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“Whoever receives one child
such as this in my name,
receives me.”

MARK 9:37A

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

9:00 AM-1:00 PM Monday—Thursday

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend: 4:30 PM Saturday
8:00 AM & 11:00 AM Sunday
Weekday: 9:00 AM Monday-Thursday
The Holy Rosary 8:25 AM Monday-Thursday
Adoration 9:30 AM -12:00 PM
Monday-Thursday
Confessions: 3:15-4:00 PM Saturday
Holy Days: 9:00 AM
Baptisms: 2nd Sunday/Month 12:30 PM
Marriage: Contact Pastor 6 months prior
Scripture Study: 10:00–11:00 AM Thursday

Our Church is Open for Prayer:

Monday—Thursday 8:00 AM—5:00 PM
Friday 9:30 AM—5:00 PM
Saturday 9:30 AM—6:00 PM
Sunday 7:30 AM—6:00 PM

September 19, 2021

Parish Mission

with Sr. Briega McKenna & Fr. Pablo

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September 27-29th

Mon Theme: RECONCILIATION

9:00 am: Holy Mass, Mission Talk,
and Eucharistic Adoration

7:00 pm: Mission Talk
(same as the morning) and
Service of Reconciliation (no Mass)

**Tues Theme: PRAYER AND THE
POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

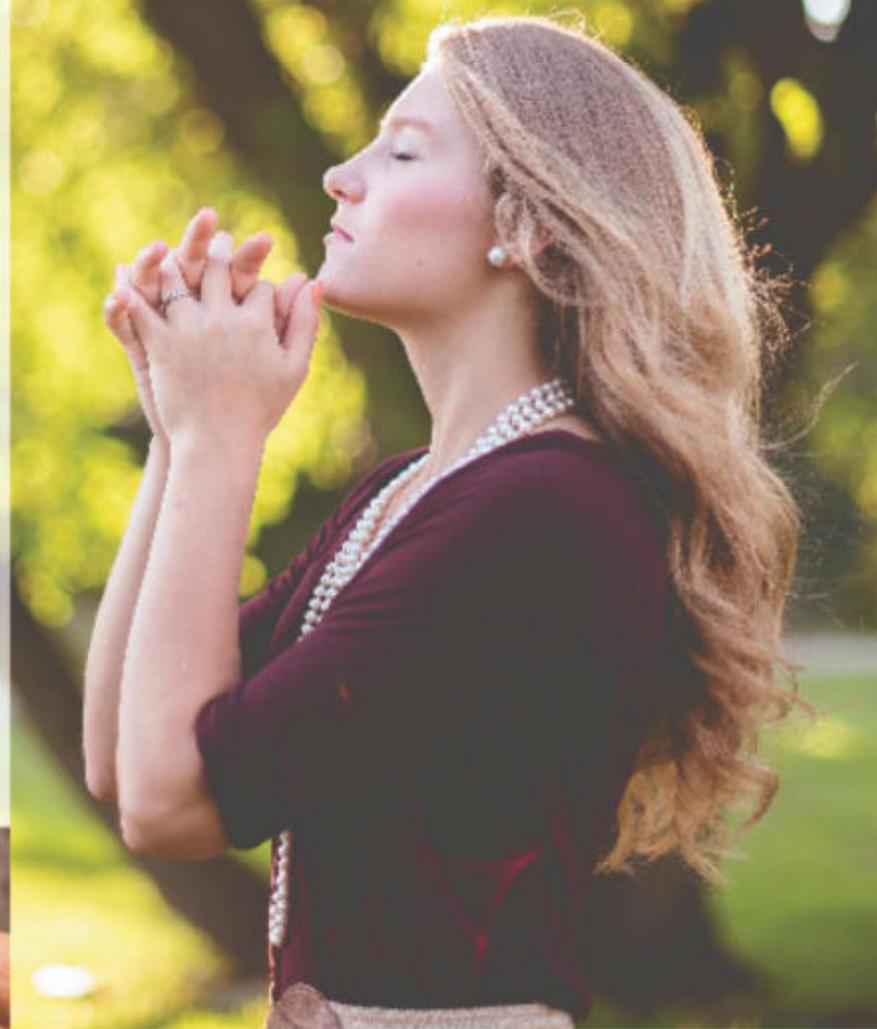
9:00 am: Holy Mass, Mission Talk,
and Eucharistic Adoration

