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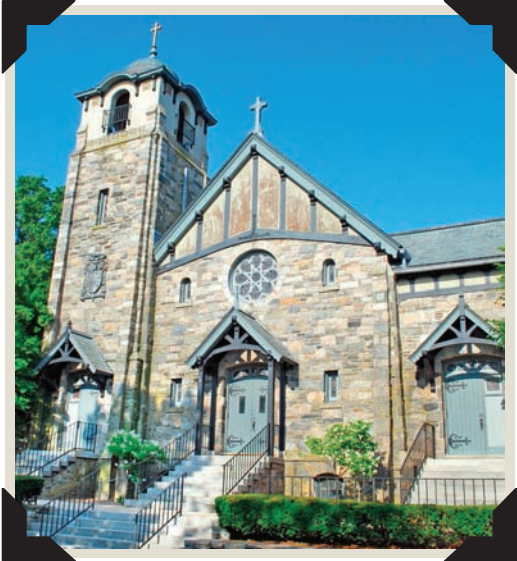
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Masses

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-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Francis Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 14

4:30pm †Deceased Members of The
Torello Family
Requested by Ray Torello

Sunday, September 15

9:00am †Joseph & Mary Costanza
Requested by Family

11:00am †Jeffrey Curran
Requested by Mark & Diane Castro

Monday, September 16

7:00am †Louis & Amelia DiSalvo
Requested by Family

Tuesday, September 17

7:00am †Fran Fitzpatrick
Requested by Lee Whicker

Thursday, September 19

7:00am †Caroline Caswell
(Anniversary Remembrance)
Requested by Jean McGair

Friday, September 20

7:00am †Deceased Members of Behie &
O'Rourke Family
Requested by Family

Saturday, September 21

4:30pm †Jane & Vincent Grimley and
Dorothy Levesque
Requested by Robyn Hornstein

Sunday, September 22

9:00am †Joseph Hungtran & Conan Luv
Requested by Family
11:00am †Kenneth Cook
(Anniversary Remembrance)
Requested by Family

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Sunday, September 15

10:00am †Patricia McGinn Malloy
Requested by Maggie Hayes-Cote

Sunday, September 22

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

*Please note that we have begun the winter
schedule at the Chapel: 10 am Mass only*

We are called to follow Jesus, The suffering Messiah

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks his disciples what other people are saying about him. Then he asks them, Who do you say that I am? When Peter answers that he is the Christ, Jesus warns his disciples not to tell anyone about him. There are certainly practical reasons for this instruction. If the disciples had begun preaching that Jesus was the Messiah, it likely would have angered the Roman and Jewish officials.

After Peter's confession, Jesus immediately begins teaching the disciples about his coming suffering, death, and resurrection. This is the first such prediction in Mark's Gospel. Peter has just confessed that Jesus is the Christ. He has a hard time accepting that Jesus will suffer and die. Though he takes Jesus aside and privately begins to rebuke him, Jesus responds to Peter in front of all the disciples. He tells him that he is thinking like a human being and not like God. He then addresses the entire crowd of potential believers, saying that if any of them want to follow him, they must deny themselves and take up their own crosses.

Jesus is the Messiah. But he is also the suffering servant spoken of by the prophet Isaiah. To follow Jesus means that we, too, must suffer, not for suffering's sake, but for the sake of others. We must lay down our lives, setting aside our wants and desires, in order to fulfill the needs of our neighbors in service of God. As James writes in his letter, faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead. What good is it to say we love God if we see a person in need and do nothing to help them?

We should ask ourselves who we say Jesus is and what it means for us to follow him. How do our ideas about suffering fit into this picture? Today's first reading from the prophet Isaiah assures us that when we suffer with Christ, and especially when we endure suffering for Christ, God is with us. The Lord God is our help. If we persevere in following Christ's way, the way of the cross, we will not be put to shame. If we lose our life for Christ's sake and that of the Gospel, we will be saved.

Parish Giving

Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (114)	-	\$4,210.00
Loose Donations	-	\$2,525.00
Online Giving (# of donors-86)	-	\$3,626.00
Total Budget	-	\$10,361.00

September 8

There was no second collection on September 8.

This week's second collection is for Priest's Retirement.
The second collection next week is for Ongoing Maintenance.
Thank you for your continued generosity.

SEPTEMBER 15, 2024



SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Louis & Amelia DiSalvo.

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!



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

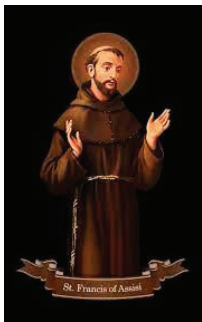
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6



Blessing of the animals will take place Sunday, October 6th, at 12:45 pm by the statue of St. Francis of Assisi on the side of the church.

