

THE PARISH FAMILY OF

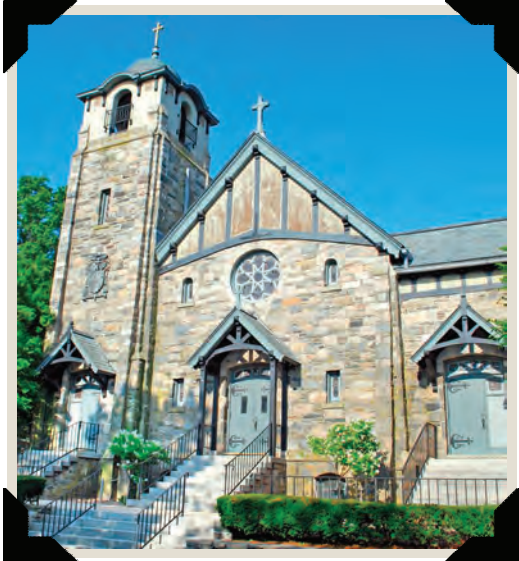
SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

WAKEFIELD



SAINT ROMUALD

MATUNUCK



114 High Street  
Wakefield, RI 02879

----- Phone -----  
401-783-4411

----- Fax -----  
401-783-9667

----- Email -----  
saintfrancis00@aol.com

----- Web -----  
stfranciswakefield.com

----- Religious Ed. Office -----  
401-792-8684

----- Parish Cemetery -----  
401-782-2711



Parish Staff

Father Albert D. Ranallo----- Pastor  
Father Nicholas P. Smith ----- Pastor Emeritus  
Father Henry J. Bodah ----- Pastor Emeritus  
Jacki Hunt----- Administrative Assistant

Barbette L. Cullen----- Director of Religious Education  
Robert J. Moniz ----- Cemetery Manager  
----- cemeteryoffice@aol.com  
Robert J. Kelly ----- Parish Sexton  
Peter Fiore ----- Director of Music Ministry  
----- musicdirector@stfranciswakefield.com

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 a priest. 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 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## St. Francis Mass Intentions



### Saturday, January 14

4:30pm † Anne Cottle

*Requested by Family*

### Sunday, January 15

9:00am † Richard Jaquish

*Requested by Family*

11:00am † Dennis Mittendorf

*Requested by Vicky & Bill Apicerno*

### Monday, January 16

7:00am † Stephen Friel

*Requested by Jim & Susan Meehan*

**Holiday—No Adoration**

### Tuesday, January 17

7:00am † Dec. Members of the Behie & O'Rourke Families

*Requested by Family*

### Thursday, January 19

7:00am For the People

### Friday, January 20

7:00am † Catherine Fitzpatrick

*Requested by Joe & Ellen Schwab*

### Saturday, January 21

4:30pm † Branden J. DeLuca

*Requested by Family*

### Sunday, January 22

9:00am † Phil Lavigne

*Requested by the Gilman Family*

11:00am † Domenic Coppolino

*Requested by his Sister*

## St. Romuald Mass Intentions

### Sunday, January 15

10:00am † Barney Fenaughty

(Birthday Remembrance)

*Requested by Family*

### Sunday, January 22

10:00am † Mary Marchand

(Birthday Remembrance)

*Requested by Gerri & Al Marsocci*

## Behold the Lamb of God.



It is common practice in the entertainment world to have an opening act before a big event. Lesser-known or up-and-coming celebrities are used to get the crowd in the mood and ready for the moment when the main event comes on stage.

In an imperfectly analogous way, John the Baptist performs this role in the drama of our salvation. His task was to prepare the people for the coming of the Messiah, that great moment when God would fulfill his covenant with Israel. From the beginning of John's Gospel, the Baptist plays a central role in revealing Jesus as both the Word of God and the Messiah.

