

“For it is in giving that we receive.”



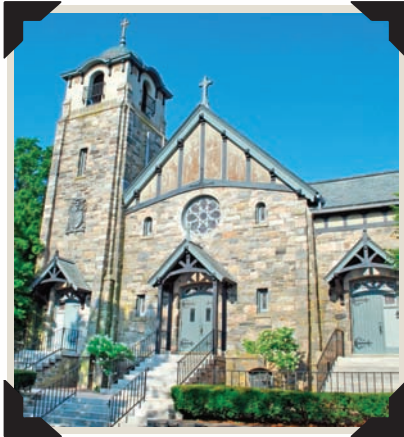
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SAINT FRANCIS CHURCH  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday ----- 7:00 am  
Saturday----- 4:30 pm  
Sunday----- 9:00 am and 11:00 am

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

FEAST OF  
SAINT FRANCIS  
OF ASSISI

## THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### St. Francis Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, September 28

4:30pm †Jim & Ted Sweet

*Requested by Family*

#### Sunday, September 29

9:00am †Michael Dufficy

(Fourth Anniversary)

*Requested by Wife & Children*

11:00am †Elaine J. Faucher Raitano

(Second Anniversary)

*Requested by Family*

#### Monday, September 30

7:00am †James Crossley, Jr.

*Requested by Matthew & Kathleen Oliverio*

#### Tuesday, October 1

7:00am †Augustino Gouveia

*Requested by Family & Friends*

#### Thursday, October 3

7:00am †Irene M. Lynch

*Requested by Matt & Kathy Oliverio*

#### Friday, October 4

7:00am †Calvin Pepe, Jr.

*Requested by Family*

#### Saturday, October 5

4:30pm †Marsha Signorelli

*Requested by Family*

#### Sunday, October 6

9:00am †Angela Murdocco

*Requested by Family*

11:00am †Rich Saltysiak

*Requested by Family*

### St. Romuald Mass Intentions

#### Sunday, September 29

10:00am †John & Margaret Hayes

*Requested by Family*

#### Sunday, October 6

10:00am †Martha & Blanche McElkenney

*Requested by Family*

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



**Congratulations to our St. Francis parishioners who celebrated their Wedding Anniversaries at the Cathedral of SS Peter & Paul on Sunday, September 22!**

40 Years - Michael & Barbette Cullen  
50 Years - Jack & Cynthia Smyth  
50 Years - Michael & Mary Grace Varnum

*Whatever we put our trust in will draw us closer to Christ or will pull us away.*

When a person says they are “spiritual but not religious,” what does that mean? It can be understood that what is generally meant is that a person is interested in spiritual realities, but is suspicious of the systems and structures that humans use to engage with these realities.

This suspicion should give those of us intimately bound up in these systems and structures pause, and our hearts should go out to those who might make such a claim.

The claim to be “spiritual but not religious” is problematic in that it demonstrates a profound misunderstanding of the human person. As embodied souls – spiritual and material beings – we encounter the spiritual through the tangible. And this is what religion is – the tangible, audible, visible, touchable, seeable ways in which we connect with the spiritual. The word religion comes from a Latin term that means “to bind.” Religion is how we are bound together with spiritual realities, most importantly, God.

To be “not religious,” then, is to be unbound, untethered, disconnected from the spiritual. There is a real danger here, for we are religious beings by nature! If we are not tethered to God by practices, teachings, rituals, and sacraments given to us by God, then we will, by nature, bind ourselves to ... other things. Lesser things.

In the reading from the Letter of Saint James, we hear a litany of these lesser things. Oh, the temptation to bind ourselves to treasure and luxury and pleasure! Yet none of these things can last. None can carry us through misery in a satisfactory way. None can endure through the doorway of death. They are not enough.

And so, if we are not bound by the obligations, structures, and teachings of religion, we may find ourselves afloat, lost in a sea of choices, none of which can satisfy the deepest of our human needs.

Our Gospel reading today puts these choices in stark contrast. Whatever it is that we put our trust in, that we seek out to meet our deepest human needs, will either draw us closer to Christ and so draw us to goodness and love, or it will pull us away. One choice leads to life and life in abundance. The other leads to corrosion and misery.

As we confront this stark choice, we are reminded in these readings that we are not left to simply seek blindly. God prepares and equips leaders such as Moses and the disciples. God sends the Holy Spirit, even to unexpected places. God is working through people of all sorts to provide for our needs and give us a cup of water to drink. God bestows his gifts generously on his people through all the structures and practices of our religion.

As we approach the greatest of these gifts, the Eucharist, let us ask God to show us the areas where we are placing our trust which are outside of his goodness. Let us request the grace to open our hearts to his unexpected gifts. May we be drawn into his life and his love, bound to him in this Blessed Sacrament.

### Parish Giving

#### Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (114)	-	\$3,747.50
Loose Donations	-	\$1,936.00
Online Giving (# of donors-78)	-	\$2,970.00
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$8,653.50</b>

#### September 22

#### Second Collection (Ongoing Maintenance)

Budget envelopes used (92)	-	\$1,447.50
Loose Donations	-	\$ 419.00
Online Giving (# of donors-7)	-	\$ 100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$1,966.50</b>

There is no second collection this week.  
Next week's second collection will be for Seminarians' Education.  
**Thank you for your continued generosity.**

# SEPTEMBER 29, 2024



## SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Margaret Flynn.

## 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 6<sup>th</sup>, 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!

