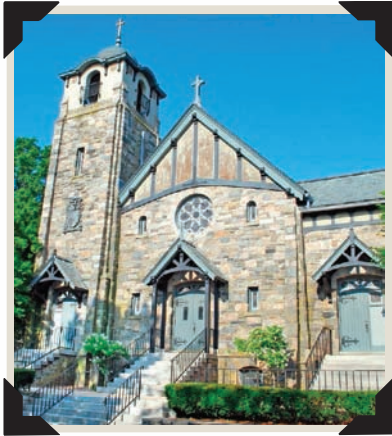


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Masses

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

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Saturday at 3:30 - 4:00 pm in Saint Francis Church or by
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Third Sunday of each month.

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SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please call the rectory.

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given to
welcome the
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to verify our
longing for
God, to look
forward and
prepare
ourselves for
Christ’s return.”

— Pope Francis



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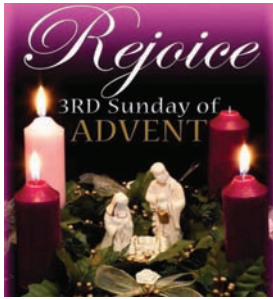
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Third Sunday
of ADVENT

Joy

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

St. Francis Mass Intentions



Saturday, December 14

4:30pm †Bill Bailey
Requested by Ann Ollie

Sunday, December 15

9:00am †Sarah & James Folcarelli
Requested by Family

11:00am †Rick Soltysiak
Requested by Family

Monday, December 16

7:00am †Tracy Walsh
Requested by Kathleen & Jeff Carney

Tuesday, December 17

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

Thursday, December 19

7:00am †Rick Soltysiak
(Birthday Remembrance)
Requested by Family

Friday, December 20

7:00am †James DeLuca, Sr.
Requested by Family

Saturday, December 21

4:30pm †Fred & Arlene Robinson
Requested by Family

Sunday, December 22

9:00am †Carl Cottle
Requested by Family
11:00am †Donna Andrews
Requested by Dana Hawkins

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 15

10:00am †Martin Durkin
Requested by Family

Sunday, December 22

10:00am †Mary Marchand
(Anniversary Remembrance)
Requested by Al & Gerri Marsocci

MESSAGE FROM FR. RANALLO

I want to welcome Brian Krafton as our new Trustee. He was officially approved to serve as a Trustee for our parish as of November 15th, 2024, by the Diocesan Administrator Rev. Msgr. Albert A. Kenney. I also want to thank Peter Sheehan for his past service as a Trustee. Trustees serve a one-year renewable term.

As you may know, our Finance Council is a consultative body of parishioners who advise the pastor in the financial affairs of the church. A council member is named for a five-year term which can be renewed. I want to thank David Navin for his past service. Our current members are listed as follows:

Fr. Albert D. Ranallo	President
William Thompson	Secretary
Edward Fox	
Mary Ellen McGrath	
Patricia Lessard (Trustee)	

Our Parish Council is also a consultative group that is led by the pastor. The Council takes on the responsibility to prayerfully discern the needs and priorities of the parish. A Council member is named for a three-year term which can be renewed. Our current members are listed as follows:

Father Albert D. Ranallo	Ex-officio
Deacon John Dowd	Ex-officio/Acting Chairperson
Jeff Carney	Secretary
Rose Abrahamson	
Marnie DeLuca	
Keith Lescarbeau	
Dan McKinnon	
Peter Pezzelli	
Sue Pouliot	
Ellen Schwab	
Jennifer Gray	
Sue Williams	

Consultants to Council

Cheryl Xavier, Confirmation Coordinator
Diane Castro, Social Media Consultant
Ed Rudegear, Project Manager

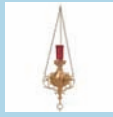


<u>Weekly Support</u>	<u>December 8</u>
Budget envelopes used (123)	-
Loose Donations	\$4,173.50
Online Giving (# of donors-85)	\$1,059.00
Total Budget	\$3,754.00
	\$8,986.50

<u>Second Collection (Retired Religious Fund)</u>	
Budget envelopes used (94)	-
Loose Donations	\$2,088.00
Online Giving (# of donors-5)	\$ 368.00
Total	\$ 120.00
	\$2,576.00

This week's second collection is for Ongoing Maintenance.
There will be no second collection next week.
Thank you for your continued generosity.

DECEMBER 15, 2024



SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Gloria Carney.

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!

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Father Greenan Hall was alive and hopping for the happy shoppers who gathered for our Bazaar. They had several options and selections from the 25 craft/vendor tables! We want to thank all who participated from the vendors to the workers and to all who attended. A special thank you to all who donated to the silent auction, bakery and KayDee. Because of all of your help, it was a huge success!