As we encounter John today, he is entering the apex of his mission: *Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world*, he says. This is not just someone talking *about* the Messiah, this is a public, well-known figure confirming all that he has been saying up to this point: *He is the one* about whom I have been speaking. John sees with his eyes, and with his spirit, to know this truth. His declaration is meant for all to hear, and heed.

Where does John's authority come from? From his own role as the one who will "open the floor" for the main actor, per God's divine design; but also from what he himself has seen: *I did not know him [Jesus] but the one who sent me ... told me* that "I would see the Spirit come down and remain upon the one who would baptize with the Holy Spirit, and this I did see." This foresight, this insight, gives him the authority to proclaim this truth. And without fear he tells all who hear, *now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God*.

Only that which comes from God can be proclaimed as truth, and John had the knowledge from God even before birth – leaping as he did in Elizabeth's womb at the sound of Mary's voice, *Mary the mother of [our] Lord* (cf. Luke 1:43-44). He was destined to be the one who would come on stage first, as it were, gaining the attention not for himself but in order to point to the main act to come.

As John did, so can we. Although we are not on that original stage, we are the ones who continue telling the story and continue pointing to the One whose life, death, and resurrection has transformed the world.

Jesus Christ who is the real story and it is only in a personal, intimate knowledge of Christ, found in the life of an active faith, that we truly experience God's presence. As John the Baptist tells us later: *He must increase, I must decrease* (cf. John 3:30). For John knows he must ultimately leave the stage and allow Jesus to take his rightful place. May our hearts be open to this great act of God's loving presence in our lives.



### Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (138)	-	\$8,240.50
Loose Donations	-	\$ 788.00
Online Giving (# of donors-88)	-	\$4,080.00
<b>Total Budget</b>	-	<b>\$13,108.50</b>

### January 8

### Second Collection (Ongoing Maintenance)

Budget envelopes used (101)	-	\$1,732.50
Loose Donations	-	\$ 298.00
Online Giving (# of donors-9)	-	\$ 220.00
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>\$2,250.50</b>

This week's second is for the Catholic University. Next week's second collection is for the Monthly Collection. **As always, thank you for your continued generosity.**

JANUARY 15, 2023

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Blanche Marcoux Jacques.



The work of our St. Francis of Assisi Conference of St. Vincent de Paul is supported by parish donations. Donation boxes are in the Church and Chapel; the parish online giving site has a SVDP option. Grocery store gift cards are welcome.

Our Conference assists neighbors in need in our area and supports the Dinner Table Program providing free meals for pick up or delivery. Call 401-588-4192 if you or a neighbor could use cooked meals, available Wednesdays & Fridays, or if you would like to volunteer with the Dinner Table. To request financial aid, leave information on the Conference phone, 401-871-8936. New SVDP members are most welcome! There are several levels of participation and time commitments.

**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.



Congratulations to all who received the 12 Days of Christmas Gifts!!! It was a very successful first time endeavor realizing a \$2400 profit. Our sincere gratitude to all who made this possible. We want to also thank all who participated in our events this past year and wish everyone a Happy and Healthy 2023.

*Your Event Committee*

**Winners of the Christmas Card Raffle! Congratulations!**

December 25	Lynn Schultz	\$500
December 26	Elaine Shanley	\$100
December 27	Barbara Monaghan	\$100
December 28	Joseph Schwab	\$100
December 29	Peg Schwab	\$100
December 30	Paul Costanza	\$100
December 31	Mary & James Sullivan	\$500
January 1	Jane Estes	\$100
January 2	Joseph Caporelli	\$100
January 3	Abigail Comtois	\$100
January 4	Matt & Alex Leavitt	\$100
January 5	Joan Cavanaugh	\$500



**FAITH FORMATION**  
(401) 792-8684

**Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>**

**No Class** for grades 1-6.  
Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday weekend

**Pray:** Thank you, God, for sending your Holy Spirit to Jesus. I pray that I may be open to the guidance of the Spirit too. Amen.

