

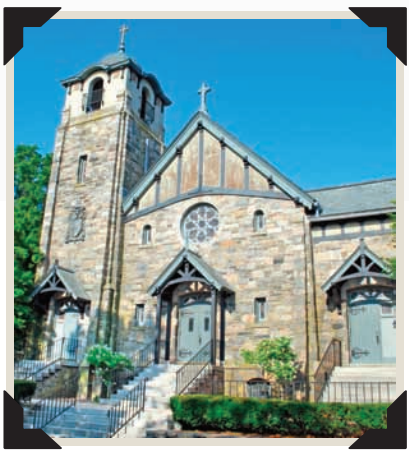
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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



Almighty and everlasting God,
You have taken up body and soul into the heavenly glory the Immaculate Virgin Mary, Mother of Your Son: Grant, we beseech You, that, ever intent upon heavenly things, we may be worthy to be partakers of her glory. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Parish Staff

Father Albert D. Ranallo -----	<i>Pastor</i>	Barbette L. Cullen -----	<i>Director of Religious Education</i>
Father Nicholas P. Smith -----	<i>Pastor Emeritus</i>	Robert J. Moniz -----	<i>Cemetery Manager</i>
Father Henry J. Bodah -----	<i>Pastor Emeritus</i>	-----	<i>cemeteryoffice@aol.com</i>
Rev. Deacon John Dowd -----	<i>Deacon Assistant</i>	Robert J. Kelly -----	<i>Parish Sexton</i>
Jacki Hunt -----	<i>Administrative Assistant</i>	Peter Fiore -----	<i>Director of Music Ministry</i>
		-----	<i>musicdirector@stfranciswakefield.com</i>

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: ----- 401-783-3149
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
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.

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

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Francis Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 12

4:30pm †Jeannette DeLuca
Requested by Family

Sunday, August 13

9:00am †Margaret Flynn
Requested by Kathleen & Jeff Carney
11:00am †Dolores Ramirez
Requested by Family

Monday, August 14

7:00am For the People
Holiday: No Adoration/Offices Closed

Tuesday, August 15
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00am †James & Lucille Ferry & James Powers
Requested by Family

6:30pm †Deceased Members of the Perpetual Mass Association

Thursday, August 17

7:00am †Margherita Rose Thayer (Birthday Remembrance)
Req. by her Daughter, Frances Thayer

Friday, August 18

7:00am †Dennis Cottle
Requested by Family

Saturday, August 19

4:30pm †Ralph & Rose Calitri
Requested by Family

Sunday, August 20

9:00am †Dec. Members of the Pierce & Jaquish Families
Requested by Family
11:00am †Mary Peterson
Requested by Family

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 12

5:30pm †Jim Abreu
Requested by Ted Emmott

Sunday, August 13

8:00am †Deceased Members of the Marchand & Marsocci Families
Requested by Al & Gerri Marsocci
10:00am †Anna & Arthur Hornberger
Requested by Daughter

Saturday, August 19

5:30pm †Edward J. Collins (1st Anniversary Remembrance)
Requested by Family

Sunday, August 20

8:00am †Donald Richard Dodson
Requested by the Marciniak Family
10:00am †Martha & Blanche McElkenny
Requested by Family

When we keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, we can weather any Storm



Elijah had a king and queen pursuing him, wishing him dead. Tired of being on the run, Elijah prayed for death, but God had a different plan for him. The prophet was told to wait and to listen for God's voice on the mountaintop. There, Elijah experienced the terrors of high winds, a raging fire and an earthquake. God was not speaking through those tumultuous occurrences.

Rather, the immense and intense God of all the universe chose to speak words of comfort to Elijah in the tiniest whisper, one that can only be heard if the listener has blocked out every other distraction. So often, God's people pray for signs and wonders, and we forget to listen for the tiny whisper or to see the miracles happening all around us.