7:00 pm: Holy Mass and Mission Talk

**Wed Theme: THE EUCHARIST -
"The Source and Summit of our Faith"**

9:00 am: Holy Mass, Mission Talk,
and Eucharistic Adoration

7:00 pm: Holy Mass, Mission Talk,
and Eucharistic Healing Service



Evening online via **ZOOM**

Meeting ID: 898 5181 4023 Passcode: 744378

SISTER BRIEGA MCKENNA, O.S.C was born in Ireland and entered the Sisters of St. Clare at the age of fifteen. Following her final vows and after suffering for more than three years with rheumatoid arthritis, she was transferred to her community in Tampa, Florida with the hope that the Florida sunshine would relieve her suffering. At the age of twenty-four, she was miraculously and instantaneously healed during the celebration of the Eucharist and some time later received, in prayer, the gift of healing for which she has become so widely known. In 1974, again during prayer, she was given a deep spiritual insight into the mystery of the call to priesthood. Since then, bishops and priests in many parts of the world have invited her to speak and minister at their retreats and conferences. Sr. Briega ministered to priests in collaboration with Fr. Kevin Scallon, CM for over forty-two years until his death in June 2018. She now continues with this ministry working with Fr. Pablo Escrivá de Román. Her books "Miracles Do Happen" and "The Power of the Sacraments" have been translated into many languages throughout the world.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89851814023?pwd=N2JtU1FCZ3hLR1pLaWZ6OHZtYVZLZz09>



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

There is something about being first. Whether it be first in line, first to be picked for the team, or the first one to finish their work, great satisfaction is achieved. Our egos love being first. It somehow sets us apart from everyone else, gives us a sense of pride and positions us to feel better than others. When we are first, we can glory in our efforts, skills, and achievements. Isn't that what really matters? After all, we are taught from a very young age to be proficient, stay on top, be the best at what we do, and win the praise and esteem of others. This is the stuff that makes us successful and provides us with a comfortable, satisfying life.

Jesus wants none of it. All of the details we anguish over mean little to the kingdom of God. You want to be first? Then, be a servant and welcome a child. All of this is the opposite of our often vehement pursuits. If we are serious about following Jesus and living the Gospel, then we must put the needs of others before our own. If we continue to listen only to the noise of the world, we are going to continue to believe the illusions we inherit. Those illusions come in many forms, but all have things in common: me before you, being on top and not the bottom, us versus them, personal security over universal harmony and peace. When are we going to learn that always striving to be the best and first is an empty pursuit in our struggle for happiness? While satisfying our ego with this momentary boost of esteem may feel good for a moment, is it what we really desire?

If we can break from the world's noise and create a space of sacred silence in our lives, we can begin to listen and see that we are being called in another direction. What we really desire is not the bolstering of our egos but the innocence we lost somewhere along the way. When we can be playful, joyful, and even somewhat carefree, life is good. We want our relationships to work, a place to call home, and to live peaceful lives with our sisters and brothers. Only a servant can do this. The servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. Rather than worrying about being first and coming out on top, we can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led to do good works. Stop worrying about being first and put greater energy into feeling joy.

September 19, 2021

Your Sacrificial Offering

Offertory— September 12, 2021: \$3,893.30
Parish Capital Fund: \$1,988.00

This weekend's second collection supports the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. These priests have given their lives to faithfully serve Christ, the Church and you. Please be generous to this important collection.



