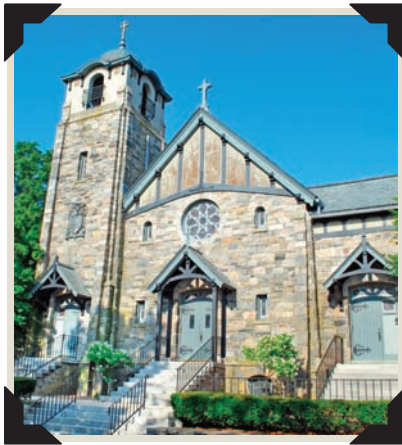


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Masses

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 and Friday 9:00 am - 12:30 pm



THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Francis Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 24

4:30pm †Marcia Signorelli
Requested by Family

Sunday, August 25

9:00am †Donald Sullivan
Requested by Curry Family

11:00am †Rick Soltysiak
Requested by Family

Monday, August 26

7:00am †Dick Bell
(First Anniversary Remembrance)
Requested by Family

Tuesday, August 27

7:00am †Joseph D' Ambra
Requested by Cynthia Smyth

Thursday, August 29

7:00am †Joe Daly
Requested by Mark & Laurie Friel

Friday, August 30

7:00am †Rita Chace
Requested by Mark & Laurie Friel

Saturday, August 31

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

Sunday, September 1

9:00am †Hunt & Caswell Families
Requested by Family

11:00am †Helen Roque
Requested by Jane Estes

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 24

5:30pm †Deceased members of Marchand
& Marsocci Families
Requested by Gerri & Al Marsocci

Sunday, August 25

8:00am †Donald Laux
Requested by Maggie Hayes-Cote

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

Saturday, August 31

5:30pm †Patti Diggins Chamberlain
(Eighth Anniversary Remembrance)
Requested by Family

Sunday, September 1

8:00am †Deceased Members of Dwyer &
Quigley Families
Requested by Family

10:00am †Maryann Maciocio
Requested by Family

*Trust God to fill us with the grace we need
to serve him and follow his Son.*

To be people of faith can mean celebrating moments of great joy and enduring moments of great tribulation. This is our salvation history, and the Scriptures narrate the struggles of ancient Israel and of Jesus' disciples. It can also be a struggle for us today. It may be easier when things are going well. For example, in the first reading, after God handed his people victory in the Promised Land, they heartily commit with Joshua to serve the Lord above other gods. Still, they will be tempted as the memory of what God has done fades or as their fortunes turn.

In the Gospel, the situation is quite changed. God's people no longer enjoy control of the Promised Land; they are under Roman occupation. They have been waiting for a powerful messiah to restore their fortunes, but wrestle with what to make of Jesus. Though they witness his miracles and healings, he is not what they expected. By breaking the sabbath and claiming God as his own father, he is rejected by religious authorities.

As if this were not scandalous enough, Jesus starts teaching that he is the bread of life. Whoever eats this bread – feeds on his flesh – will have life because of him; they will not die but live forever. This shocks people, and some cannot accept it. They find this teaching hard to understand, and many give up on following him. It is easier to commit to a life of faith when there is a tangible reason, such as possession of a Promised Land under your feet.

The same may be true today; living as a disciple can mean undergoing particular trials that others do not, and it is tempting to give up when it becomes too difficult. It can be hard to accept that things are not always going to go our way, that we are not just going to be handed victories all the time by God. It is hard to understand that Jesus did not come to give us wealth and power, but his body and blood as a sacrifice. He came out of love to give himself as the bread of life, to be broken and shared for us.

This is the mystery of our faith: Jesus was crucified, died, and rose to save us. We will never fully fathom this mystery until we are united with Jesus in heaven. To be people of faith does not mean understanding every teaching or never struggling to accept; faith is more about trust. When Jesus asked the Twelve if they, too, were going to leave, Peter replies that Jesus is the Holy One, so where else would they go? They trust Jesus enough to continue to follow. In time they see and receive what the bread of life means, and this feeds their faith.

We must remember that faith is a gift. We receive it from God, and we respond by committing to serve him and follow Jesus, even when it is not easy. To be people of faith means we trust God to fill us – especially through the mystery of the Eucharist – with the grace we need.



<u>Weekly Support</u>		<u>August 18</u>
Budget envelopes used (125)	-	\$3,721.00
Loose Donations	-	\$2,365.00
Online Giving (# of donors-77)	-	\$2,795.00
Total Budget	-	\$8,881.00

There was no second collection on August 18.

This week's second collection is for Ongoing Maintenance. The second collection next week is the Monthly Collection.
Thank you for your continued generosity.

