

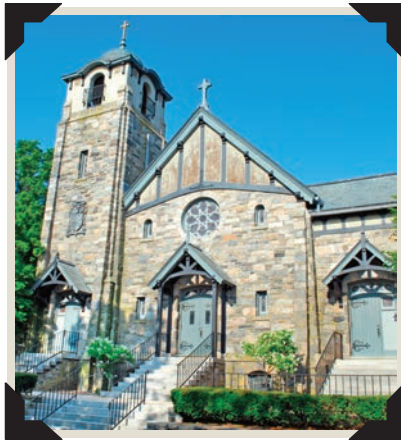
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John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

-LUKE 3:16

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

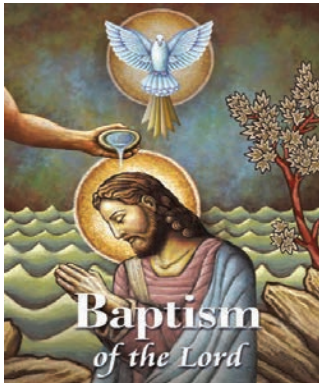
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Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 and Friday 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

St. Francis Mass Intentions



**Baptism
of the Lord**

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

Monday, January 13

7:00am † Bill Bailey

Requested by The Dinner Table

Tuesday, January 14

7:00am † Donna Andrews

Requested by Jean

Thursday, January 16

7:00am † David Warren Chalmers

Requested by Lee Whicher

Friday, January 17

7:00am † David Warren Chalmers

Requested by Lee Whicher

Saturday, January 18

4:30pm † Branden J. DeLuca

Requested by Family

Sunday, January 19

9:00am † William Nagel

Requested by Janet Hussey

11:00am † Andrew J. Stipicevic

Requested by Eve Sweeney

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 12

10:00am † Dan Fenaughty

(Birthday Remembrance)

Requested by Family

Sunday, January 19

10:00am † Mary Marchand

(Birthday Remembrance)

Requested by Al & Gerri Marsocci

God seeks out the sinner and loves us unconditionally.

Today, with the feast of the Baptism of our Lord, we come to the end of the Christmas season. The vestment colors will change and we will go back to Ordinary Time. But before we do, the Church gives us this feast which is a wonderful end to the Christmas season. Today's feast offers us one more moment of revelation (an epiphany, if you will) as to who Jesus Christ truly is, and it serves as a good transition into Ordinary Time, as this event signals the end of Jesus' hidden years and the transition into his public ministry.

Let us ponder two insights from today's feast.

First, Jesus had gone out to the Jordan River to seek baptism by John. If we recall, John was preaching a baptism of repentance. Even though Jesus was not a sinner, and was therefore not in need of repentance, he chose to go where such people were. He chose to join them, to become one with them. This seeking out of sinners and identifying himself with them is one of the hallmarks of Jesus' ministry. In fact, a complaint leveled against him was that he broke bread with sinners. This is who Jesus is; this is who God is. God is the one who goes out in search of the sinner and helps him to carry his burden.

This is wonderful news communicated throughout the Scriptures, and especially during the Christmas season. It is a truth that offers great comfort. We can know with certainty that any time we stray, the Lord, who knows the weight of sin, will seek us out. We can know with certainty that if our loved ones have strayed, the Lord is seeking them as well.

Then we have this wonderful moment after the baptism, when Jesus is praying and the heavens open. The Holy Spirit descends upon him in the form of a dove, and a voice from heaven speaks those powerful words: You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased. These are words we long to hear from our parents. They are words that reflect unconditional, total love. The good news is that, in our own baptism, the Father speaks these words to us. In our baptism, we are united to Christ and through that union, to the blessed Trinity. By grace we receive what is Christ's by nature: we are unconditionally loved and united to the Father.

As we move forward with our day and our week, let us do so comforted by these truths: God seeks out the sinner, bears our burdens with us, and loves us unconditionally.



Weekly Support

	December 29	January 5
Budget envelopes	\$5,773.50	\$6,797.00
Loose Donations	\$1,298.50	\$1,272.00
Online Giving	\$2,306.00	\$5,158.00
Total Budget	\$9,378.00	\$13,227.00

Christmas Collection: \$9,240.00
New Year's Collection: \$1,021.00

This week's second collection is for Ongoing Maintenance.
Next week's collection is for Catholic University.
Thank you for your continued generosity.

JANUARY 12, 2025



SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Anne Cottle.

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!



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 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. Just stop by or call the office for an order form.

**CHESTERTON ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE
SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 9:00-11:30AM**

Join us for our Open House on Saturday, January 25, to learn more about how a Chesterton education could change your son's or daughter's life. We will have morning prayer, a school tour, a presentation on Chesterton and classical education, and the chance to meet current and prospective families. Chesterton Academy of Our Lady of Hope is part of a network of more than 60 Chesterton Academies nationwide. We are the first Chesterton Academy in New England and the only Classical Catholic high school in Rhode Island. Register at: www.chestertonri.org/Jan25 or you can contact us at 401-287-2280/info@chestertonRI.org.



**FAITH FORMATION
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Faith Formation K-6

Pray: Lord, help me walk in your light, living the promises of my Baptism. Amen.

Sunday, January 12th
K-6th Classes today in FGC 9:55-10:50am

Sunday, January 19th
K-6th No Classes Today: Martin Luther King Holiday

Sunday, January 26th
Celebration of Listening to God's Word Mass 9:00AM
(Attendance Required For Our First Communion Class)

First Communion Parent Meeting
10:00AM

**Confirmation I and II
Wednesdays: 6:30pm-8:15pm
(FGC)**

Upcoming classes:
January 22



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

This Week

Sunday, January 12

9:00am Children's Liturgy

Monday, January 13

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

6:30pm Men of St. Joseph (↓FGC)

Wednesday, January 15

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

5:00pm RCIA Class (FGC)

6:00pm Prayer Meeting (HBH)

Thursday, January 16

6:00 pm Bible Study (FGC)

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 12th, 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 1-31st.

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.



FOOD DONATIONS FOR THE JONNYCAKE CENTER



Please remember we are always in need of nonperishable food items (no glass or outdated items). Your donations may be placed in the baskets located at St. Francis or St. Romuald.

Suggested food items: Low-sodium canned soups, low-sugar whole grain cereal, crackers & granola bars. Whole grain pasta, brown rice, quinoa, gluten free crackers, pasta & snacks. Pasta sauce, olive oil or vegetable oil and canned fruit in 100% juice. These items will be donated to the Jonnycake Food Pantry in Peace Dale. Thank you for your generosity.

ROSARY REPAIRS

We have an anonymous volunteer who has offered to repair rosaries. If you have a rosary that you would like repaired, please place the rosary in an envelope and place your name and phone number on the outside of the envelope so that when the repair is complete you can be notified. Please drop your envelope off at the rectory or place it in the black mailbox next to the rectory door.





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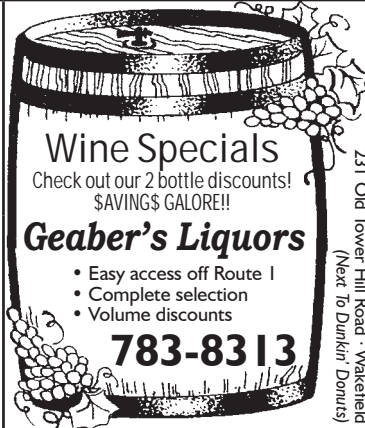
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(For private recitation on ordinary rosary beads)

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

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