With gratitude, Your Event Committee

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Christmas cards will be sold for \$25 after Masses at the Church and Chapel as well as at the parish office.

Don't miss out on this great gift idea while helping our parish!!



THE GIVING TREE

The Social Outreach Committee is sponsoring our annual Giving Tree. Gift tags have been placed on the Advent trees in St. Francis Church and at St. Romuald Chapel.

The Giving Tree provides much needed support to our St. Vincent de Paul chapter here at St. Francis and to the Jonnycake Center which services local families providing basic necessities.

The gift cards need to be returned no later than the weekend of December 14/15. They can be placed in the collection baskets or left in the rectory. Please do not leave them by the trees.

Thank you in advance!



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Pray: Holy Spirit, move me and help me to change. Teach me to follow Jesus in all things. Amen.

Faith Formation K-6

Sunday, December 15th

10:00 AM Our Annual Christmas Pageant is scheduled during class time in FGC



Saturday, December 22nd

No Class - Happy Travels For Christmas!

Confirmation I and II

Wednesdays: 6:30pm-8:15pm (FGC)

Upcoming classes:
December 18

Children's Liturgy Volunteers

Thank you, Natasha Thompson and Erin Sherman, for volunteering to lead Children's Liturgy, with our teen volunteers: Emmy Sherman and Kayla Bergstrom, starting in January 2025!

We will begin with one weekend each month and add additional weekends when we have additional volunteers. To volunteer, please contact Jamie Friel.



Mark Your Calendar: The Youth Group Ministry will meet again on December 29 from 4-6pm.

This Week

Monday, December 16

7:30-10:00am Adoration (Church)

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

Tuesday, December 17

6:30pm SVD Meeting (HBH)

Wednesday, December 18

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

6:00pm Prayer Meeting (HBH)

Thursday, December 19

4:00pm SVD Cookie Gathering (FGC)

6:00 pm Bible Study (FGC)

Friday, December 20

7:30-9:00am Adoration (Church)

Sunday, December 22

10:00am Christmas Pageant (FGC)

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

Christmas office closing: The Parish office will be closed December 24th and December 25th.



PLANNING AHEAD
CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

At the Church
4:30pm
10:00pm

At the Chapel
5:30pm

CHRISTMAS DAY
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

At the Church
10:00am

At the Chapel
10:00am

2025 EUCHARISTIC ADORATION SCHEDULE



As of January 1st, there will no longer be Adoration on the 1st & 3rd Fridays of the month. Adoration will continue on Mondays from 7:30am to 10:00am including Holy Days of Obligation. To sign up for half hour slots you can contact the office at 401-783-4411.

SAVE THE DATE

Month of January:

Baby Shower

March 5:

Ash Wednesday



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COOKIE CELEBRATION!

We invite you to join the Kitchen of Hope Bakers with baking and assembling Christmas Cookie platters to be delivered with the KOH Christmas meal.

This is a FREE event. Relax and enjoy a glass of wine, crackers, cheese and light appetizers as we celebrate the spirit of Christmas!

Thursday, December 19th, 2025, 4:00pm-6:00pm
Fr. Greenan Hall (Behind St. Francis of Assisi Church) 114 High Street, Wakefield, RI

Please text/call (619)335-6860 (DJ) if you are planning on joining us and with the number of cookies you will be bringing.

STEBENVILLE RETREAT

Attention Youth of St. Francis of Assisi Parish! Get ready for an unforgettable experience at the **2025 Steubenville Youth Conference** at Franciscan University! From June 27-29, 2025, teens from across the country will gather for a weekend filled with powerful worship, inspiring talks, and deep encounters with Jesus Christ. This year's conference promises to ignite your faith like never before, with dynamic speakers, uplifting music, and opportunities for adoration and confession. Join hundreds of other young Catholics in a vibrant community where you can grow in your relationship with God and be empowered to live out your faith boldly. Don't miss out on this life-changing event that has transformed the hearts of countless teens—mark your calendars.

Attention Parish/Supporters! As with any Youth Conference, fundraising is an essential part of the preparation. Given that this conference will be in Steubenville, Ohio, we will be looking to raise financial support through, but not limited, to the following:

1. Generous donations from St. Francis of Assisi parishioners
2. Bake sales at both St. Francis of Assisi and St. Romuald Chapel
3. Car washes at St. Francis of Assisi
4. On-line "Virtual" fundraising (Popcorn Sales)

We sincerely thank you for your consideration in giving to this amazing cause that is transformative to our Catholic Youth. More to follow!



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& n, 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
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