AUGUST 25, 2024



SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of William Ford.

WE HAVE A NEW EMAIL!

Our office email has been changed to office@stfranciswakefield.com
Please make note of this. Thank You and God Bless!



PASTA DINNER

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH
5:00-7:00 PM
FR. GREENAN PARISH CENTER

COST: \$15 ADULTS
\$10 TAKE-OUT (DOES NOT INCLUDE DRINK/DESSERT)
\$8 CHILDREN AGES 6-12
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BASKET DONATIONS

Thank you to those of you who have already donated goods for the baskets to be raffled at our Pasta Dinner on **Friday, September 27, from 5 to 7pm**. If you have not already done so, please consider donating no later than Monday, September 16. If you have clean, large baskets that you would like to donate for the basket raffle, you can drop them off at the rectory during office hours. Your donations are greatly appreciated.



Please join us for this fun evening!



BRINGING UP THE OFFERTORY GIFTS

If you have requested a Mass Intention for a Saturday or Sunday Mass and wish to bring up the Gifts at the Offertory, if possible please let one of the greeters, priest or deacon know before Mass.

You should go to the back of the church where the Gifts are located as the first collection is ending. Follow the cross bearer if there happens to be one at the Mass that you attend.



**FAITH
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Pray: *O Mary, loving Mother of Jesus, and our Mother, pray to Jesus for our family, for all the families of the world, to guard the cradle of the newborn, the schools of the young and their vocations. Blessed Saint Joseph, holy guardian of Jesus and Mary, assist us by your prayers in all the necessities of life. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.*

Catechetical Sunday is September 15th! Grades K-6 will begin classes on the 15th. Grades 7 & 8 parents save these dates: Parent/Student meeting September 23rd, first day of class October 2nd.

Who needs to register for Religious Ed Classes?

Those families new to the parish and families with children entering First Grade **must** register for classes.

Catholic school students in Grade 2, 7 & 8 **must** register for classes for First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

It is not necessary to re-register those children who were active in the program last year.

Registration forms may be found at the entrances to the church as well as online <http://stfranciswakefield.com/religious-education/>

Faith Formation class schedules and statements have been mailed to current families.

This Week

Monday, August 26

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

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

Wednesday, August 28

6:00pm Prayer Meeting (HBH)

Thursday, August 29

6:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

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

YOUTH GROUP GATHERING RESCHEDULED

OUR AUGUST 25TH
YOUTH GROUP TIE DYE GATHERING
HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED
TO SEPTEMBER 29, 4-6 PM
AT FATHER GREENAN HALL

Erin Sherman, our new Youth Group leader, will be hosting our first youth group meeting on September 29, from 4-6 pm, at Father Greenan Hall. The Tie Dye Event will take place at that time due to a scheduling conflict.

Tie Dye & Treats is the theme! 7th-12th graders interested in attending can bring a clean white T-shirt. We will provide the rest.

Join us for a fun time!



Congratulations to the proud parents and godparent of Aurora Hope Hearne who was baptized on August 18 by Dcn. Dowd.

Your parish family rejoices with you!

SAVE THE DATE

September 27:

Pasta Dinner (5-7pm)

September 28/29:

Baby Bottle Boomerang Begins

October 12/13:

Bethlehem Olive Wood Sale

October 19/20:

Rose Sale for Mother of Life Center

October 20:

Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage (3:00pm)

October 26:

Coat Drive

November 2:

SOC Food Drive Begins

November 4:

All Souls Mass for the departed (6:30pm)

November 23:

Bazaar (9am-2pm)

November 29:

Giving Trees to be placed in Church and Chapel



Young Catholic Professionals is a faith-filled 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization

that was founded almost 15 years ago and is growing across the country. Bishop Henning has recently invited YCP into our diocese to assist our efforts in evangelizing young Catholic professionals in the workplace.

YCP brings together young adults (20's & 30's) and "seasoned" business professionals in a variety of programs to foster Catholic identity, encourage community and inspire action. Their mission is to challenge, train and inspire young adults working in various professions to "Work in Witness for Christ."

Bazaar

ATTENTION CRAFTERS!

If you would like to rent a table for the November 23rd Bazaar, please either pick up a form in the parish office or email Gail Dandurand at gdandura1@gmail.com to have a form emailed to you.

Don't delay if you are interested as we have many vendors coming back from last year so spots are limited.



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THE CHAPLET OF THE DIVINE MERCY

(For private recitation on ordinary rosary beads)

Our Father ... , Hail Mary ... , The Apostles' Creed.

Then, on the **OUR FATHER BEADS** you will say the following words:

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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