

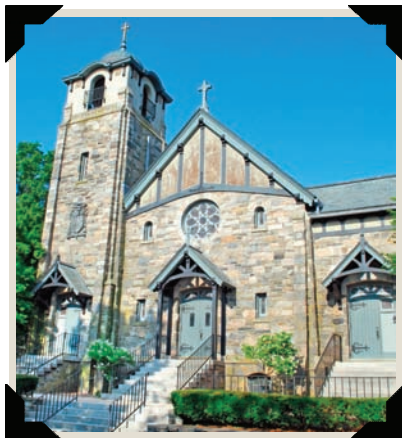
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Masses

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.

welcome

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

The hour has come for the
Son of Man to be glorified.

JOHN 12:23

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

St. Francis Mass Intentions



Saturday, March 16

4:30pm †Camella Ford

Requested by Family

Sunday, March 17

9:00am †Anthony Ciccone

Requested by Family

11:00am Lucy Lorello (living intention)
(94th Birthday Celebration)

Requested by Kathy & Ed Bastia

Monday, March 18

7:00am Ross Paasche (living intention)

Special Intention requested by Wilfred

Tuesday, March 19

7:00am †Gloria Carney

Requested by James & Kathleen Carney

Thursday, March 21

7:00am †Debi Gilroy

Requested by the Event Committee

Friday, March 22

7:00am †Rick Soltysiak

Requested by Family



Saturday, March 23

4:30pm †Reinaldo Ray Flores

(Birthday & Anniversary Remembrance)

Requested by Family

Sunday, March 24

9:00am †Steve Hunt

Requested by Ted Emmott

11:00am †Raymond & Anna Kells

Requested by Family

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 17

10:00am †Michael Gaffney

Requested by Maggie Hayes-Cote

Sunday, March 24: Palm Sunday

10:00am †Louis S. Gerlock

Requested by Family

The Lord asks us to serve him, even through trials or suffering.

In the first reading, the prophet Jeremiah speaks of a new covenant the Lord will establish with his people. And why was the Lord establishing a new covenant, we might ask: What happened to the old one? As Jeremiah describes and as we see throughout the Old Testament, the recurring problem was disobedience. The Israelites failed, time and again, to obey the Lord's commandments, rebelling against the Lord, choosing instead to follow the ways of their neighbors, or to live as they chose.

So the Lord God established a new covenant, one that was established in the blood of Christ, through his sacrifice on the cross. As we hear Jesus say in today's Gospel, this is why he came into the world. *Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.* Here he is foretelling not just his death, but the kind of death he would undergo. His mission is not just one of suffering, however, but that he might be raised into new life, and through him, through his resurrection, all might be offered salvation, eternal life.

The path Jesus followed that led to his passion, death, and resurrection was born in obedience to the Father. Jesus' words: *Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'?* call to mind his prayer in the garden of Gethsemane, *not what I will but what you will* (Mk 14:36b). His words epitomize that obedience, that willingness to do the Father's will even when it is hard, even when it involves great suffering. It is this obedience that the author of Hebrews highlights as the key to Jesus' sacrifice and the imitation of this obedience, the key to our salvation.

But obedience is a difficult pill for us to swallow, especially when that obedience involves accepting suffering. No one wants to suffer. No one wants to see their loved ones suffer. But none of us will leave this earth without experiencing suffering. Sometimes we suffer as a consequence of our sin—the times we disobey God and his laws or times when we act imprudently. Other times, we suffer because of the sin of other people. Yet other times, we suffer because we live in a fallen world which includes illness and death of loved ones and calamities such as natural disasters. And some of us will suffer much more than others.

But this suffering doesn't have to be pointless or meaningless. God has the power to use it for his purpose—to bring about goodness and life through it, as he did with Christ's suffering. What he asks of us is that we remain obedient, that we not rebel and turn away from him. And to help us do so, Christ nourishes us with his own body and blood, with his very self, that we might grow in his likeness, grow in obedience to God, and remain with him forever. ed us so much that he gave us his only Son.

Parish Giving

Weekly Support

		March 10
Budget envelopes used (106)	-	\$3,857.00
Loose Donations	-	\$1,408.00
Online Giving (# of donors-83)	-	\$3,258.00
Total Budget	-	\$8,523.00

This week's second collection is Ongoing Maintenance. Next week's second collection is for Operation Rice Bowl/Catholic Relief Services.

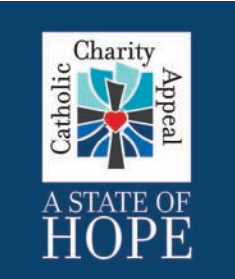
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MARCH 17 2024



SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Gloria & Ned Carney.



That God may send His Holy Spirit to guide the work of the Church through a successful Catholic Charity Appeal as we move forward with Jesus, in the State of Hope.

Together we can help pass on the faith by making a generous gift to the 2024 Catholic Charity Appeal Dioceseofprovidence.org/CCA

As of 3/7/2024 we have raised \$54,708.00. Our goal is \$104,595.00. Thank you!