- Saturday 4:30 pm September 18th
Arthur Lamb 9th Anniversary Mass requested by his family
- Sunday 8:00 am September 19th
Mass for the People of St. Florence
- 11:00 am **Eric Daigle** Birthday Remembrance Mass requested by his mother
- Monday 9:00 am September 20th
Harold Muise Memorial Mass requested by a friend
- Thursday 9:00 am September 23rd
Rita Sherwood, Helen Pelrine & Loretta Wallace Memorial Mass requested by their friend and protégé
- Saturday 4:30 pm September 25th
Antonio Bonaventura 1st Anniversary Mass requested by his family

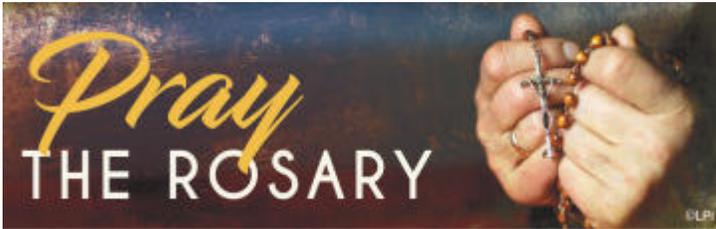
The suggested offering for all published Mass Intentions is \$20.00.



Dear Lord, Let us pray for the soul of **Harold Muise** whose Funeral Mass was celebrated this past week. We the Parish of St. Florence offer our deepest condolences to his family and friends. May he rest in peace.



As a reminder, all of our volunteers need to complete a **CORI Form** each year. If you are recently returning to a Parish Ministry, please contact our Business Office to check on the status of your CORI. There may be some volunteers who need to renew this year. Thank you.



Before celebrating Daily Mass, please join us at **8:25 AM Monday-Thursday** to pray **The Holy Rosary**.



St. Florence Parish will celebrate **Eucharistic Adoration Monday through Thursday from 9:30 AM—12:00 PM**.



40th Annual Lawn Party to Benefit Seminarians

Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary in Weston is hosting its 40th Annual Lawn Party on **Wednesday, September 29th, at 6:00 PM**, on the grounds of the seminary. This premiere fundraising event is hosted by His Eminence, Seán Cardinal O’Malley, OFM Cap. The evening will include a reception and dinner with music. Located on Route 30 in Weston, the Seminary prepares second career candidates, men over the age of 30, for priesthood. The proceeds from the Lawn Party help to keep tuition costs affordable. For ticket information, please call the Pope St. John XXIII Development Office at 781-899-5500, or visit their website www.psj.edu. You can make a difference and encourage the vocations of these men through your support of the Lawn Party.



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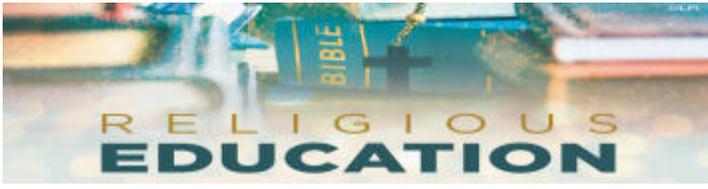
We continue to collect gift cards and nonperishable food items for the **Wakefield Interfaith Food Pantry**. Gift cards may be dropped in our offertory collection baskets in an envelope marked “Food Pantry” and food items can be left in the front lobby of the church. The overwhelming support from our parishioners has been greatly appreciated by our neighbors in needs. Thank you.



St. Florence is thankful for all our parishioners and their ongoing generosity. In addition to your weekly offering, there are many ways your family can support our Parish. Perhaps you would like to donate a monetary gift toward the **Bread & Wine, Altar Candles, or Altar Flowers** or our fundraising efforts for altar supplies and vestments. If you are interested in making a donation in your family’s name, please contact the office.



