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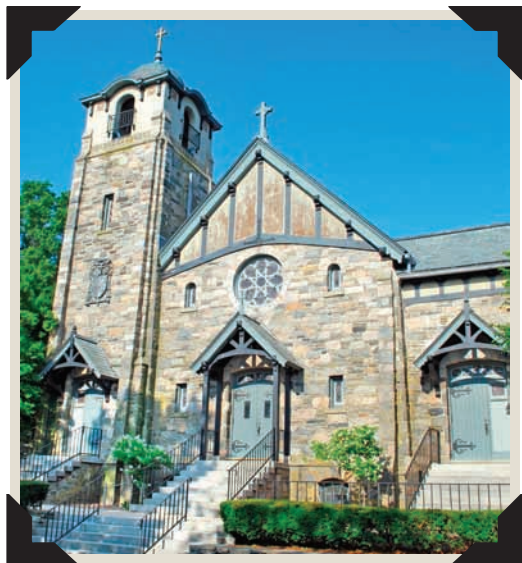
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Masses

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

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 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

St. Francis Mass Intentions



Saturday, May 6

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

Sunday, May 7

9:00am †Dec. Members of the Racca Family
Requested by Family

11:00am †Joseph Pouliot
(3rd Anniversary Remembrance)
Requested by Family

Monday, May 8

7:00am †Maria Macedonio
Requested by Family

Tuesday, May 9

7:00am For the People

Thursday, May 11

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

Friday, May 12

7:00am †Steve Hunt
Requested by Joyce Reusch

Saturday, May 13

4:30pm †Corinne Bertrand
Requested by daughter, Barbara

Sunday, May 14

9:00am †Deceased Members of the Rose
Family

Requested by Family

11:00am †Joyce Shiels

Requested by Family

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Sunday, May 7

10:00am †Roger Fenaughty
(Anniversary Remembrance)
Requested by Family

Sunday, May 14

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

Our salvation comes from Jesus Christ alone.

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*I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.* With these words, our Lord makes it clear that he is the only redeemer of the world. Through his life, death, and resurrection, Jesus Christ – the only begotten Son of God – has defeated for us the snares of sin and death and brought us back to the Father.

We hear these words of Jesus as part of his conversation with his Apostles at the Last Supper. In this teaching moment, the Lord reveals his unique relationship to God the Father. Jesus is actually unpacking the nature of the Holy Trinity to the Apostles, but they will not begin to grasp it until the Holy Spirit brings them to a deeper understanding after Pentecost. The reality of Jesus' identity is a great and profound revelation, but it is also a deep mystery. While we believe and profess the truth of the Holy Trinity, our minds can never fully grasp the profound nature of the divine.

It is within this awesome reality that Jesus declares that he is the way and the truth and the life. If we understand that Jesus is not simply a wise teacher or religious leader, then we can see that he can reveal the Father to us in a way that no other person can. Jesus is fully divine and fully human. When he gives his life for us, his sacrifice is greater and more profound than any other martyr for any other cause. In his resurrection, and in part in the Transfiguration, Jesus reveals himself to be more than a prophet or even an angel. God sent his Son to take up our sins and to offer the salvation that could only be achieved by an infinite sacrifice.

Because our faith teaches that it is Jesus who redeemed the world – that he came to heal and save all of humanity – we not only begin to understand Christ's great commission to go out to all the world, but we should desire what he does. That is, it is our mission to continue what he began by preaching the Gospel to the world.

These realities should challenge us to do two things: to commit ourselves to sharing the Gospel of Jesus with others, and to pray for the work of missionaries and preachers around the world. We know that Jesus is the king of heaven, and to live in the joy of heaven we must submit ourselves to the Lordship of Jesus. We must work and pray to help all people find Jesus present now in the Eucharist, and to be united to him forever in heaven.



### Weekly Support

|                                |   |                   |
|--------------------------------|---|-------------------|
| Budget envelopes used (128)    | - | \$3,731.50        |
| Loose Donations                | - | \$1,065.00        |
| Online Giving (# of donors-77) | - | \$2,576.00        |
| <b>Total Budget</b>            | - | <b>\$7,372.50</b> |

### Second Collection (Monthly Collection)

|                               |   |                   |
|-------------------------------|---|-------------------|
| Budget envelopes used (79)    | - | \$1,355.50        |
| Loose Donations               | - | \$ 205.00         |
| Online Giving (# of donors-6) | - | \$ 95.00          |
| <b>Total</b>                  | - | <b>\$1,655.50</b> |

This week's second collection is the Monthly Collection. Next week's second collection is for St. Vincent De Paul.