Jesus was working many wondrous signs in the Gospel. Jesus walked on the water just hours after he fed thousands with five loaves of bread and two pieces of fish, with an abundance left over. When sighted by the Apostles from the boat, Jesus spoke familiar words of comfort, *Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.*

Peter has his doubts and says, *Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.* If? Why would Peter doubt after all he has seen and heard? Jesus gives Peter the opportunity to come to him on the water. At first, all was well, as long as Peter kept his eyes fixed on Jesus. It wasn't until he was distracted by the dark of night, wondering how deep the water was and how high the waves were that Peter began to sink like a stone, needing Jesus to save him.

When we keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, we can weather any storm. The cross is our anchor in the stormy seas of life. Jesus continues to speak those same words of comfort to us when we are experiencing the storms of life: *Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.* It is Jesus who will carry us across the stormy seas to the safe harbors of heaven.

That was the faith that helped the Apostle Paul to spread the Gospel near and far, to the Jews and to the Gentiles. In today's reading from the Letter to the Romans, Paul laments the refusal of fellow members of his Jewish ancestry to embrace Jesus as the Messiah. He experienced sorrow and anguish that some of their number could not be convinced to come to faith in Christ. Paul states that the Jewish people were given every sign from God – the law, worship, prophetic promises and patriarchs, and still some refused to believe.

The God of Jesus Christ is calling upon all of us to listen to his tiny whisper, and to see the signs of his love at work all around us. He encourages us not to be distracted by the storms of this world, but to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, and through him, our salvation.



Weekly Support		August 6
Budget envelopes used (134)	-	\$5,433.00
Loose Donations	-	\$2,402.00
Online Giving (# of donors-90)	-	\$4,316.00
Total Budget	-	\$12,151.00

Second Collection (Holy Father's Peter's Pence)		
Budget envelopes used (80)	-	\$1,317.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 628.00
Online Giving (# of donors-8)	-	\$ 130.00
Total	-	\$2,075.00

This week's second collection is the Monthly Collection. There is no second collection next week.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

AUGUST 13, 2023

SANCTUARY LAMP



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



SAVE THE DATE: SEPTEMBER 9 & 10; SALE OF OLIVE WOOD GOODS FROM ISRAEL & BETHLEHEM

Samer Awwad representing the Bethlehem Christian Families; a nonprofit organization through Land of Peace will be with us speaking about the Christian situation in the Holy Land and selling Crucifixes, religious artwork, and rosaries-all made of olive wood which is native to Israel and Bethlehem. Since tourism has greatly depleted, Christian families in the holy land, who depend on tourists, have been greatly affected. The goal of this mission is to help many organizations and churches in the Middle East. Sale of these goods will help them very much and also give you the opportunity to have "something" authentic from the holy land. Please browse and buy some articles. It is for a good cause and also a help to your personal devotion



SAVE THE DATE!

End-of-Summer Breakfast at the Community Field House, Matunuck

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2023

8:30AM TO 11:30AM

Adults: \$12.00—Children 6-12: \$7

Children 5 and under: FREE

Tickets can be purchased at the breakfast!

The annual St. Francis Parish End of Summer Breakfast in Matunuck is rapidly approaching. The date is August 27th at the Community House. To this end, an organizational meeting will be held on Wednesday evening, August 16th at 6:30 at the Community House. As many "hands" are needed to make this a successful event, we urge and encourage you to attend and help us out!!! Participation is needed in setup/breakdown, serving and Baking **BAKERS & SERVERS ARE NEEDED. IF YOU CAN HELP PLEASE CALL ELLEN SCHWAB AT 789-7707, JEAN AT 773-1633 OR GERRI AT 783-2369.**

Come join us for good company and wonderful food !



GIVE BLOOD St. Romuald Chapel

Save the date: Sunday, September 3, 2023

8:30am to Noon

More Information will be coming soon!

Remember to eat, hydrate, bring identification with you.



FAITH FORMATION (401) 792-8684

Summer is winding down and our Religious Education classes will begin in September.

- Children enrolled in the program last year are automatically promoted to the next grade.
• Those families NEW to the parish and families with children entering First Grade must register their child/ren.
• If your child attends Catholic school and is in 2nd, 7th or 8th grade, you must register your child for First Holy Communion classes and Confirmation classes. (Confirmation classes begin in 7th grade with the sacrament of Confirmation received in 8th grade.)
• Registration forms may be found online at stfranciswakefield.com and at the doors to the church or you may call Barbette at 792-8684 to register.