**Think:** How can I share the gifts of the Holy Spirit with others?



# This Week

**Monday, January 16**

**HOLIDAY—No Adoration; Offices will be closed**

6:30pm Men of St. Joseph (FGC)

**Thursday, January 19**

6-7:00pm Bible Study-Gospel of Mark (HBH)

6:30pm Choir Rehearsal (Church)

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



## 2023 Steubenville Youth Conferences

Calling all high schoolers! In our ever-changing world, Jesus is the answer to the longing of our hearts for meaning, fulfillment, security, and love. Join hundreds of Catholic teens at *Steubenville East Youth Conference in Springfield, MA on July 21-23, 2023* to experience the peace of Jesus Christ, who is our refuge and never wearies of loving us.

All rising freshmen in high school through rising freshmen in college are invited to attend this retreat with our group.

Learn more at:

<https://steubenvilleconferences.com/events/conf-east/>,

or contact **Diane Castro** at:

[diane.castro@stfranciswakefield.com](mailto:diane.castro@stfranciswakefield.com) for more information.

# SAVE THE DATE

**Month of January:** Baby Shower



The St. Francis of Assisi Social Outreach Committee (SOC) is sponsoring a Baby Shower during the month of January 2023 to assist St. Gabriel's Call. St. Gabriel's Call provides supportive services to women and families facing unexpected pregnancies. If you, or someone you know, is in need of baby items, please contact Melanie at the St. Francis Diocesan Office at 401-783-3149.



### Items needed:

- Diapers (All sizes up to 6/XL)
- Warm Sleepers (0-24 months)
- Warm Children's Clothing (2T-4T, 5-6)
- Baby Wipes
- Bibs
- Infant Onesies
- Pacifiers
- Baby Blankets

Baby Bottles & Bottle Brushes  
(Cash donations are gratefully accepted: Checks to be made out to **Retreat House**)

Place donations in the collection baskets located in St. Francis Church and St. Romuald Chapel during the weekends of January 2023.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**



# AVERY-STORTI FUNERAL HOME

Peter J. Storti, Joshua P. Storti,  
Joseph A. Notarantonio, Directors  
Traditional · Cremation Services · Monuments  
[www.averystortifuneralhome.com](http://www.averystortifuneralhome.com)

Serving  
South  
County  
Families  
Since 1863

88 Columbia Street, Wakefield 783-7271

## GOD BLESS AMERICA

Help your community,  
the environment,  
& yourself



➤ Patronize your local businesses

# READY.GOV

Don't be afraid...Be Ready



### Hal's Hometown Citgo

171 Old Tower Hill Road  
in Wakefield, RI

- Full Accident and Collision Services
- Oil Changes, Tires and Front Wheel Alignments Available



Save 10¢ a gallon at Hal's everyday using this card. Apply on-line at [www.citgorewards.com](http://www.citgorewards.com).

Call 1-401-789-0018



### Wine Specials

Check out our 2 bottle discounts!  
SAVINGS GALORE!!

### Geaber's Liquors

- Easy access off Route 1
- Complete selection
- Volume discounts

783-8313

231 Old Tower Hill Road - Wakefield  
(Next to Dunkin' Donuts)

## Please Continue To Pray For



## World Peace



Learn more at [oig.ssa.gov/scam](http://oig.ssa.gov/scam)



## IRREPRESSIBLE

K.J. Alexander

To her, she's just another foster kid.  
To them, she's the queen  
who will save them all.

AVAILABLE NOW!

Scan Here or Visit  
<https://amzn.to/322DlqT>

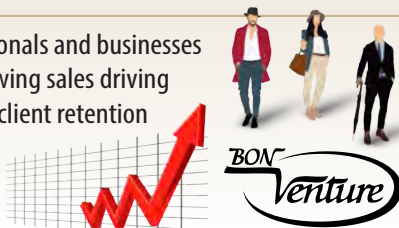


# ADVERTISE

YOUR BUSINESS IN THIS SPACE

Join the thousands of professionals and businesses in our network and begin growing sales driving new client visits and building client retention and name recognition.