Confessions are heard on **Saturdays from 3:15 PM to 4:00 PM**. *“Recognizing our need for true peace, both with others and within our own selves, let us confess those ways we have distanced ourselves from God.”*



Registration is underway, and I am looking forward to meeting our religious education families this fall! We are working on our calendar which will include weekly classes for Grades 1 and 2 on Tuesday afternoons from 4:00-5:00 PM, and twice-monthly meetings for Grades 6-10 on Sunday evenings from 6:00-8:00 PM. Each of our Sunday evening gatherings will include a special teaching Mass which will focus on one aspect of the liturgy, to help our students grow in understanding of how we, as Catholics, worship.

Please assist us by registering for religious education in two ways: online at <https://forms.gle/NGZmjXTfybDDvHLi6> AND by filling out a registration form at the Parish Office when you drop off your payment. We need an accurate head count for ordering textbooks, so please spread the word that classes are forming now!

Please attend our Meet & Greet events on Tuesday, September 21st (Grades 1&2) and Sunday, September 26th (Grades 6-10) for more information about our program and schedule for the year. *Classes will not officially begin until after our parish mission with Sister Briege at the end of September.*

Our first Family Workshop for Grades 3-5 and those catching up to 2nd Grade will be held from 5:30-7:00 PM on Saturday, October 2nd in the Church Hall. Grades 3, 4, and 5 will be handled primarily by families at home, using the *Finding God* series by Loyola Press. However, I would like to provide a workshop once per month after the Saturday vigil Mass. It will be geared towards our students in Grades 3-5 and their families. Together we will deepen our Catholic identity and develop a relationship with Our Blessed Mother, who will lead us closer to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Important Dates:

- Sunday, September 19th** 11:00 AM Mass-Catechetical Sunday, fellowship afterwards on lawn near Mary statue
- Tuesday, September 21st** 4:00-5:00 PM Meet & Greet: Grades 1&2 in Church Hall (downstairs)
- Sunday, September 26th** 6:00-8:00 PM Meet & Greet: Grades 6-10 in Church & Hall (no 6:00 PM Mass this week)
- Saturday, October 2nd** 4:30-7:00 PM Vigil Mass & G3-5 Family Workshop in Church & Hall
- Sunday, October 3rd** 6:00-8:00 PM Grades 6-10 Teaching Mass and class in Church & Hall

First week of classes: Religious Education classes for all grades will begin the weekend of October 2nd and 3rd.

Questions regarding the religious education program can be directed to: stflorencewakefield@gmail.com



Praying Hands: Please support the faith formation of our children by selecting an item to donate to our program. Like the Giving Tree, the Praying Hands allow you to choose specific materials to purchase for our classes. Please remove a tag from the bulletin board in the entryway of the church, purchase the item listed, and drop it at our parish center during business hours (M-F 9:00 AM-1:00 PM). Email our religious education program at stflorencewakefield@gmail.com to arrange an alternate drop off time. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



Confirmation: Please pray for our Confirmation Candidates who will be sealed with the Holy Spirit on Sunday, September 19th by Bishop Mark O’Connell. Through the sacrament of Confirmation, may their hearts be kindled in the fire of God’s love, inspiring them to claim their identity as sons and daughters of God!



Catechetical Sunday: We are grateful to our catechists for helping us to share our Catholic Faith with the children of St. Florence. Catechists will receive a blessing during the 11:00 AM Mass on Sunday, September 19th. Please join us, and plan to stay for fellowship afterwards. CORI forms will be available after Mass for those who need to renew. We would like to take a photo of each of our catechists as well as our religious education families so that we can learn your names and faces, and be praying for you throughout the year. This event is open to all parishioners!



This week we welcome and celebrate the newly baptized **Enzo Ciaranetaro**, son of Vincent & Marissa Ciaranetaro; **Francesca Maria Guerriero**, daughter of Paul & Andrea Guerriero; **Jacob Timothy Newton**, son of Andrew & Elizabeth Newton; and **Jodi Ann Sirois**, daughter of Justin & Lori Sirois. God bless our new brothers and sisters in Christ.

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