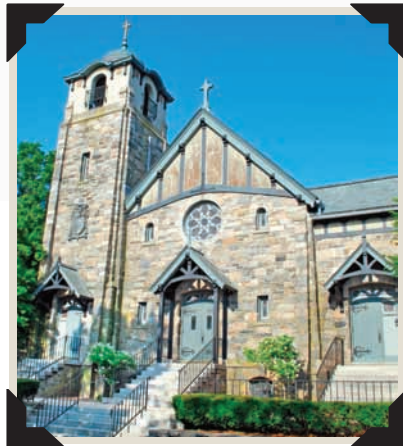


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Masses

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)

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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
 Third 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.

PENITENCOST
 ALL WERE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT



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

PENTECOST SUNDAY

St. Francis Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 27

4:30pm †Richard A. DeJoseph
(8th Anniversary Remembrance)
Requested by Wife

Sunday, May 28

9:00am †Steven Hunt
Requested by Eve Sweeney

11:00am †Rick Soltysiak
Requested by Family

Monday, May 29

7:00am Special Intention
Requested by Amanda Bremner

HOLIDAY-NO ADORATION

Tuesday, May 30

7:00am For the People

Thursday, June 1

7:00am †Rosemary Walsh
Requested by Jeff & Kathleen Carney

Friday, June 2

7:00am †Msgr. Cornelius J. Holland
(5th Pastor)
67th Anniversary Remembrance

Saturday, June 3

4:30pm †John & Marie Champion
Requested by Family

Sunday, June 4

9:00am †Sister Augustine Mageau
Requested by May & Ben Ha

11:00am †Ed & Mary Emmott
Requested by Family

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 27

5:30pm †Kathleen Dwyer
Requested by Family

Sunday, May 28

8:00am †Robert & Mary Cochrane
Requested by Al & Gerri Marsocci

10:00am †Blanche & Martha McElkenny
Requested by Family

Saturday, June 3

5:30pm †Deceased Members of the
Robinson & Feeny Families
Requested by Family

Sunday, June 4

8:00am †John Carpinelli
Requested by the Fitzpatrick Family

10:00am †James Corcoran, III
Requested by Fran Fitzpatrick

The Season of Easter concludes with a choice for us to make.

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Peace be with you. In this short passage of four verses Jesus says those four words *twice*. Not only are these words repeated, but the Gospel passage itself is also a “repeat.” We heard this particular Scripture on a Sunday just a few weeks ago. There must be an important message here.

The more we reflect on those words the more it becomes clear. “Peace be with you” isn’t just a nice greeting. It’s not a statement of fact. It’s not an observation of a current situation. It’s an invitation. It’s a choice. It’s *our choice*, our decision whether or not to receive it. It’s our decision to utilize it, to *live it*. And it always has been.

The Gospel reminds us that on Easter night, Jesus’ Apostles had been filled with fear. The room was locked for fear of the Jewish leaders who had conspired with the Romans to kill Jesus, and who the Apostles feared were after them next.

Yet despite the sadness and sorrow which was still looming in their heads and hearts from Good Friday, despite their present real, legitimate fears, they choose to be there. Jesus enters into that locked room. He enters into that fear and then he offers them his peace, which is tied to his gift of the Holy Spirit.

Yet this doesn’t make them immune from their fears returning, even after the Holy Spirit comes upon them at Pentecost. It does give them the ability to face and live with their fears, and to overcome them when necessary. We heard in the first reading that the Apostles were transformed by this gift. And in the immediate aftermath, a newfound courage is unleashed. They speak in new languages and the Church begins to grow. But *after* that event, spreading the Gospel would become a choice they would have to make daily.

They would be confronted with difficult missions, hostile crowds, and angry leaders – and ultimately almost all of them would face death for being Apostles of Jesus. Yet they kept choosing *peace*, they kept choosing *the Holy Spirit*, and kept looking to him to provide the strength, to give them the words, to be their consoler in the moments of darkness when it seemed there was no one left in the world to support them.

We have received this same Holy Spirit; we already have this precious gift of God within us. It’s not a distant spiritual reality. It’s not some confusing theological concept in which we need extensive instruction. Jesus, who remains with us in his word, in his body and blood in the Eucharist, in the Church – continues to pour out his gift of the Holy Spirit upon us. He has promised that he will never leave us. He has promised that he will continue to do tremendous deeds through each and every one of us who make up the Church. But it’s still a matter of a choice, a decision on our part. We must want the Holy Spirit. We must want his peace.



Weekly Support	May 21
Budget envelopes used (121)	\$3,345.00
Loose Donations	\$1,297.00
Online Giving (# of donors-79)	\$2,948.00
Total Budget	\$7,590.00

Ascension: \$819.50

This week’s second collection is for Ongoing Maintenance. Next week’s second collection is the Monthly Collection.

CC Appeal Goal \$104,595. As of May 17 amount pledged: \$100,237.00. Thank you for your continued generosity.

