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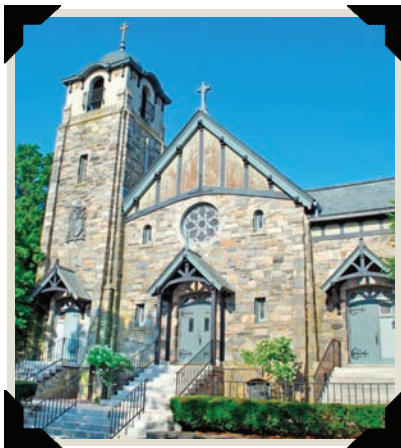
He is not here; he has risen, just as he said.
 Come and see the place where he lay.
 — Matthew 28:6

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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.

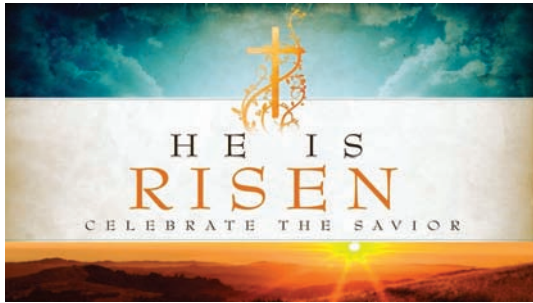
SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY
 Please call the rectory at least one year in advance to speak with a priest. Due to the reduction in priests we can no longer accommodate Sunday weddings.

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

EASTER SUNDAY THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

St. Francis Mass Intentions



Easter Vigil, March 30 (There will be no 4:30pm Mass)

3-4:00pm Confessions at Church
7:30pm †Jeannette DeLuca & Joe Luciano
Requested by Family

Easter Sunday, March 31

9:00am †Patrick Dufficy
(Birthday Remembrance)
Requested by Mom & Family
11:00am †Deceased Members of the
Perpetual Mass Association

Monday, April 1

7:00am †Jeannette DeLuca & Joe Luciano
Requested by Family

Tuesday, April 2

7:00am †Peter Reusch
Requested by Family

Thursday, April 4

7:00am †Mary Mastrogiovanni
Requested by St. Vincent DePaul Society

Friday, April 5

7:00am †Sylvia DeLuca
Requested by Family

Saturday, April 6

4:30pm †Branden J. DeLuca
Requested by Family

Sunday, April 7 (Divine Mercy Sunday)

9:00am †Edith Boisclair
Requested by Family

11:00am †Dorothy Cloos
Requested by Mark & Laurie Friel

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Easter Sunday, March 31

10:00am †Gerard J. Cote
Requested by Family

Sunday, April 7 (Divine Mercy Sunday)

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

3:00pm (Divine Mercy Mass)
†Bill Harding and Jim Abreu

This Easter, we can see and believe, saying yes to the celebration of this sacred mystery.

Saint Peter begins his address by telling his listeners: *You know what has happened all over Judea.* We, too, know the story of Jesus being raised from the dead. And because we have heard it many times, we may be somewhat unmoved by what we are here to celebrate:

A man who was put to death by *hanging him on a tree was raised on the third day.* The disciples *ate and drank* with a man who *rose from the dead.*

This is truly amazing.

Here it might be helpful to step back to the part of the story we hear in John's Gospel wherein Mary of Magdala, Peter, and the beloved disciple encounter the empty tomb.

These friends of Jesus had heard him talk about his death. Jesus had told them that he would rise after three days. Like us, they had heard. But *they did not yet understand.*

If our hearts are not moved by the story of the Resurrection, it could be that we, like these friends of Jesus, do not yet understand.

We may not understand how the death of someone 2,000 years ago has any bearing on our lives now. We may not understand that the love our hearts long for is stronger than death. We may not understand that the Resurrection means that nothing can separate us from God's presence and help. There is so much we may not yet understand.

And yet, like the beloved disciple, today we can *see and believe.* We can say yes to being moved, yes to the celebration of something we don't completely understand.

How do we go about saying "yes"?