Bring your dogs, cats, hamsters, gerbils, birds, fish, ferrets, chickens, turtles, etc.. for a special St. Francis blessing!

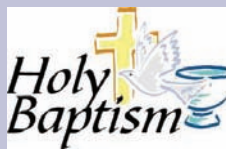
FEAST DAY OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI



This year we will be celebrating the feast day of our patron saint with a **tridium**—a period of three days of prayer that precedes a Roman Catholic feast. Starting on Wednesday, October 2, and running through October 4, we will gather from 6-7pm in St. Francis Church. The first two nights we will have talks with adoration and the last night there will be a Mass which will incorporate evening prayer. Planning for the Tridium is ongoing. Fr. Nick Smith will lead the first evening and Fr. Nathan Ricci the second evening. Fr. Ranallo, assisted

by Deacon Dowd will celebrate Mass on the evening of our patronal feast day, Wednesday, October 4. Join us in praying to our patron saint! **(NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2)**

Congratulations to the proud parents and godparents of Samuel Isaiah Desantis who was baptized on Sept. 8 by Dcn. Dowd.



Your parish family rejoices with you!



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



SUNDAY FAITH FORMATION CLASSES BEGIN TODAY – CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

Parents and children in grades K - 6 will meet after the 9am Mass in Father Greenan Hall for class assignment. Parents will have a short meeting during this time, and are invited to gather for the remaining time in the library for refreshments and fellowship. Pick up will be in Fr. Greenan at **10:50am.**

Our Catechetical Sunday Theme is *“Lord, when did we see you hungry?” Matthew 25:37*

PRAYER FOR CATECHISTS:
You have been called to serve the community of St Francis of Assisi, as a Catechist. May God our Father, the Father of Love, fill you with confidence and joy as you proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit. Amen.

CONFIRMATION 7-8TH GRADE FAMILIES

On Monday, **September 23rd**, we will meet upstairs in Father Greenan Hall for Orientation Grades 7 & 8 students should attend with parent(s).

This Week

Monday, September 16

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

6:30 pm Men of St. Joseph (↓FGC)

Tuesday, September 17

7:00pm SVDP Meeting (HBH)

Wednesday, September 18

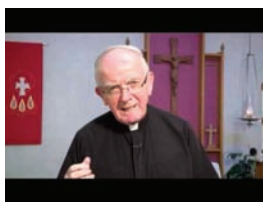
10:15am Womens' Prayer Group (FGC)

6:00pm Prayer Meeting (HBH)

Thursday, September 19

6:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

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



2024 PRIEST RETIREMENT FUNDS: THIS WEEKEND, SEPTEMBER 14 AND 15

Catholics throughout the Diocese have a unique opportunity to make a real difference in the lives of our senior priests. This week's second collection will benefit the Senior Priest Retirement Fund, a significant source of support for priests that provides for basic needs such as food, housing, transportation and medical care. Please consider your generous support of this important effort that benefits those who have selflessly served the faithful of our diocese, for decades. For more information about the senior priest retirement fund, or to donate online, please visit www.srpriestri.com.

Thank you for your support of this worthy endeavor.



PASTA DINNER

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH

5:00-7:00 PM

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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.** Your donations are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at the rectory during office hours.

New this year!! American Girl Dolls will be included in the raffle! Please join us for this fun evening!

SAVE THE DATE

September 27:

Pasta Dinner (5-7pm)

September 28/29:

Baby Bottle Boomerang Begins

October 6:

Blessing of Animals (12:45 - Church Parking Lot)

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



ROSARY AT ST. ROMUALD CHAPEL WEEKNIGHTS DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

October is one of Our Lady's months. All are invited to pray the rosary and Litany of Our Lady at St. Romuald Chapel weeknights at 5:00 pm throughout the month of October. Our May rosary will start at 6:30 pm. All are welcome!

CHOIR ANNOUNCEMENT

Fellow Parishioners,

Would you consider becoming a member of our choir? I am excited to begin rehearsal on Saturday, September 28th, at 3:30 in the Church Hall. We will assist that day at the 4:30 Mass.

The role of the Choir is to support the congregational singing (which is wonderful) and to offer choral music from the rich musical heritage of the Church. We plan on singing twice a month at the 4:30 pm liturgy. Being a choir member is a commitment, but as St. Augustine is often quoted "Singing is praying twice."

See me after Mass or text me at 401-474-6929 for schedule information and to ensure that music folders are prepared for all. May I expect you on the 28th? I hope to see you!

Most sincerely,
Paula Haven Fontes



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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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