Alpha Returns April 4th

Mark your calendars to participate in this year's Alpha program! Alpha is an opportunity to invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join you and members of our parish family in exploring life's biggest questions through the Catholic faith. It's a series of interactive sessions that begin with a delicious meal followed by a short film and small group discussions to intentionally create space for the Holy Spirit to lead people to a personal encounter and relationship with Jesus. Alpha is free-of-charge and anyone is welcome to join. Alpha begins **Thursday, April 4th at 6:30 PM at the Fr. Greenan Center.**

RSVP at www.stfranciswakefield.com/faith-formation/alpha or email alpha@stfranciswakefield.com.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



Sunday, April 7th is Divine Mercy Sunday. Everyone is invited to a special Mass at 3:00pm at St. Romuald Chapel celebrated by Fr. Ranallo assisted by Deacon Dowd.

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at 1:00pm. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed at 2:50pm. (materials will be provided).

The afternoon concludes with the Celebration of Mass at 3:00pm, the hour of mercy. This Mass will be for the intention of Bill Harding and Jim Abreu.

Confessions WILL be offered from 2-2:50pm. Refreshments will be served following this service.

PARKING REQUEST AT ST. FRANCIS CHURCH

St. Francis of Assisi wants to be as welcoming as possible for all who join us for Mass on the weekends at the Church. Our parking lot isn't very large and we want all who attend to be able to find parking. If you park on the far side of the parking lot (where there are double parking spaces) we ask that you park in the back space leaving the front space open for others to park. Those who do park in the front space be mindful of the other car that would like to leave after Mass.



FAITH FORMATION (401) 792-8684

Sunday, March 17, 2024

9:55-10:50am Grades 1-6 FGC

10:10am Final Eucharist Parent Mtg. in Helen Bouchard Hall

4:00-6:00pm G1 Youth Group gathering. For youth in grades 7-12. Come and participate in March Madness!! Bring a friend or two!

Pray: Help me to put you first, Lord, to seek your will, and to help others grow in faith. Amen.

Wednesday, March 20

6:30-8:15pm Confirmation I & II classes in Fr. Greenan Center. This is our Final Class!



St. Francis of Assisi's Annual Easter Egg Hunt

When: Saturday, March 23rd at 10:00 **Rain or Shine!**

Where: Fr. Greenan Parish Center **All ages are invited!**

Bring your own basket or we will provide you with a bag to gather the eggs.

See you there!!

Monday, March 18

7:30-11:00am Adoration (Church)
6:30pm Men of St. Joseph (JFGC)

Tuesday, March 19

7:00pm SVD Meeting (HBH)

Wednesday, March 20

10:15am Women's Prayer Group (FGC)
12:30 Stations (Chapel)
5:00pm RCIA (FGC)

6:00pm Prayer Meeting (HBH)

Thursday, March 21

6-7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

Friday, March 22

5:30-6:30pm Lenten Soup Supper (FGC)—Last Soup Supper
7:00pm Stations (Church)

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

This Week

MAY MONEY MADNESS



IT IS ALMOST MAY MONEY MADNESS TIME!

FILL OUT THE FORM BELOW AND INCLUDE PAYMENT.

**Return through the weekly offertory or mail to:
May \$ Madness, St. Francis Church, 114 High St.,
Wakefield, RI 02879**

Tickets will be forwarded to you.

Ticket prices are: \$10 each, 6 for \$50 or 12 for \$100. A fun parish event with prizes awarded daily throughout the month of May.

**Drawing Prizes: Monday thru Saturday—\$50;
Sunday—\$100; May 31 drawing—\$500.**

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SAVE THE DATE

April 4: Alpha Begins (6:30-8:00pm FGC)
Month of May: May Money Madness
Month of May: Rosary at the Chapel (each week night during the month of May at 6:30pm)

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Schedule of Services



Holy Thursday, March 28
(No 7:00am Mass)

7:00pm Mass at the Church
Adoration to follow in lower Church until 11:00pm

Good Friday, March 29
(No 7:00am Mass)

3:00pm Stations of the Cross at Church
7:00pm The Passion Service at the Church

Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil), March 30
(No 4:30pm Mass)

3:00-4:00pm Confessions at Church
7:30pm Vigil Mass at the Church

Easter Sunday, March 31

9:00am Mass at the Church
10:00am Mass at the Chapel
11:00am Mass at the Church

The parish offices will be closed beginning Thursday, March 28 through Monday, April 1.



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Our Father ... , Hail Mary ... , The Apostles' Creed.
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Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.
 On the **HAIL MARY BEADS** you will say the following words:
For the sake of His sorrowful Passion have mercy on us and on the whole world.
 In conclusion **THREE TIMES** you will recite these words:
Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

From the Diary of the Servant of God Sr. Faustina - Note Book I, p 197
 IMPRIMATUR: + Joseph F. Maguire Bishop of Springfield, Mass.




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