First, these questions cannot be understood in a single day or in isolation. Perhaps we need to *seek the wisdom of others.* This could mean looking at our parish resources or reaching out to a family member, neighbor, or member of the clergy. It could look like setting up a regular time with a friend to talk and pray over questions together. When we take a concrete step to move from simple wondering into active seeking with the help of others, the living Christ will bring his light to our search.

Second, in the particularly graced moments when the Eucharist is consecrated and given in Communion, we can *talk to Jesus.* He is alive. He is here. Let us ask Jesus what he wants to give us that is new in this Easter season. Ask him to help us understand the mysteries we are wrestling with this morning. Bring our needs, our hurts, our questions, and our joys to the living Christ.

Today we celebrate in a particular way that the risen Christ is truly present. Not even death could keep him from us. So mighty is his love that he transformed the evil of the cross into a blessing through which he can eternally unite us to God. He is here. He is risen! Alleluia!

Parish Giving

Weekly Support		March 24
Budget envelopes used (126)	-	\$3,457.00
Loose Donations	-	\$1,309.00
Online Giving (# of donors-87)	-	\$2,792.00
Total Budget	-	\$7,558.00
Second Collection (Operation Rice Bowl)		
Budget envelopes used (96)	-	\$1,556.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 554.00
Online Giving (# of donors-1)	-	\$ 50.00
Total	-	\$2,160.00

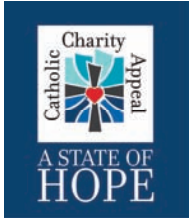
This week's second collection is the Easter Collection. There is no second collection next week. **Thank you for your continued generosity.**

MARCH 31, 2024



SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Palma Larney.



For all those who have given generously to the Charity Appeal and for those who are still prayerfully considering what they can give and for all those who will benefit from our generosity, in this "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 3/21/2024 we have raised \$77,913.00. Our goal is \$104,595.00. Thank you!

Alpha Returns this Thursday, 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 **THIS 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

Next 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.



**CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING (AT FATHER GREENAN CENTER):
April 13, 9:00-11:30am**

Praise & Worship Morning

St. Francis of Assisi Charismatic Prayer Group invites you to join us for a morning of

Praise and Worship

Saturday, April 13th: 9 am to 11:30 am

Any inquiries, contact Deacon Dowd at 783-4411 or deacon@stfranciswakefield.com



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



Sunday, March 31st

Happy Easter!

Pray: Lord, help us to believe even when we do not see or understand. Amen!

Thursday, April 4th

6:00pm Confirmation Rehearsal and Reconciliation for Candidates and Sponsors. We will begin in the lower church.

Saturday, April 6th

In the Sacrament of Confirmation, the baptized person is "sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit" and is strengthened for service to the Body of Christ.

On Saturday April 6th at 10:00am The Most Reverend Richard G. Henning will be conferring the sacrament of Confirmation on 41 youth; 15 from St. Francis of Assisi parish, 13 from St. Mary Star of the Sea parish and 13 from Christ the King parish. *Come Holy Spirit!*

This Week

Monday, April 1

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

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

(OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED)

Tuesday, April 2

7:00pm SVD Meeting (HBH)

Wednesday, April 3

10:15am Women's Prayer Group (FGC)

6:00pm Prayer Meeting (HBH)

Thursday, April 4

6:00pm Confirmation Rehearsal (Church)

6:30pm Alpha (FGC)

NO BIBLE STUDY THIS WEEK

Saturday, April 6

10:00am Confirmation (Church)

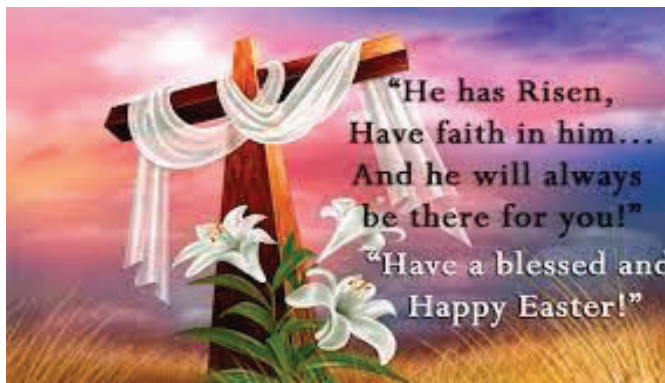
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ATTENTION:
PRINTING ERROR FOR
BUDGET ENVELOPES DATED
APRIL 28!

