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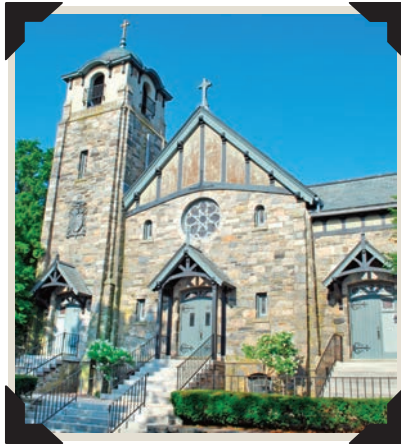
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### Masses

#### 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.

*Christ  
the Savior  
is Born!*

*welcome*

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

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### St. Francis Mass Intentions

**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*

**Monday, December 23**

7:00am †Peter Reusch

*Requested by Family*

**Christmas Eve -Tuesday, December 24**

4:30pm †Deceased Members of the  
Ford & Pezzelli Families

*Requested by Peter & Corinne Pezzelli*

10:00pm †Joyce Sheils

*Requested by Family*

**Christmas Day-Wednesday, December 25**

10:00am †Deceased Members of the  
Perpetual Mass Association  
†Kerri Bessette

*Requested by Mom, Dad, & Scott*

**Thursday, December 26**

7:00am †Joseph Daly

*Requested by Jim & Susan Meehan*

**Friday, December 27**

7:00am †Donna Andrews

*Requested by Jim & Susan Meehan*

**Saturday, December 28**

4:30pm †Bill Bailey

*Requested by Ed & Kathleen*

**Sunday, December 29**

9:00am †Deceased Members of the Flynn  
& Carney Families

*Requested by Kathleen & Jeff Carney*

11:00am †Harold C. Jacobs

*Requested by Maggie Hayes-Cote*

### St. Romuald Mass Intentions

**Sunday, December 22**

10:00am †Mary Marchand

(Anniversary Remembrance)

*Requested by Al & Gerri Marsocci*

**Christmas Eve -Tuesday, December 24**

5:30pm †Nicholas Fiasconaro

*Requested by Family*

**Christmas Day-Wednesday, December 25**

10:00am †Henry H. Thayer, Jr., &  
Margherita Rose Thayer

*Requested by Frances Thayer*

**Sunday, December 29**

10:00am †Walter Johansen

*Requested by Jude*

*Live in the hope of God's fidelity and let that hope transform you.*

Today, as we begin this final week of Advent, the great mysteries and personalities we have traveled with over the past weeks suddenly converge in new ways. The prophetic promises made to Israel become stories of a child to be born, the son of a Virgin, conceived by the power of God's Holy Spirit.

John the Baptist – the voice in the desert we have heard these last weeks – is now vocally silent, but communicates by leaping for joy in his mother's womb as he hears the voice of Mary who is pregnant with the Christ child.

One can only imagine how wonderful this encounter in today's Gospel must have been – two generations locked in the embrace of divine joy and hope. Elizabeth, a woman in the autumn of her years, her deepest hope now answered, greeting the maiden from Nazareth, in the springtime of the world's salvation.

Both are women of extraordinary faith: one believing the message of an angel despite all the questions that must have swirled around her head, the other trusting that even in her advanced age she, too, might be fruitful.

Through overwhelming grace and faith, these two ordinary women, without title or prestige, stand center stage in the great drama of salvation: stitching together the old and new covenants and witnessing to God's fidelity and eternal mercy.

God, it would seem, has a special love for the most ordinary: the simple virgin from Nazareth, the elderly couple from the hill country, the town of Bethlehem. As Micah prophesied, You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah too small to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel. The long-awaited ruler of Israel will come – he who would fulfill the dreams of the Davidic dynasty.

In these last days of Advent, we are called to travel more deeply into the mystery of the Incarnation and allow our lives to leap for joy in the presence of the Christ child. We are called to find the glory in the most ordinary, and the greatest blessing in the smallest of things.

The circle of light on our Advent wreath is complete. To embrace its warmth and joy we must, like Elizabeth and Mary, open our lives to God and to others. We must live in the hope of God's fidelity, and allow that hope to transform and empower our lives not just for a day but for every day.



