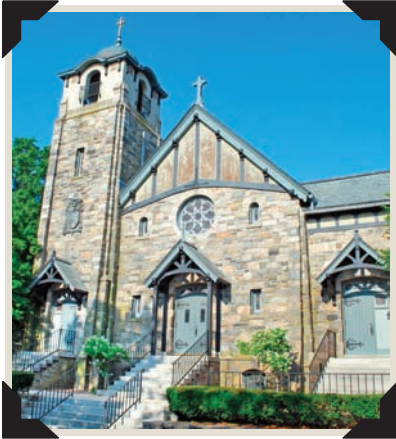


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Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

1 Corinthians 15:58

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Masses

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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday----- 7:00 am
 Saturday----- 4:30 pm
 Sunday----- 9:00 am and 11:00 am

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Saturday----- 5:30 pm*
 Sunday----- 8:00 am* and 10:00 am
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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.

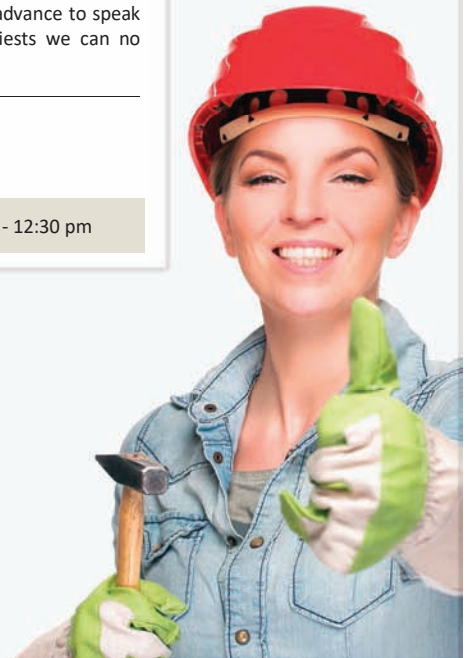
SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

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welcome

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 and Friday 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

★ Happy ★
LABOR DAY



THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Francis Mass Intentions

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

Monday, September 2

7:00am †Augustino Gouveia

Requested by Family & Friends

Tuesday, September 3

7:00am †Rev. Jerome E. Daly

(Tenth Anniversary Remembrance)

Requested by Family

Thursday, September 5

7:00am †Raymond Quirk

Requested by Ray & Kathy Quirk

Friday, September 6

7:00am †James House

(First Anniversary Remembrance)

Requested by Family

Saturday, September 7

4:30pm †Augustino Gouveia

Requested by Family & Friends

Sunday, September 8

9:00am †Steve Hunt

Requested by Ed & Diane Rudegeair

11:00am †Vivian Lombardi

Requested by Mark & Diane Castro

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

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

Sunday, September 8

10:00am †Dale Cummings

Requested by Maggie Hayes-Cote

*Humbly welcome the word that has
been planted in you.*

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In today's Gospel, Jesus takes the Pharisees and scribes to task for being hypocrites: for "honoring God with their lips" while having "hearts that are far from him." In direct opposition to the instructions given to the Israelites by Moses all those many years ago prior to being allowed to enter the Promised Land, they have added to the statutes and decrees of the Lord. They disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition, and teach human precepts as doctrines. They have been imposing too many rules on people, which they do not necessarily follow, making observance of the law more burdensome.

That is a lot of harsh feedback on job performance, let alone the indictment of their suitability for religious leadership. If Jesus were here today, what would he call us to task about with regard to God's commands? Would he say we have added too much, subtracted too much, that we focus more on our traditions than on God's law?

Although some of us might fall into the temptation the Pharisees did of focusing on a legalistic, too-strict observance of God's commands, most of us may fall into the opposite temptation: We add too many excuses as to why it's okay for us not to faithfully follow the Lord's law, and so subtract from it. That's not unusual. Granted, it's not a great way to go about our day, and sin is never a healthy choice for a life of holiness, but it's not something new to God.

He knows us. He loves us. He wants us to do better, to be better. He wants us to be in communion with him, here and for eternity.