May They Grow in Grace

Spirit of Truth,

illuminate the minds and hearts of our students.

May they hunger for knowledge of

Jesus

and the path of a faithful disciple.

May they discover the grace

that comes through prayerful practice and participation in the Sacraments.

May they give generously to those who

suffer and foster a passion for justice.

Let your wisdom be a beacon

that illuminates the way each day of their lives.

Amen

This Week

MONDAY, AUGUST 14
HOLIDAY-NO ADORATION; OFFICES CLOSED

Wednesday, August 16

6:00pm Prayer Meeting (HBH)
6:30pm Breakfast Planning Meeting at Matunuck
Community House

Thursday, August 17

6-7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

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



*Intention for this Tuesday, August 15 at
6:30pm at the Church*

*The Deceased Members of the
Perpetual Mass Association*

John & Marie Champion

Yvonne Fanning

Paul F. & Susan Greene

Marilyn Maley

Edna Otto

Anthony & Kathleen Rose

Christopher Shafer

Daniel Shea

Laura Webb

SAVE THE DATE

- August 27:** Parish Breakfast in Matunuck (8:30-11:30am)
September 3: Blood Drive at Chapel (8:30-Noon)
September 9 & 10: Sale of Olive Wood Goods from Israel & Bethlehem
September 29: Pasta Dinner (5-7:00pm)
October 2, 3 & 4: St. Francis Triduum (6pm-Church)
October 13: Paint Night
October 21: Coat Distribution (9am-Noon)
November 18: Bazaar (9am-3pm)



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Office of Marriage Preparation & Enrichment is sponsoring the annual Wedding Anniversary Celebration honoring couples of the Diocese of Providence who will be observing their 25th, 40th, 50th, and OVER 50 years wedding anniversaries in 2023.

The celebration will be held on Sunday, **October 22, 2023, 1:00pm at the Cathedral of SS. Peter & Paul, Providence.** It will include Mass, renewal of marriage vows, a personalized certificate for each couple and a reception for the couples and their families. Bishop Richard Henning will be the main celebrant and homilist.

Following are points regarding participation:

- ◆ The celebration is for couples observing their 25th, 40th, 50th and OVER 50 years wedding anniversary in 2023.
- ◆ One or both of the spouses need to be Catholic, with the marriage recognized by the Church.
- ◆ The celebration is for couples; if it is not possible for both to be present, a certificate can be forwarded directly to the couple.

Please contact the parish office at 783-4411 to register for this special celebration. **Registration deadline is September 15.**

Monsignor Clarke School has open positions!

Do you like working with children? Would you like to work in an energetic environment that supports our Catholic values? Monsignor Clarke School has both full time and part time positions available. Check out <https://www.schoolspring.com/jobs> for more information and our most current openings.



AVERY-STORTI FUNERAL HOME

Peter J. Storti, Joshua P. Storti,
Joseph A. Notarantonio, Directors
Traditional · Cremation Services · Monuments
www.averystortifuneralhome.com

88 Columbia Street, Wakefield 783-7271

Serving
South
County
Families
Since 1863

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.

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



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>

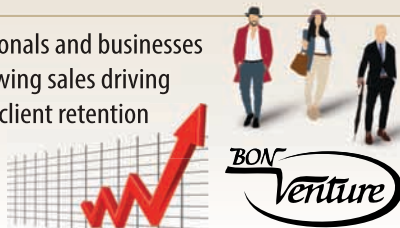


ADVERTISE

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



Nestled in a Peaceful
Wooded Retreat
Safe, Scenic, Friendly & Affordable
Drive in or Visit us online
www.villageatwordenspond.com
401.792.7107



In God
We Trust.

Please Visit

1892 Kingstown Rd.
782-4280
PEACEDALE

NORTHUP'S
Service Center
FAST-LUBE

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

AutoCare CENTER

Colvitto's
Pizza & Bakery

Specializing In Pizza & Calzones

SALT POND SHOPPING CENTER NARRAGANSETT 783-8086 SOUTH COUNTY COMMONS WAKEFIELD 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

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 · 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.

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.

