

Tuesday, February 22

7:00am Mass for the People

Thursday, February 24

7:00am † Deceased Members of the Behie, O'Rourke, Palamidessi & Geiling Families

Friday, February 25

7:00am †James F. Flynn

Requested by Kathleen & Jeff Carney

Saturday, February 26

4:30pm †Tina Marie Luciano

Requested by Family

Sunday, February 27

9:00am †George Almeida, Sr.
(Birthday Remembrance)

Requested by Family

11:00am †Gina Posillo

Requested by Mark & Laurie Friel

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 20

10:00am †Daryl Stone

Requested by Jean Fenaughty

Sunday, February 27

10:00am †Dan Fenaughty

Requested by Mom & Family

Dear Parishioners,

In previous parishes I have always cancelled the Providence Journal because of its nasty vendetta against the Catholic faith. I haven't yet cancelled here...mostly because I enjoy doing the crosswords! I spoke to someone who once worked for the "Projo" and he said they would have meetings about how to "hit" the church and the Diocese of Providence. I've had mixed feelings these past few weeks since there was something published against the church just about every day.

I wish I knew all the facts and how to sift through the fiction, but I don't, and I get very little guidance in these cases. I wish the Church had no negative press, but that will never be the case. It's a simple fact that priests, bishops, popes, and yes, even lay people, are sinners. We have been from the beginning and we will be until Christ returns.

One of the articles last week called for Catholics to stop giving to their parishes. Let me assure you, that does nothing but hurt the parish and those in need. Our collections pay our own bills and they go to charitable causes throughout the country and world. The Catholic Charity Appeal helps those who are most in need in the diocese. The proceeds do NOT go to the bishop. So if you are upset or wish to express your disappointment, I urge you to write a letter or call. But stopping your donations only harms those who need it the most.

I want to thank all of you for your continued generosity to the parish and to the upcoming Charity Appeal. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me and I'll do my best to answer your questions.

In Christ,

Fr. Young



Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (101)	-	February 13 \$3,979.00
Loose Donations	-	\$1,239.00
Online Giving (# of donors-84)	-	\$2,763.00
Total Budget	-	\$7,981.00

2022 Catholic Charity Appeal Goal is \$104,595.00. As of 2/10/22 the pledged amount is \$22,920.00 from 82 donors.

This week's second collection is for Ongoing Maintenance. There is no second collection next week.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

FEBRUARY 20, 2022



SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of James Flynn.

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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT ST. ROMUALD CHAPEL

Join us for a unique experience when we present the Stations of the Cross as seen through the eyes of Mary every Wednesday beginning March 9th through April 13th at 12:30pm at Saint Romuald Chapel in Matunuck. All are welcome.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT ST. FRANCIS

On the six Fridays of Lent we will have the Stations of the Cross beginning March 4 through April 8 at 7pm. On Good Friday, April 15 Stations will be at 3pm. All are welcome.



Alpha is just that...the beginning. The Alpha Course has been run in thousands of parishes throughout the world and is proven to awaken faith in lapsed Catholics, those on the fringe of parish life and those outside the faith. It gives faithful Catholics a path and a language to fulfill their baptismal call to evangelize. It is a proven method of introducing people to a living relationship, a personal encounter with Jesus Christ.

The Alpha Course is run over 11 sessions and consists of a meal, fellowship, a video presentation, and discussion. The welcoming non-judgmental atmosphere puts participants at ease to discuss aspects of the faith. ALL are welcome; Catholics, non-Catholics, former church go-ers, and those simply searching for answers to life's questions. So come join us and bring a friend!

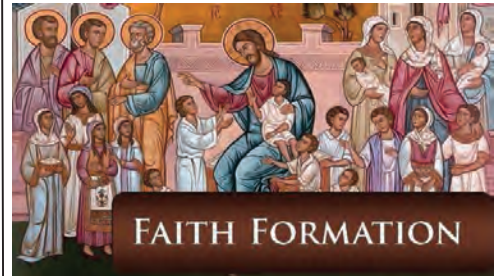
Registration is not required but helpful!

Email alpha@stfranciswakefield.com

(Begins Wednesday, March 9 from 7-8:30pm in Father Greenan Center)



FAITH FORMATION
(401) 792-8684



Sunday, February 20, 2022

February School Vacation- No Classes this week.

Classes will resume on Sunday, Feb. 27th for Grades 1-6 and Confirmation I.

The Faith Formation Office is closed during school vacation.



Pray: Lord, we find it hard to be kind when someone is not kind to us. Help us to see others as you do so that we will not be tempted to judge or be unkind. Amen.

This Week

Monday, February 21

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

Parish Offices will close at Noon for Presidents Day

Tuesday, February 22

6:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

Wednesday, February 16

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (FGC)

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

Hello everyone!

My name is Peter Fiore. On Ash Wednesday I will begin as the new Director of Music Ministry at St. Francis of Assisi parish. I am a music composition major at the University of Rhode Island and studying organ with George Kent. I have always been passionate about the organ and participating in Catholic liturgy. It all dates back to my sophomore year of high school on cozy Saturday afternoons when I would spend hours practicing on the organ at my home parish of St. Clare's in Westerly up until the organist would come to play the 5pm Mass every week. After hearing me play (quietly) while hearing confessions, the pastor, Fr. Ken would sometimes let me play a hymn during Communion. This led to substitute jobs at various local churches and eventually numerous organist positions (most recently St. Mary's in Stonington, CT and the Pequot Chapel in New London, CT). After long hours of practicing, rigorous organ lessons, and numerous recitals and concerts, I finally end up leading a parish music ministry which has been a long time dream for me!



If you arrive at Mass 10 minutes early or stay after Mass, you'll be hearing me play voluntary organ pieces. These preludes and postludes vary from a variety of composers such as Bach, Pachelbel, Brahms, Vierne and Benoist; and contemporary composers such as Ernest Bloch and Noel Rawsthorne, to name a few. All the hymns and choir anthems I pick will match the weekly scripture readings to elevate the worship experience. If I'm not at URI or on a spontaneous bike ride, I will be at the church practicing if you want to meet me. I can't wait to be a member of the parish community and I'll see you all soon!



ASH WEDNESDAY—MARCH 2

7:00am & 6:30pm Mass w/ distribution of Ashes

Noon Liturgy of the Word with distribution of Ashes

ADDITIONAL CONFESSION TIMES DURING LENT
Prepare your heart during the season of Lent.

St. Francis Church
Saturday at 3:30PM to 4:00PM
Sunday at 10:00AM to 10:30AM
St. Romuald Chapel
Sunday at 9:15AM to 9:45AM

Congratulations to the proud parents and god-parent of Jude Michael Carroll who was baptized on February 6 by Fr. Adam Young.



Your parish family rejoices with you!



"...when I was a stranger you took me in".
Matthew 25:35

UPDATE ON THE LIGHT OF HOPE FOR AFGHAN MISSION

We have learned that our family's arrival is imminent and we are continuing to work on plans to welcome them. We still have many volunteer opportunities available. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer please contact us at 401-477-6046 or at StFranciswelcomes@iCloud.com.

We are accepting donations either by placing them in the collection basket or through our online giving (see our website for the online giving link). Checks should be made out to St. Francis of Assisi and on the memo line please write "Afghan-resettlement". Thank you for your support in welcoming our new guests.



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