

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



Palm Sunday Mass will be live streamed at 9am. Blessed Palms will be available from 10am-1pm at the Church & Chapel.

Saturday, April 4

4:30pm †Enda Faughnan

Requested by Jean

Sunday, April 5

8:00am †Abel Grillo

Requested by Mark & Diane Castro

10:00am †Patrick Dufficy

Requested by Family

12:00nn †David Webster

(Birthday Remembrance)

Requested by Mary Ann Torgen

Monday, April 6

7:00am †Sylvia DeLuca

Requested by Family

Tuesday, April 7

7:00am †Brandon J. DeLuca

Requested by Mom, Dad & Family



HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 9 LIVE STREAMED

5:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Mass for the People

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 10 LIVE STREAMED

3:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 11 LIVE STREAMED

No 4:30pm Mass

3:30-4:00pm Confessions

7:30pm Solemn Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection

Mass for the People



Easter Sunday, April 12 Live Streamed at 9 am

8:00am †Kerri Bessette

Requested by Mom, Dad & Scott

10:00am †Shirley Barney

(Birthday Remembrance)

Requested by Susan & Jim Meehan

12:00nn †Deceased Members of the Perpetual

Mass Association

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Sunday, April 5

10:00am †Josephine, Walter, Tony & Mike Kieon

Requested by Sue Boland

Easter Sunday, April 12

10:00am †Al Marchand

(Birthday Remembrance)

Requested by Gerri & Al. Marsocci



SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Patrick Dufficy.



THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION/OPERATION RICE BOWL

This week, we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. To help **Jesus in disguise**. This collection helps six Catholic agencies provide relief and support to struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.



NAMES OF LOVED ONES EASTER FLOWER OFFERING

The names of the loved ones written on the Easter Flower Offering envelopes will be placed in a box on the altar at St. Francis Church and St. Romuald Chapel. Those members will be remembered and prayed for throughout Easter.



Weekly Support

Budget envelopes	-	March 29 \$2,334.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 120.00
Online Giving (# of donors-74)	-	\$2,735.00
Total Budget	-	\$5,189.00

Catholic Charity Appeal: As of 3/23/2020 we have received pledges of \$32,139.00 from 119 donors.

We ask that during this difficult time, if you are not already using our on-line giving to please consider using it during our closing. If you prefer to continue to use your envelopes it would be helpful if you would mail your contributions to the office. We thank you for your support.

This week's second collection is for Catholic Relief Services/Operation Rice Bowl. Next week's second collection is the Easter Collection/a Diocesan Collection.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

APRIL 5, 2020

From the Pastor,

Our lives and routines have been turned upside down by the spread of this virus but here at St. Francis, as in many parishes, we're attempting to carry on as much as possible. So, although we cannot gather in the church as a community we are celebrating the Mass every day and putting it up on Facebook and on our parish website: stfranciswakefield.com

This week, the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated on Holy Thursday at 5 p.m. and, again, this is not open to the public but will be available on the sites mentioned above.

On Good Friday, the Service of the Lord's Passion will be celebrated at 3 pm. in place of the usual Stations of the Cross which would be too difficult to tape.

The Easter Vigil will be live-streamed at 7:30 p.m. on Holy Saturday, in a shorter form than usual: the blessing of the fire, for example, is omitted and the service begins immediately with the singing of the Easter Proclamation, the *Exultet*.

The morning Mass of Easter Sunday will be live-streamed at 9 o'clock. All these services will remain on the usual sites and can be viewed at any time after they are posted.

Many thanks to Ryan and Jen Bernard for taping the weekend and Holy Week services and to Josh Daly for his help with the Easter Vigil.

Many thanks, too, to those who are able to continue their financial support of the parish. Those who are out of work are in our prayers. Please call us if we can be of any assistance.

Fr. Bodah

Important COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

At the request of the governor and the medical community, Bishop Tobin, has ordered the cancellation of all public Masses, other services and church activities until further notice. Religious Education, Alpha, committee/group meetings and social events are also canceled until further notice.

Please refer to our website for updated information, current bulletins and the link to view our Sunday Mass at 11am with live streaming.

Our website is www.stfranciswakefield.com.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
(401) 792-8684



All classes and parent meetings have been cancelled until further notice.

Please watch your email for updates.



This Week

All upcoming parish events/meetings have been canceled until further notice. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

The pizza bingo and the indoor yard sale have been canceled for this year.

The parish offices will be closed until further notice!

Buy Tickets Now!

MAY MONEY MADNESS IN JUNE!

"Due to the Corona Virus and directives, May Money Madness tickets will now be sold after Masses in May with the drawings to be held in June. You can still continue to mail your forms and money to the Rectory.

Ticket prices are: \$10 each, 6 for \$50 or 12 for \$100. A fun parish event with prizes awarded daily throughout the month of May.

**Drawing Prizes: Monday thru Saturday—\$50;
Sunday—\$100; May 31- drawing—\$500.**

Fill out the form below and include payment. Return through the weekly offertory or mail to: May \$ Madness, St. Francis Church, 114 High St., Wakefield, RI 02879. Tickets will be forwarded to you.

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No. _____

No. of Tickets: ____ \$10 each ____ 6 for \$50 ____ 12 for \$100



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). **Please keep them in your prayers!***

FOOD DONATIONS FOR THE JONNYCAKE CENTER: JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER

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. These items will be donated to the Jonnycake Food Pantry in Peace Dale. Thank you for your generosity.



On Sunday, June 14th the Rev. Richard M. Friedrichs will celebrate his 50th anniversary of priestly ordination. Members of this parish who would like to participate in the celebration are welcome to a Mass of Thanksgiving at 11:30am at St. Catherine's church in Warwick followed by a reception in the church hall.

(If any of you have ministry related pictures of Fr. Friedrichs celebrating baptisms, weddings, etc. with your family, please contact Kelly Francoeur at kellyfrancr@gmail.com). Thank you.

With church doors
shutting across
America, it is time for
us to show that the
church has never been
about the building.

WE are the church!