**CC Appeal Goal \$104,595. As of April 30, 2023 amount pledged: \$89,632.00. Thank you for your continued generosity.**

MAY 7, 2023

SANCTUARY LAMP



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



ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

St. Francis and St. Romuald's are in need of altar servers for Saturday and Sunday Masses. To be an altar server means that you are invited to enter into God's Sanctuary, the holiest place in the church. This is the area around the altar and tabernacle where Jesus Himself resides. It is only those who are called to serve and invited by the Priest or the Deacon are permitted in this area of the church. If you have made your first communion, than you are being asked to consider accepting this opportunity to serve God in this special way. Altar server training will be held at 10am on Saturday May 13th at St. Francis. Deacon John will be available to help prepare and train anyone who is interested. Please either email him at [deacon@stfranciswakefield.com](mailto:deacon@stfranciswakefield.com) or see him after mass for further information.

(PLEASE NOTE ADULT SERVERS ARE ESPECIALLY WELCOMED TO SERVE AT ST. ROMUALD'S CHAPEL)

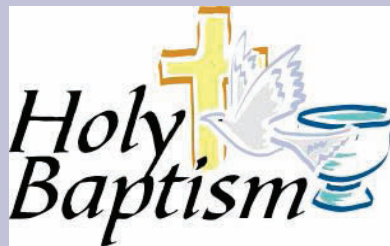


FAITH FORMATION (401) 792-8684



May 7: 11:00 Mass First Holy Communion and May Crowning

We pray: Dear Jesus, fill Caleb Briggs, Johnny Morrissey, Caleb Owens, Stephen Pepin, Grace Whitney, and Silas Wray with a deep love for you in the Eucharist. Amen.



Congratulations to the proud parents and godparents of Margaret Agata Signati who was baptized on April 30 by Fr. Joseph Escobar. Your parish family rejoices with you!



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.



Save the Dates for VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

When: June 26th-30th

Time: 9:00-12:00

Who: Children completing Grades K-4

Where: Right here at St Francis Church!!

We will be gearing up for a one-week hike through the wilderness and into the life of Christ! Kids will discover amazing things about Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation, Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, Marriage, and Holy Orders. Each day, the activities focus on a central theme and virtue.

Come to VBS this June and join us for a: Wilderness Adventure Through the Sacraments!

For more information check out:

<https://catchat.ca/wilderness-adventure>

# This Week

## Monday, May 8

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

6:30pm Men of St. Joseph

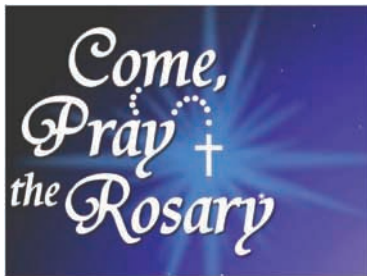
## Wednesday, May 10

6:15pm Alpha (FGC)

## Thursday, May 11

6:30pm Choir Rehearsal (HBH)

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



### MAY DEVOTIONS AT ST. ROMUALD DURING THE MONTH OF MAY

May is the month of Mary. Once again the rosary will be recited at 6:30pm Monday through Friday at St. Romuald Chapel. The Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary will also be recited at the closing followed by the Salve Regina. All are welcome!

### Steubenville Youth Conference Fundraiser

#### Mother's Day Flower Sale



**When:** Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup> after the 9am & 11am Masses

**Where:** Outside St. Francis Church weather permitting  
(It will be held in the entrance ways of the church if inclement weather)

**Cost:** Various

## SAVE THE DATE

- Month of May:** May Money Madness Drawings  
**Month of May:** Weekday May Devotions at Chapel (6:30pm)
- May 28:** Steubenville Fundraiser: Break fast between Masses at Church
- 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 8:** Steubenville Car Wash Fundraiser (9-Noon) in church parking lot

#### ROSARY REPAIRS

We have an anonymous volunteer who has offered to repair rosaries. If you have a rosary that you would like repaired please place the rosary in an envelope and place your name and phone number on the outside of the envelope so that when the repair is complete you can be notified. Please drop your envelope off at the rectory or place it in the black mailbox next to the rectory door.



*Mass times for the Ascension of the Lord  
at the St. Francis  
Thursday, May 18*

*Mass times are 7am & 7pm*



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