800-883-4343



Help the ASPCA  
put a stop to  
animal cruelty.



**ASPCA**  
ASPCA.ORG  
WE ARE THEIR VOICE®

[www.aspc.org](http://www.aspc.org)



Nestled in a Peaceful  
Wooded Retreat  
Safe, Scenic, Friendly & Affordable  
Drive in or Visit us online  
[www.villageatwordenspond.com](http://www.villageatwordenspond.com)  
401.792.7107



## In God We Trust.

Please Visit

1892 Kingstown Rd.  
782-4280  
PEACEDALE

**NORTHUP'S**  
Service Center  
FAST-LUBE

ASAP

BRING IN THIS COUPON & SAVE \$2.00 OFF OUR ALREADY LOW PRICED FAST-LUBE OIL CHANGE SERVICE!

THIS IS AN ETERNAL COUPON - GOOD ANYTIME!

**Colvitto's**  
Pizza & Bakery

Specializing In Pizza & Calzones

SALT POND SHOPPING CENTER  
NARRAGANSETT

SOUTH COUNTY COMMONS  
WAKEFIELD

783-8086 782-2285

**NARDOLILLO**  
FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORY

"Family Owned & Operated Since 1906"

1278 PARK AVENUE · CRANSTON, RI 02910

942-1220

1111 BOSTON NECK ROAD · NARRAGANSETT, RI 02882

789-6300

DIRECTORS

ROBERT A. NARDOLILLO, JR. · DAVID M. NARDOLILLO · ANGELO M. NARDOLILLO

**Woonsocket**  
Health & Rehabilitation Centre

SUB-ACUTE REHAB SERVICES  
ALZHEIMER'S CARE  
LONG TERM CARE

262 Poplar Street, Woonsocket, RI  
WoonsocketHealthCentre.com  
(401) 765-2100

**GOD BLESS AMERICA**

**THANK YOU TO OUR ADVERTISERS**

Our Weekly Church Bulletin Is Made Possible By Their Continued Support!  
Please Patronize Our Generous Businesses & Let Them Know You Saw Their Ad!



**Tase-Rite**  
"Home of Angelos Meatballs"

Wholesalers To The Public Of  
Beef, Poultry and Pork

401-783-7300

1211 KINGSTOWN ROAD · WAKEFIELD, RI



Act now to  
help end hunger.

In the United States, one in  
nine people face hunger.

[feedingamerica.org](http://feedingamerica.org)

**FEEDING AMERICA**

GIVE A HOOT!  
DON'T POLLUTE




Thanks for giving a hoot!  
Woody

**HELP YOUR** Community, the Environment, and Yourself



Patronize your local businesses



**Dowd & Associates, Inc.**  
WEALTH MANAGEMENT  
John W. Dowd, NSSA, BPC™  
President

"We teach people how to have a safe, comfortable, and worry free retirement"

tel: 401-471-6161 · toll free: 800-575-7744 · fax: 401-216-1253  
[www.dowdassociates.us](http://www.dowdassociates.us) · [www.jd.retirementhelpcenters.com](http://www.jd.retirementhelpcenters.com)

5853 Post Road · East Greenwich, Rhode Island 02818

Financial planning and investment advisory services offered through Prosperity Capital Advisors (PCA) an SEC registered investment advisor. For more information, please visit [www.adviserinfo.sec.gov](http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov).

**FINE WINES · BEERS · LIQUORS**

**WAKEFIELD LIQUORS**

Dale Carlia Shopping Center  
667 Kingstown Road  
Wakefield  
(401) 783-4555

**COAST GUARD HOUSE**

LUNCH, DINNER & SUNDAY BRUNCH  
OVERLOOKING NARRAGANSETT BAY

Baptisms · Weddings · Rehearsal Dinners  
Post-Funeral Collations

40 Ocean Road, Narragansett, RI  
(401) 789-0700

If the lights are flashing,  
**no passing.**

It's Not a Suggestion,  
**It's the Law.**