## COME CELEBRATE WITH US

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI TRIDUUM  
"LET US SOW HOPE"



Wednesday, October 2, 6 pm - Fr. Joe Upton

Thursday, October 3, 6 pm - Fr. Tim Reilly

Friday, October 4, 6 pm - Liturgy of the Hours with Mass

Wednesday and Thursday Guest Speakers Followed By Adoration & Benediction

## Join Us As We Celebrate St. Francis

(NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2)

## WOMEN'S PRAYER/FAITH GROUP

We are excited to invite you to join our Women's Prayer/Faith Sharing Group. We meet Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am in Fr. Greenan Center for about 1 hour. We have a wonderful community of Catholic women committed to fostering friendship, offering prayer for the needs of our community and the world, support for each other, and building a deeper relationship with Jesus. This ministry is open to any woman representing various ages and stages of life. The facilitators are parishioners, like yourselves, looking to connect and grow with others and Christ – together, sharing our lives and faith journey. You are most welcome to join as your schedule allows.



**FAITH FORMATION**  
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## Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>

GRADES K - 6<sup>th</sup> Classes 9:55-10:50am (FGH)

\*Parent Fellowship offered (coffee &) for those parents (and littles) who wish to stay (FGH)

TEENS 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> YOUTH GROUP NIGHT  
Meet in FGH 4-6pm for Tie Dye & Treats  
Brings a white t-shirt

## Looking ahead:

## Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>

CONFIRMATION I & II classes 6:30-8:15pm FGH

## Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>

GRADES K - 6<sup>th</sup> Classes 9:55-10:50am (FGH)

Parent Fellowship offered (coffee &) for those Parents (and littles) who wish to stay (FGH)

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Sacrament Program Parents' Meeting

10:00 AM in Helen Bouchard Hall (lower church)

6:30pm Confirmation Grades 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>  
Parent and Student Orientation Meeting (FGC)

## Notice to our Faith Formation Families: Circle of Grace Classes

Each year, in response to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' charter for the protection of children and young people, we have a program for the safe environment education of children and young people. This program is called **Circle of Grace**. It is meant to supplement and be integrated into our program for the formation of children and young people. This program helps our youth to understand their own (and other's) dignity in mind and spirit.

The Circle of Grace lesson, which is specific for each grade, will be implemented in each grade of our religious education program within the first few months of classes. K-6<sup>th</sup> on October 20<sup>th</sup>, November 6<sup>th</sup> for Confirmation I & II.

If a child is absent on the day that the lesson is given, the Circle of Grace material will be mailed home for the parents to teach.

Please contact Jamie or Cheryl at the Office of Faith Formation (401-792-8684) if you have any questions regarding the Circle of Grace program.



## This Week

### Monday, September 30

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

6:30 pm Men of St. Joseph (↓FGC)

### Tuesday, October 1

7:00pm SVD Meeting (HBH)

### Wednesday, October 2

10:15am Womens' Prayer Group (FGC)

6:00pm Prayer Meeting (HBH)

### Thursday, October 3

6:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

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



### BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG WEEKEND OF SEPT 28/29

Please take one home and fill it with your spare coins (cash or checks are also much appreciated) and return the bottle to church the next weekend. Your generosity will help Right to Life Services to provide pregnancy tests, ultrasounds and support Maternity Hope Chest which services 300 mothers and families each month who have courageously chosen life!!

Thank you!

### Experience Lourdes! Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 pm

There will be a free *Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage Experience* at St. Francis of Assisi in Wakefield, RI, on Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm



This live interaction experience will be guided by *Our Lady of Lourdes Hospitality, North American Volunteers*, the first Lourdes Hospitality of the Americas. Not everyone can travel to Lourdes, but the *Virtual Pilgrimage* can make it possible to experience this same peace and healing.

Also you will be able to have a plenary indulgence if you attend. Please join us for a very special experience!



### ROSARY AT ST. ROMUALD CHAPEL WEEKNIGHTS, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, 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. All are welcome!

## SAVE THE DATE

**September 28/29:  
October 6:**

Baby Bottle Boomerang Begins  
Blessing of Animals (12:45 -  
Church Parking Lot)

**October 12/13:  
October 19/20:**

Bethlehem Olive Wood Sale  
Rose Sale for Mother of Life  
Center

**October 20:**

Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage  
(3:00pm)

**October 24:**

RCIA Information Night (FGC)

**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



### R.C.I.A. INFORMATIONAL EVENING

Do you have a spouse, a friend, a relative, a neighbor who might be interested in becoming Catholic? Do you or someone you know feel called to receive Holy Communion for the first time or be Confirmed?

Consider coming to an RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) informational meeting on **October 24 at 6:30PM at FGC**. No strings, no commitments! We are here to help you discern God's will in your life. Feel free to RSVP or ask questions by contacting Pat Lefoley at [plfoley1@cox.net](mailto:plfoley1@cox.net) or 401-339-3858. You may also call the rectory office at 401-783-4411.

### SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 12 & 13

### SALE OF OLIVE WOOD GOODS FROM ISRAEL & BETHLEHEM



**Samer Awwad** representing the Bethlehem Christian Families; a nonprofit organization through Land of Peace will be with us speaking about the Christian situation in the Holy Land and selling Crucifixes, religious artwork, and rosaries-all made of olive wood which is native to Israel and Bethlehem. Since tourism has greatly depleted, Christian families in the holy land, who depend on tourists, have been greatly affected. The goal of this mission is to help many organizations and churches in the Middle East. Sale of these goods will help them very much and also give you the opportunity to have "something" authentic from the holy land. Please browse and buy some articles. It is for a good cause and also a help to your personal devotion.



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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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