Weekly Support	December 15
Budget envelopes used (112)	\$3,220.50
Loose Donations	\$ 2,115.00
Online Giving (# of donors-77)	\$2,720.00
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$8,055.50</b>

Second Collection (Ongoing Maintenance)	
Budget envelopes used (91)	\$1,437.50
Loose Donations	\$ 466.00
Online Giving (# of donors-12)	\$ 223.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,126.50</b>

There is no second collection this week or next week.

**Thank you for your continued generosity.**



DECEMBER 22, 2024



**SANCTUARY LAMP**

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of R&R Calitri, James Smith, and Emery & Marian Bragdon.

**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!



*Fr. Ranallo, Deacon Dowd And Our Staff Wish You All  
A Very Blessed Christmas!*



***TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS  
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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!!*

**LIGHTING OF OUR ADVENT  
WREATH**

This year, during Advent, Confirmation Candidates and their family members are lighting the Advent Wreath. It is a special opportunity to share with our Parish community the experience of Hope, Peace, and Joy as we await Jesus's birth.



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

**Faith Formation K-6**

**Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
No Classes - Christmas Break

**Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>**  
No Classes - New Year Break

**Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>**  
9:55-10:50AM - K-6th Classes resume  
in FGC

Congratulations to our Second Grade Class on the reception of their First Reconciliation. Saturday, December 7th, they met for a retreat followed by this important sacrament. We are so grateful to our volunteers Heather Clune, Kendra Pitkin, Michael Yap, Isabel O'Rourke, Lucian Friel, Cheryl Xavier and Father Ranallo who made this day so special for our students and their families.



**Confirmation I and II**

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

Upcoming classes:  
January 8

**Children's Liturgy Volunteers**

We have had some volunteers step forward to lead Children's Liturgy once a month in the new year! Stay tuned, we will announce the beginning date soon. In order to offer Children's Liturgy weekly we still need more volunteers. Please contact Jamie if you feel God calling you to this ministry.

## This Week

### Monday, December 23

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

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

### Tuesday, December 24, and Wednesday, December 25

Office Closed - Women's Prayer Group and Wednesday Prayer Meeting will not be held.

### Thursday, December 26

6:00 pm Bible Study (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 24<sup>th</sup> and December 25<sup>th</sup>.

**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

### BISHOP'S KEEP THE HEAT ON CHALLENGE

We would like to thank all those who attended our "Bishop's Keep The Heat On Challenge" fundraiser at our Council. This year we were able to donate to the fund \$500. This would not be possible without your help. I hope next year we will be able to double this amount which goes 100% to those in our State in need of heating assistance.

Again, Thank you!

St. Francis Council 2011

SAVE THE DATE

Month of January: Baby Shower  
March 5: Ash Wednesday

### 2025 EUCHARISTIC ADORATION SCHEDULE

It is said that many blessings come from spending time with our Lord. Here at St. Francis we give our parishioners the opportunity to do just that! Each Monday morning our Lord is exposed in the Monstrance from 7:30am until 10:00am including Holy Days of Obligation. (As of January 1st, there will no longer be Adoration on the 1st & 3rd Fridays of the month.) This gives parishioners, and others in the community, the opportunity to be able to come and visit Jesus on a more personal level. It is a time for quiet prayer and reflection. You can sign up for a 30 minute time slot (or more) by using the QR code or by contacting the parish office. Whether you only spend 30 minutes or an hour, each moment is a great treasure.



Intention for this Wednesday,  
December 25<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00am at St. Francis

*The Deceased Members of the  
Perpetual Mass Association*

*John & Marie Champion*

*Yvonne Fanning*

*Paul F. & Susan Greene*

*Marilyn Maley*

*Edna Otto*

*Anthony & Kathleen Rose*

*Christopher Shafer*

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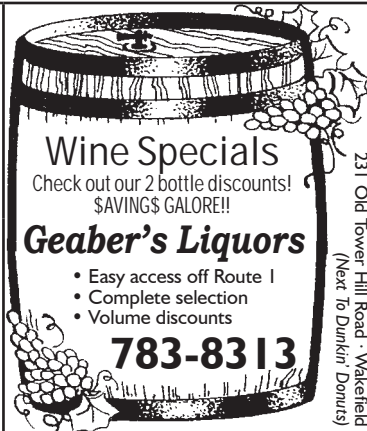
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(For private recitation on ordinary rosary beads)

*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  
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