Some of you may have noticed that there are 3 budget envelopes dated April 28: Weekly, Monthly and Ongoing Maintenance. *We will be collecting the Monthly Collection on the weekend of April 21 along with the normal weekly collection. On April 28 we will be collecting the weekly collection and Ongoing Maintenance.*

Our apologies for this inconvenience.



Fr. Ranallo, Deacon Dowd and the entire staff want to wish you all a very blessed Easter. He has Risen!

SAVE THE DATE

April 13-21

April 27:

Spring Food Drive

Kick Off Gala for Kitchen

Renovation (5:30-7:30pm):

more information to follow

May Money Madness

Month of May:

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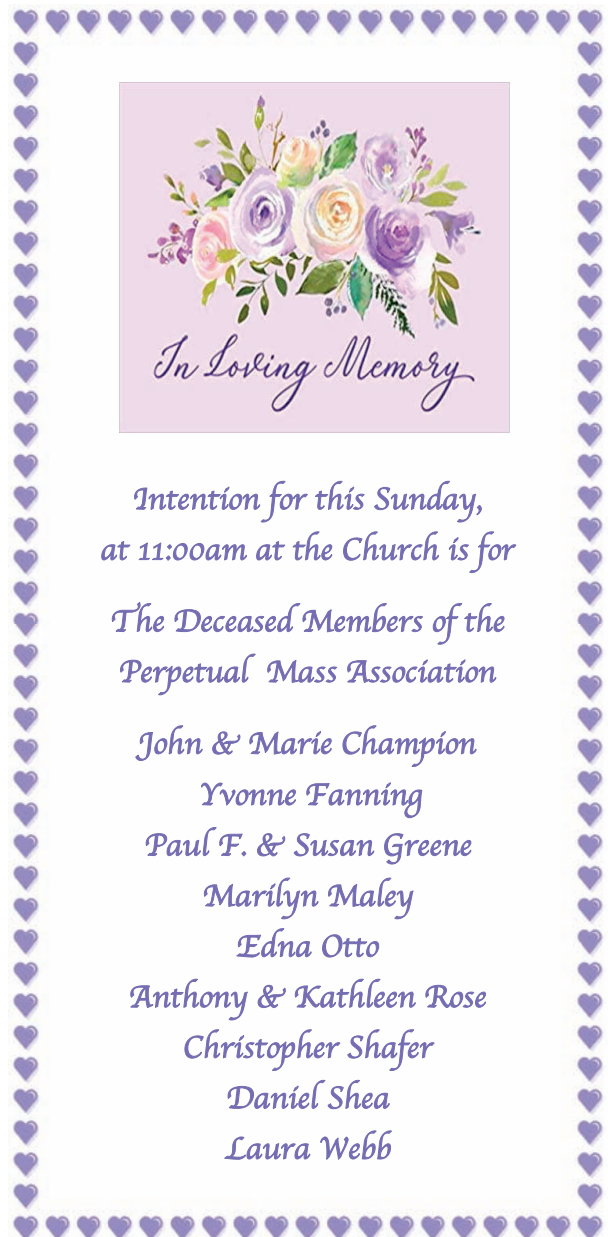
Rosary at the Chapel (each

week night during the month of

May at 6:30pm)

June 14:

Paint Night (6:30-9:00pm)



*Intention for this Sunday,
at 11:00am at the Church is for*

*The Deceased Members of the
Perpetual Mass Association*

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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
 November 17, 1979 Bishop of Springfield, Mass.



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