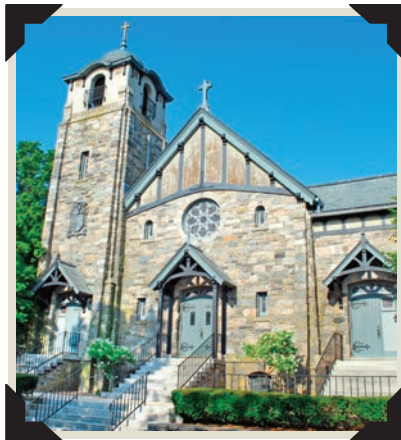


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*The  
Epiphany  
of the  
Lord*



When they  
saw the star,  
they rejoiced  
exceedingly  
with great joy.

—Matthew 2:10

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**SAINT FRANCIS CHURCH**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday----- 7:00 am  
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 Sunday----- 9:00 am and 11:00 am

**SAINT ROMUALD CHAPEL**

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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 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

### St. Francis Mass Intentions



#### Saturday, January 4

4:30pm †Rose Silva  
(Birthday Remembrance)  
*Requested by Kelli*

#### Sunday, January 5

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

11:00am †Helen Roque  
*Requested by Jim & Susan Meehan*

#### Monday, January 6

7:00am †Donna Andrews  
*Requested by Ed & Kathleen*

#### Tuesday, January 7

7:00am †Donna Andrews  
*Requested by The Dinner Table*

#### Thursday, January 9

7:00am †Bill Bailey  
*Requested by Eve Sweeney*

#### Friday, January 10

7:00am †Kerri Bessette  
*Requested by Mom, Dad, and Scott*

#### Saturday, January 11

4:30pm †Donald Ginnerty  
*Requested by Jean*

#### Sunday, January 12

9:00am †Donna Andrews  
*Requested by Diane & Mark Castro*  
11:00am †Brent Holland  
*Requested by Janet Hussey*

### St. Romuald Mass Intentions

#### Sunday, January 5

10:00am †Martha & Blanche McElkenny  
*Requested by Family*

#### Sunday, January 12

10:00am †Dan Fenaughty  
(Birthday Remembrance)  
*Requested by Family*

*Our joy calls us to share the light  
in the darkness.*

These winter days, light is in short supply. The days are at their shortest, and the weather its coldest. But in these long, dark nights when it is clear, we can see the stars. However bright they might be, they are a beautiful sight – a vibrant, twinkling, stark contrast to the night sky. Throughout human history the stars and the heavens have offered a tapestry of shapes and forms for stories and myths, and have provided maps for navigation and guidance. One star in particular takes center stage in today's Gospel.

Matthew tells us that the Magi are overjoyed at seeing this star. They believe it will bring them to the newborn king of the Jews. We are not told in the Gospel how they came to determine that this star was the light that would lead them to him, nor the extent to which they understood him to bring salvation to the world, but we see how steadfast their faith is in its purpose. They journeyed far and brought gifts with them in order to pay homage to this child.

Saint Augustine calls the Magi "the firstfruits of the Gentiles. The shepherds were Israelites, the Magi Gentiles; the first were near, the latter far off; yet both converged on the cornerstone" (Sermon 202). Even as people from far away, and not of the covenant, the Magi knew this star was about much more than the light it provided in the night sky. This was the star that illuminated the one who would finally cast out the darkness that seeped into the world; the one who would bring hope, justice, and mercy to those in great suffering; the one who entered into humanity to reveal God the Father so that we might find his kingdom. It is no wonder that the Magi are overjoyed at seeing this star!

This intuitive grasp of reality, the recognition of the essential truth of the birth of the newborn king, was an epiphany unlike any other in human history. The Church honors this with today's celebration. This Epiphany, with a capital "E," was the first manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. It announced God's salvation for all people. The Magi have been awakened to a new reality, and in encountering the Christ Child they are moved to pay him honor and homage.

As we near the end of this Christmas season, we can follow the example of the Magi and take great joy in what has been revealed to us. We have celebrated again the beauty of Christmas – that God the Father sent his Son to be with us and bring light to cast out the darkness of the world. Our salvation calls us to go out and share the Good News. The joy of the Christmas season cannot be contained in this season, but sends us out to share that light with others.

Soon we will give thanks for God's revelation and saving love through the breaking of the bread. May this Eucharistic thanksgiving strengthen our joy, and allow it to be a light for others.



#### Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (146)	-	\$4,699.50
Loose Donations	-	\$1,336.00
Online Giving (# of donors-78)	-	\$2,716.00
<b>Total Budget</b>	-	<b>\$8,751.50</b>

#### December 22

There was no second collection for the week of December 22.