MAY 28, 2023

SANCTUARY LAMP



This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Rosemary Walsh.



MAY MONEY MADNESS WINNERS! Congratulations

May 16	Joe Schwab	\$50.00
May 17	Ray Quirk	\$50.00
May 18	Jose DeSilva	\$50.00
May 19	Jacki Carney	\$50.00
May 20	Sue Corner	\$50.00
May 21	Marie Fox	\$100.00
May 22	Mary Ann Torgen	\$50.00



THIRD ANNUAL MASS FOR ESSENTIAL WORKERS

St. Francis of Assisi Church will host this year's Diocesan Mass for Essential Workers. The Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am on June 25, 2023. The Celebrant for the Mass will be the

Most Reverend Richard G. Henning
Bishop of Providence

This Mass is sponsored by the Diocesan Office of Pastoral Care for Healthcare Facilities, which is coordinated by our own Father Ranallo. This annual Mass offers prayer and thanksgiving for all essential workers—healthcare, emergency responders, military, food service, sanitation, postal service, transport—all those who contribute to our safety and wellbeing. Please join us in welcoming Bishop Henning and celebrating all essential workers.

If you are a parishioner, and an essential worker, we would love to have you participate in the Entrance Procession for the Mass. For more information, or to volunteer for the procession, please email:

registration@stfranciswakefield.com by Monday June 5, 2023.

Special Note to 11:00am Mass attendees: Parking may be limited on June 25th due to the 9:00am Mass and the Reception that follows. If necessary, please park at the Town Hall (next to the church) or in the Wakefield school parking lot across the street. Thank you.



FAITH FORMATION
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Come and join the Wilderness Adventure Through the Sacraments!

When: June 26-30th

Time: 9am-Noon

Where: Helen Bouchar d Hall & Fr. Greenan Hall

Parents of children in Grades K-4 you can find the VBS REGISTRATION FORMS AT THE DOORS TO THE CHURCH!! Don't Miss Out!!



JOIN THE VBS TEAM



Calling all adults, teenagers and pre-teens grades 5 and up, to help lead vacation bible school for the young children of our parish.

We have all the materials for a fun – faith - filled week of VBS – the only thing missing is YOU!

- If you have musical and/or dance talent we could use your help leading the young children in song each day.
- If you are artistic, we could use your help decorating the halls and painting large murals.
- If you to like to act/perform, we could use your help leading skits for the young children.
- If you love working with young children, we could use your help in organizing and running games each day, helping with snack preparation or being a leader for a small group of children.
- If you are interested, please contact Barbette Cullen at 792-8684 or email Cullen_stfrancis@verizon.net

This Week

Monday, May 29

NO ADORATION-HOLIDAY-OFFICES CLOSED

Wednesday, May 31

6:15pm Alpha (FGC)

Thursday, June 1

6-7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

6:30pm Choir Rehearsal (HBH)

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

Pro-Life Updates at St. Thomas More

All are welcome to join us on Monday, June 5th from 6-7 PM for an evening of Pro-Life Updates with two guest speakers; Lisa Cooley-Diocesan Coordinator of the Office of Life & Family Ministry and Barth Bracy-Executive Director of Rhode Island Right to Life. Each speaker will give a 15-minute presentation followed by a question and answer session. This event will take place the Parish Hall at St. Thomas More Church, 53 Rockland St. Narragansett. stthomasmoreri.org.



Steubenville Youth Conference Fundraiser

Breakfast Cafe (Pentecost Sunday)

When: *This Sunday, May 28th* after the 9am Mass

Where: Outside St. Francis Church weather permitting

(It will be held in the lower level of church if inclement weather)

Cost: Free will donation

GO and Make Disciples



Jesus has a unique and special relationship with each of his disciples, and with each of us.

SAVE THE DATE

- June 10:** Steubenville Taco Dinner Fundraiser (6-8pm)—more information to follow
- June 25:** Diocesan Mass for Essential Workers officiated by Bishop Henning (9am at St. Francis); reception to follow; all are welcome
- July 2:** A Patriotic Organ Concert and Sing-Along featuring Peter Fiore, Organist (3pm at St. Francis)
- July 8:** Steubenville Car Wash Fundraiser (9-Noon) in church parking lot
- August 27:** Parish Breakfast in Matunuck (8:30-11:30am)



Supporting Seminarians and other Charitable Causes:
Knights of Columbus to Host 11th Annual Golf Tournament: August 12, 2023

The Knights of Columbus Pope Pius XII Council in Narragansett will host its 11th annual Golf Tournament at the Richmond Country Club, 74 Sandy Pond Road, Richmond, RI. *To date, the tournament has provided \$64,500 in seminarian scholarships and over \$10,000 to local charities.* Shotgun start at 8 AM. Steak fry lunch at 1 PM. Don't play golf? Consider a tee sign sponsorship. For more information on either, visit www.popepiusxii.org/golf or email rcorcoran2@verizon.net.



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.



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