So when we struggle, the Lord is there to help us, especially through the sacraments. Going to confession can be difficult, but in this sacrament, Christ not only frees us from the burden of our sins but also strengthens us to resist temptation. And in the Eucharist, the great sacrament we are gathered to celebrate, we receive the Lord himself. Let us not be shy about receiving that help and encouraging everyone we know to do so as well.



| <u>Weekly Support</u>                          |          | <u>August 25</u>  |
|------------------------------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| Budget envelopes used (109)                    | -        | \$3,114.50        |
| Loose Donations                                | -        | \$2,419.00        |
| Online Giving (# of donors-80)                 | -        | \$3,083.00        |
| <b>Total Budget</b>                            | <b>-</b> | <b>\$8,616.50</b> |
| <br>                                           |          |                   |
| <u>Second Collection (Ongoing Maintenance)</u> |          |                   |
| Budget envelopes used (87)                     | -        | \$1,362.50        |
| Loose Donations                                | -        | \$ 563.50         |
| Online Giving (# of donors-9)                  | -        | \$ 150.00         |
| <b>Total</b>                                   | <b>-</b> | <b>\$2,076.00</b> |

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

SEPTEMBER 1, 2024



### SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Pat & Norma Pezzelli.

### 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 27<sup>TH</sup>

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

CHILDREN UNDER 6, FREE

### 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**. Also, 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.

New this year!! American Girl Dolls will be included in the raffle! 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.



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Pray: Heavenly Father, thank you for this new school year. We pray for Your blessing and guidance as we grow and learn this year. Refresh our hearts and minds with a spirit of enthusiasm for all the new knowledge and experiences that will come our way. Grant us the wisdom to recognize and appreciate every opportunity You give us, and the strength to overcome any challenge we may face. Protect us from harmful influences and help us stay focused on our studies. Help us find the resources we need along the way. We turn to You in prayer, trusting that You will be with us each day as we go back to school. Amen

**Catechetical Sunday is September 15<sup>th</sup>!** Grades K-6<sup>th</sup> begin this day. Grades 7 & 8 our Parent/Student meeting is September 23<sup>rd</sup>, the first day of class is October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Who needs to register for Faith Formation classes?

Those families new to the parish and families with children entering First Grade **must** register for classes. Kindergarten is also available this year!

Catholic school students in Grade 2, 7 & 8 **must** register for Sacramental classes.

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 invoices have been mailed to current families.



## This Week

### Monday, September 2

Office will be closed: **HOLIDAY/NO ADORATION**

### Tuesday, September 3

6:30pm Events Committee Meeting (FGC)

7:00pm SVDP Meeting (HBH)

### Wednesday, September 4

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

6:00pm Prayer Meeting (HBH)

### Thursday, September 5

6:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

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

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### YOUTH GROUP, FAITH FORMATION CLASS & CONFIRMATION CLASS MEET & GREET

Attention Parents or Caregivers of children Grades K-8, please come to our Faith Formation Meet and Greet on September 8th, following the 9 am mass, in the lower church for Coffee and Allie's Donuts. Our Teachers and Volunteers will be standing by to answer any questions about our three programs: Faith Formation (Grades K-6), Confirmation (Grades 7-8), and Youth Group (Grades 7-12).



MEMORIAL  
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### FUNDRAISER FOR FATHER GREENAN CENTER

We are raising money to help pay for future improvements to Father Greenan Center. To raise the funds, we are selling engraved bricks that will be placed in our new brick walkway. This is a great opportunity for you to give a gift that will last forever!

The bricks are 4" x 8" and will cost \$100 Each. They are available to all parishioners and their families.

Please stop by the Rectory if you would like to fill out a form.

## 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."

Here is the link for you to get a better glimpse of the program: <https://www.youngcatholicprofessionals.org>

*Bazaar*

### ATTENTION CRAFTERS!

If you would like to rent a table for the November 23<sup>rd</sup> Bazaar, please either pick up a form in the parish office or email Gail Dandurand at [gandura1@gmail.com](mailto:gandura1@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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Jubilee Year of Mercy

## 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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