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26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me."
- Mk 9:38-39

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PASTORAL TEAM

Administrator: Rev. Thomas J. Reilly
Deacon: Rev. Mr. Joseph A. Cooley
Office Manager: Christine Breslow
RE Coordinator: Anne Dooley
Maintenance: Joseph DiMauro
Music Director: Phyllis Bunnell
Cantors: Alison Creedon
Cory D'Arco
Julie Kron
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Michelle Manzi-Grasso

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

9:00 AM-1:00 PM Monday—Thursday

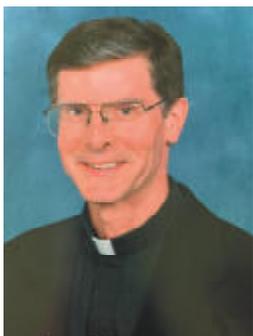
MASS SCHEDULE

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 26, 2021



Dear Friends in Christ!

Last Sunday we had a beautiful Confirmation Mass presided by my friend, Bishop Mark O'Connell. We had 15 Confirmands who received this wonderful Sacrament, an outpouring of The Holy Spirit! It was great to see all the families and friends present. The music ministry led by Phyllis Bunnell, Cory D'Arco and violinist, Pat Wenzel were excellent. Bishop Mark mentioned what a peaceful place we have at St. Florence. A number of people have shared similar thoughts with me in recent weeks. Thank you Holy Spirit!

This week we are greatly blessed to have Fr. Pablo and Sister Briegie McKenna, O.S.C. for our 3 day parish mission! They will speak about the power of the Sacraments and the centrality of the Eucharist in our lives! The mission is Monday through Wednesday morning and evening. It concludes with a Eucharistic healing service on Wednesday evening! See our bulletin for details. Sr. Briegie gave a great retreat to the Boston priests in February 2020 and received 2 standing ovations! If you would like to volunteer to help us with the mission, please contact our Office Manager, Chris or me. During the mission, we are having Eucharistic Adoration every day after the morning presentation until 12:00 PM and also from 4:00-7:00 PM. Please spend some quiet time with Jesus!

We recently installed much needed lighting around the Church and rectory. You will surely like the improvement. We are always looking for ways to improve at St. Florence Parish! Speaking of which, we are now forming our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC). The planning committee will be having a parish wide vote for 10 new members in the near future. You may nominate anyone who you believe will help improve our parish. The PPC meets regularly to advise the Administrator (me) to make needed recommendations for St. Florence. I look forward to working with them!

You are remembered in my Masses and prayers! Please pray for our parishioners and staff, and the success of our parish mission!

Blessings,

Fr. Tom

Parish Mission
with
**Sr. Briegie 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

To cover the costs of Sr. Breigie and Fr. Pablo's travel expenses we will take a collection on at least one day of their visit. If any of our parishioners would like to support the significant expenses incurred by the parish, please contact the office.



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What are the little ones? They are the poor, the marginalized, the women and men at the well, the Zacchaeus' looking for Jesus from a tree, those mired in sin, the blind who want to see, and the lame who want to walk. They are the lepers and the different ones who have been told that they are unclean, and the ones who suffer from abuse and grave injustices and oppression. They are children who want nothing more than to be loved and enjoy celebrating their innocence. These are all the little ones and they are all vulnerable. Life already brings them burdens, we don't need to add to them.

St. Oscar Romero said, "When the church hears the cry of the oppressed it cannot but denounce the social structures that give rise to and perpetuate the misery from which the cry arises." Why are so many people still so gravely hurting? We have the resources and the means to make things better. We choose not to. There are still those things called greed, pride, lust, apathy, jealousy, gluttony, and anger that prevent us from seeing each other and people to be loved and not objects to be used. Is this how God intended things to be?

God loves what is good and upright. It doesn't matter who did it or where it came from. In God's eyes, the end result is always faith, hope, and love. Those will always unite a person with God. We fill our lives with many things that are not good either for ourselves or for others. All of us have to work to discover what it is, exactly, that leads to the world's brokenness. There are people, systems, and ideologies in place that foster oppression and injustice rather than equity and fairness. Sadly, our complacency can be the greatest evil. Turning a blind eye, ignoring the truth, and believing that we are helpless to fix so great a problem, does little to move us closer to the kingdom of God. As members of the Body of Christ, we cannot condone anything that keeps people in misery.

