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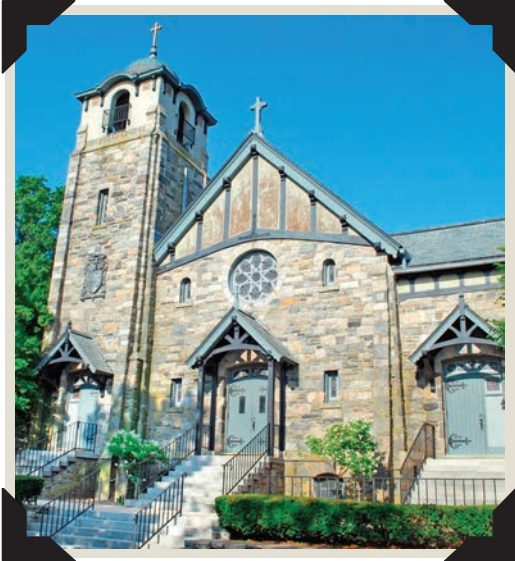
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SAINT FRANCIS CHURCH

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.

welcome

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

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Francis Mass Intentions



Saturday, January 25

4:30pm †Domenic & Matilda Coppolino
(Anniversary)

Requested by Family

Sunday, January 26

9:00am †Chester Ball

Requested by Family

11:00am †Peter Reusch

Requested by Family

Monday, January 27

7:00am †Donna Andrews

Requested by Jean Fenaughty

Tuesday, January 28

7:00am †Rev. Charles Burns
(3rd Pastor)

124th Anniversary

Thursday, January 30

7:00am †Hugo Mainelli, Jr.

Requested by Jean

Friday, January 31

7:00am †Peter Reusch

(Birthday Remembrance)

Requested by his Wife

Saturday, February 1

4:30pm †Marsha Signorelli

Requested by Family

Sunday, February 2

9:00am †Steve Hunt

Requested by Family

11:00am †Lorraine Divine

Requested by Family

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 26

10:00am †Barney Fenaughty
(Birthday Remembrance)

Requested by Family

Sunday, February 2

10:00am †William Maher

Requested by Mary & Rino Bergonzi

Rejoice in the Lord, our hope.

The word “jubilee” refers to an anniversary, usually the twenty-fifth or fiftieth, or the celebration of this anniversary. But it has also come to refer to any season or occasion of rejoicing or festivity. This year is a jubilee year, and today’s readings are all about rejoicing.

The Jewish practice of celebrating a jubilee year is established in the book of Leviticus. The word “jubilee” comes from the name of the instrument used to announce it, the yobel. In the Old Testament, God commanded his people to celebrate jubilee years as times for the healing of the relationship between God and his people. These celebratory years were also times when fields would lie fallow, debts were forgiven, and land was returned to its rightful owner.

In today’s first reading, after he reads from the book of the law of God and interprets it for the assembly, Ezra tells them that today is holy to our Lord. Therefore, they should not be sad, but celebrate with rich food and sweet drinks, for rejoicing in the Lord must be your strength.

In his Letter to the Corinthians, Paul says they are all members of the one Body of Christ. Therefore, [if] one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy. When one member of Christ’s Body succeeds, we can celebrate the accomplishment as if it were our own.

In today’s Gospel reading, Jesus quotes the prophet Isaiah to describe his mission: he has [been] anointed to bring glad tidings to the poor ... to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord. These words recall the prophetic significance of the jubilee (CSDC 28). Jesus is the fulfillment of God’s promises to the people of Israel. He is the long-awaited Messiah, the one they have hoped for. He has come to save not only the people of Israel but all people, to restore all of creation to relationship with God.

Pope Francis has chosen hope as the central message for this jubilee year. We are called to be pilgrims of hope, holding fast to the hope we have been given and finding refuge and strength in God. Where do we see signs of hope in our world today? How can we be signs of hope for others?

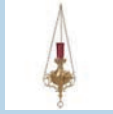
At each celebration of the Eucharist, Christ pours out his Holy Spirit upon us – the same Spirit with which he was anointed to bring Good News to the poor. Sharing in his Spirit unites us as his body. On this holy day in this holy year, God has called us together to give thanks for his forgiveness and the healing he offers us. May we draw strength from this joyful celebration, remembering that he is the source of our hope.



<u>Weekly Support</u>	<u>January 19</u>
Budget envelopes used (108)	-
Loose Donations	\$ 14,109.50
Online Giving (# of donors-80)	\$ 1,034.00
Total Budget	\$ 2,713.00
Total	\$17,856.50
<u>Second Collection (Catholic University)</u>	
Budget envelopes used (73)	-
Loose Donations	\$ 1,009.50
Online Giving (# of donors-4)	\$ 351.00
Total	\$ 30.00
Total	\$1,390.50

This week’s second collection is for Latin America.
The second collection next week is for St. Vincent de Paul.
Thank you for your continued generosity.

JANUARY 26, 2025



SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Calvin Pepe, Jr.

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!



*Winners of the Christmas Card Raffle!
Congratulations!*

Winners have been drawn for the Twelve Days of Christmas Raffle. Sincere thanks to all who purchased these beautiful cards and Congratulations to the following :

- Day 1 \$500 - Mrs. George Morrow
- Day 2 \$100 - Michele Coppa
- Day 3 \$100 - Eve Sweeney
- Day 4 \$100 - Renny Simpson
- Day 5 \$100 - Maggie Hayes-Cote
- Day 6 \$100 - Ed Rudegear
- Day 7 \$500 - Mrs. Marjorie Mazeka
- Day 8 \$100 - Peg Schwab
- Day 9 \$100 - Mr. and Mrs. Roger Boudreau
- Day 10 \$100 - Carol and Michael Caporelli
- Day 11 \$100 - Mr. And Mrs. Joseph Schwab
- Day 12 \$500 - Joe Schwab

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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 the office for an order form.



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

Faith Formation K-6

Pray: Dear Lord, help me to hear your Good News and share it with others. Amen.

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

K-6 Classes 9:55-10:50 FGC

Looking Ahead:

Sunday, February 2nd

Classes 9:55-10:50 FGC

Sunday, February 9th

Children's Liturgy of the Word during 9AM Mass



Confirmation I and II

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

Upcoming classes: February 5th



Mark Your Calendar: The Youth Ministry Group will meet again on March 2nd from 4-6pm!

This Week

Monday, January 27

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

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

Wednesday, January 29

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

6:00pm Prayer Meeting (HBH)

Thursday, January 30

6:00 pm Bible Study (FGC)

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 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, February 9, from 7:30-10:30am**. Scrambled Eggs, Home Fries, Bacon, Waffles with Strawberries, 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
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.



The 2025 Catholic Charity Appeal has officially begun. This year's theme, "Trust in Providence," is a powerful reminder of God's grace and the trust he has placed in us to serve others. Our parish goal remains the same as last year, \$104,595.00, with an overall diocesan goal of \$7.5 million. As we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the appeal, let us reflect on a century of hope, compassion and support provided to all those in need throughout our state. Please prayerfully consider a gift to the appeal as we strive for 100% parish participation. Visit DioceseofProvidence.org/CCA to make your difference today.

As of 1/10/2025, we have raised \$6,202.00. Thank you!



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Jubilee Year of Mercy

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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