**Collection information for the weekend of December 29 was not available when this bulletin was transmitted due to the holiday bulletin schedule. It will appear in next week's bulletin.**

This week's second collection is for the Monthly Offering. The second collection next week is for Ongoing Maintenance.  
**Thank you for your continued generosity.**

JANUARY 5, 2025



**SANCTUARY LAMP**

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of our deceased loved ones.

**WE HAVE A NEW EMAIL!**

Our office email has been changed to [office@stfranciswakefield.com](mailto:office@stfranciswakefield.com)  
Please make note of this. Thank You and God Bless!



**St. Vincent DePaul Society**

*Just a reminder that our St. Vincent de Paul chapter here at St. Francis needs your help. They ask your help by using their poor boxes located in the church and chapel so that they can assist those in need in our area (Gift cards are accepted). If you know of someone in need of assistance, SVDP can be reached at 401-871-8936. **Please keep them in your prayers!***

**Friday Dinners Available**

The SVDP dinner program is providing Friday meals for pick up or delivery at no cost. Would you—or someone you know—like a cooked meal? We are in need of volunteers to deliver meals.

Call 401-588-4192 or email [esweeney1@cox.net](mailto:esweeney1@cox.net) to order a meal or volunteer to deliver.



**FUNDRAISER FOR FATHER GREENAN CENTER**

We are raising money to help pay for future improvements to Father Greenan Center. To raise the funds, we are selling engraved bricks that will be placed in our new brick walkway. This is a great opportunity for you to give a gift that will last forever!

The bricks are 4" x 8" and will cost \$100 Each. They are available to all parishioners and their families.



*We would like to thank all those that gave donations to the church and chapel for the Christmas flowers that beautified the church and chapel in the name of their loved ones.*

*God bless you all!*



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

**Faith Formation K-6**

*Pray: Thank you, Lord, for making me a member of your family through Baptism. Amen.*

**Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>**

K-6th Classes resume today in FGC 9:55-10:50am

**Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Once a Month - Children's Liturgy of the Word begins at 9am Mass for children ages 3 and up through 2nd grade. Our volunteers, Erin Sherman and her daughters, Emerson and Kennedy, will lead this first session. We are excited to welcome our additional volunteers, Natasha Thompson and Kayla Bergstrom, in February.

**Confirmation I and II**

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

Upcoming classes:

- January 8
- January 22



**Mark Your Calendar:** The Youth Ministry Group will meet again on January 26<sup>th</sup> from 4-6pm.

## This Week

### Monday, January 6

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

6:30pm Men of St. Joseph (↓FGC)

### Tuesday, January 7

6:30pm SVDP (HBH)

### Wednesday, January 8

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

6:00pm Prayer Meeting (HBH)

### Thursday, January 9

6:00 pm Bible Study (FGC)

### Sunday, January 12

9:00am Children's Liturgy

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

### K OF C BREAKFAST (PUBLIC INVITED)

The Knights of Columbus Council 2011 North Kingstown RI will hold a Breakfast at the Council Hall, 1265 Tower Hill Road, North Kingstown, on **Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, from 7:30-10:30am.** Scrambled Eggs, Home Fries, Bacon, Baked Beans, Breakfast Pastries, Orange Juice, Coffee and Tea will be served. The cost is \$10, children 6 and under are free!



The St. Francis of Assisi Social Outreach Committee is sponsoring a Baby Shower during the month of January 2025 to assist St. Gabriel's Call. St. Gabriel's Call provides supportive services to women and families facing unexpected pregnancies. If you, or someone you know, is in need of baby items, please contact Melanie at the St. Francis Diocesan Office at 401-783-3149.

#### Items needed:

Diapers (All sizes up to 6/XL, especially sizes 4-6)

Warm Sleepers (0-24 months)

Warm Children's Clothing (Infant to 5T, especially 2-5T)

Baby Wipes

Bibs

Infant Onesies

Pacifiers

Baby Blankets

Baby Bottles & Bottle Brushes

(Cash donations and Gift Cards are gratefully accepted:

Checks to be made out to **Retreat House**)

Please place donations in the collection baskets located at the St. Francis Statue in the church and St. Romuald Chapel from January 1-31<sup>st</sup>.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

SAVE THE DATE

**Month of January:** Baby Shower  
**January 12:** 9am Children's Liturgy  
**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.



*Faith is the realization of  
what is hoped for and  
evidence of things not seen.*

*Hebrews 11:1*

### THANK YOU FROM MONSIGNOR CLARKE SCHOOL

We would like to thank St. Francis Church for sponsoring our 2nd Annual Drive Through Live Nativity. On December 7th, our community of volunteers created this very special event to share the true meaning of Christmas with visitors from all around South County. This event would not be possible without the support of our sponsors. Thank you once again!

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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

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