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Name of
the Blessed
Virgin Mary**

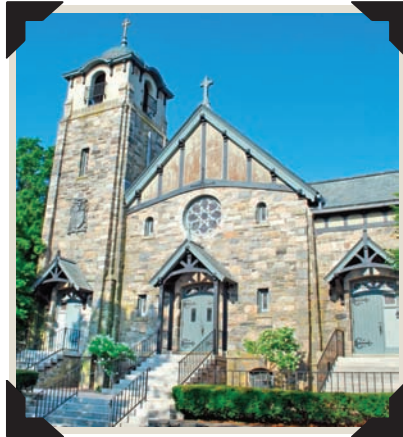
*Hail Mary, full
of grace. Our Lord
is with thee. Blessed
art thou among
women, and blessed
is the fruit of thy
womb, Jesus.*

*Holy Mary,
Mother of God,
pray for us
sinners, now
and at the hour
of our death.*

Amen.

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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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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday at 3:30 - 4:00 pm in Saint Francis Church or by
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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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Francis Mass Intentions

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

Monday, September 9

7:00am †Brett Dexter

Requested by Mary & Louie Pavao

Tuesday, September 10

7:00am †Ed Sylvia, Jr.

Requested by Ray & Kathy Quirk

Thursday, September 12

7:00am †Augustino Gouveia

Requested by Family & Friends

Friday, September 13

7:00am †Fr. Peter Polo

Requested by Gina DiChiaro Dodd

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

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Sunday, September 8

10:00am †Dale Cummings

Requested by Maggie Hayes-Cote

Sunday, September 15

10:00am †Patricia McGinn Malloy

Requested by Maggie Hayes-Cote

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

Be strong, fear not!

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He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.

The people around Jesus were amazed at the healing they witnessed, and with good reason. They would have been intimately familiar with Scripture, and the promises of God contained therein. They would have recognized these miracles as signs of God's coming to save. As we heard from the prophet Isaiah in the first reading, when God comes to save, then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared.

We may be drawn to wonder, then: If they recognized these signs, how did the story end with the crucifixion of their Savior? The salvation Jesus brought did not look like what they expected. They read that God would come with vindication and thus they anticipated a glorious military victory.

Lest we relegate their confusion to the past, let us consider how often we have missed the signs of God acting in our lives. Many Catholics have the practice of meeting with a spiritual director, a person trained to help others listen for the voice of God and recognize God's action in their lives. Many saints, such as Ignatius of Loyola, share practices that can help us to listen – to be attentive to God acting and speaking in our lives. All of this is precisely because it is easy to miss, or misunderstand, God working in our lives.

We, too, might need our eyes to be opened and our ears cleared.

The second reading from James may also help us better understand what keeps us from recognizing God's action in our lives. Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him? The world's priorities are simply different from God's. If we wonder why God does not act in our lives in the way we've expected or asked, it may be worth considering this truth.

Truly, there is a mystery to God's action; we do not know why God acts in certain ways and not in others. But there is still much we can know with certainty. We know that God comes to save us. God is acting for the ultimate and full good of all who are wrapped up in the complex tapestry God is weaving through history. God knows our needs and is present with us. And so, if our hearts are frightened, the voice of the prophet Isaiah rings out still: Be strong, fear not!

God is with us, intimately close, just as Jesus was to the man in our Gospel today. Here too, he lays his hand on us, offering his healing, bringing springs of water to the thirsty ground of our souls. May we, in this Eucharist, be given eyes to see his loving presence and strength to participate courageously in his saving work.



<u>Weekly Support</u>		<u>September 1</u>
Budget envelopes used (115)	-	\$3,893.50
Loose Donations	-	\$2,185.00
Online Giving (# of donors-85)	-	\$3,611.00
Total Budget	-	\$9,689.50
<u>Second Collection (Monthly)</u>		
Budget envelopes used (90)	-	\$1,474.50
Loose Donations	-	\$559.00
Online Giving (# of donors-7)	-	\$105.00
Total	-	\$2,138.50

There will be no second collection this week.
Next week's second collection will be for the Priests' Retirement.
Thank you for your continued generosity.

SEPTEMBER 8, 2024



SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Ralph Calitri.

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
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!

CLEANING TEAM

Our Cleaning Teams for the main church could use another team or two. If anyone is interested in joining or forming a cleaning team, please let Jean McGair know at 783-1633 or 932-6492.

Families are welcome to form a team. At the present time, we have seven teams, so each team cleans once every seven weeks and it takes less than an hour. The more teams we have, the better!



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



The 2024 Catechetical Sunday Theme is "Lord, when did we see you hungry?"
Matthew 25:37

We will celebrate **Catechetical Sunday** next **Sunday, September 15th**, at the 9:00am Mass at St. Francis of Assisi. On this day, catechists are formally commissioned for ministry to the community. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each baptized person plays in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith. Catechists please make every effort to attend the commissioning of catechists on the 15th.



Faith Formation classes begin on Catechetical Sunday, September 15th. Grades K-6

families are to meet at Father Greenan Hall after the 9am Mass for class assignments. (Parents please plan to stay for our parent meeting.)

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

The Faith Formation mailing was sent out the third week of August. If you have not received this information or you have yet to register your child, please call Jamie or Cheryl at the Religious Ed Office at 792-8684.

This Week

Monday, September 9

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

6:30 pm Men of St. Joseph (↓FGC)

Wednesday, September 11

6:00pm Prayer Meeting (HBH)

Thursday, September 12

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: NEXT WEEKEND, SEPTEMBER 14 AND 15

After decades of faithful service, many retired priests continue to serve where they are needed, while others require assisted

living, or nursing home care. Since priests are paid a very modest wage, they cannot rely upon Social Security to make ends meet. No longer able to rely upon parishes for basic living needs, senior priests depend on support from this fund. Your generosity will make a difference in the lives of many who have served faithfully for many years in ministry – some of whom continue to serve well after their ‘retirement.’ At Masses on September 14-15, our parish will join others throughout the Diocese in a special second collection in support of the Senior Priest Retirement Fund. The collection is also our way of saying “thank you” for that service. Please consider a generous donation in support of our senior priests. To learn how this fund benefits senior priests or to make an online donation, please visit www.srpriestri.com.

Thank you for your support of this worthy endeavor.



We are excited to invite you to join a Women’s Prayer/Faith Sharing Group starting September 18th. We will 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.

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

THANK YOU SO MUCH
YOU ARE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED!

Another glorious Sunday morning in beautiful Matunuck!!! Thank you to all who made our annual End of Summer Breakfast another successful event! From all the volunteers who set up/ broke down, shopped, cooked, grilled, baked, served, sold tickets - this would not have been possible without ALL of you! AND, finally to all of you who came and enjoyed the perfect venue, delicious breakfast, gracious and pleasant servers - Thank You. The spirit of Saint Francis was alive and well!

Your Event Committee

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 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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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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