As it is said, charity begins at home. Perhaps a good place to start is with our own households and making sure their foundations are properly laid.

September 26, 2021

Your Sacrificial Offering

Offertory— September 19, 2021: \$3,354.50
 Clergy Retirement Trust: \$4,154.00

Next weekend's second collection supports the **Holy Father "Peter's Pence"** collection that provides funds for emergency and disaster relief. This collection also provides support to **The Catholic University of America** that educates priests, lay people for ministry, and will assist the Inner-City Parishes of the Archdiocese of Boston. Your generosity will assist the Holy Father as well as the various missionary efforts at home and abroad.



Saturday 4:30 pm	September 25th Antonio Bonaventura 1st Anniversary Mass requested by his family
Sunday 8:00 am	September 26th Mass for the People of St. Florence
11:00 am	Rose Marie, Concetta, & Luca Cresta requested by Michael Raffaele
Saturday 4:30 pm	October 2nd Abel "Bill" Simmons 4th Anniversary Mass requested by Laura White
	Michelina Roberts Month's Mind requested by Maria Molettieri

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



Mass Intention Cards and **Healing Cards** are available at the Rectory during normal business hours. The suggested offering is \$10.00 per card.



Confessions are heard on **Saturdays** from **3:15 PM** to **4:00 PM**.



SAVE THE DATE! On **Sunday, October 3rd, at 12:30 PM** you and your pets are invited to our side lawn for the annual Blessing of the Animals. This celebration is in honor of the feast day for St. Francis Assisi. Please contact the office to register and note all pets must be on a leash or in a crate.



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** and again on **Wednesday afternoon from 4:00 PM—5:00 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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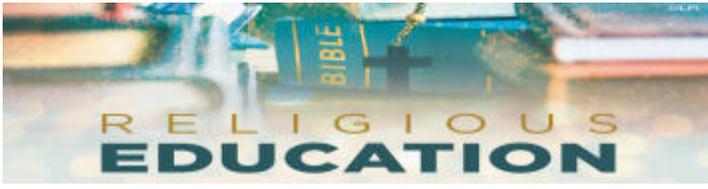
We continue to collect gift cards and nonperishable food items for the **Wakefield Interfaith Food Pantry**. Gift cards may be dropped in our offertory collection baskets in an envelope marked "Food Pantry" and food items can be left in the front lobby of the church. The overwhelming support from our 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.



We are looking for Ushers for our **11:00 AM Sunday Mass**. If you regularly attend this Mass and are available to serve in this ministry, please contact our office.



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 event for Grades 6-10 on Sunday, September 26th 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 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 12:30 pm** Blessing of the Animals
- Sunday, October 3rd** 6:00-8:00 PM Grades 6-10 Teaching Mass and class in Church & Hall
- Tuesday, October 5th** 4:00 PM-5:00 PM First class for Grades 1 & 2 in Church Hall
- Tuesday, October 12th** 4:30 PM Parent Meeting Grades 1 & 2 in the Church (while your children are in class).

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!



Congratulations to all the newly confirmed and their families.

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| <i>Jack Ahearne</i> | <i>David LoCoco</i> |
| <i>Joseph Carangelo</i> | <i>Miranda Macaluso</i> |
| <i>Ashley Carter</i> | <i>Ruby Robicheau</i> |
| <i>Grace Davie</i> | <i>Charlotte Rossicone</i> |
| <i>Ava Gustafson</i> | <i>Jade Roycroft</i> |
| <i>Devon Jellison</i> | <i>James Wastafero</i> |
| <i>Vincent Kaddaras</i> | <i>Jessica Yiancopolus</i> |
| <i>Rachel Kent</i> | |

The **Confirmation Rite Ceremony** is indeed a special and spiritual experience. Everyone looked great with smiles everywhere. We wish you all the best as you continue to grow in faith. We are extremely proud of all, Confirmandi, sponsors and parents. We look forward to seeing you become more involved in the life of our Parish. We extend a sincere thank you to Bishop Mark O'Connell, our Religious Education Coordinators, Allison Capuano and Anne Dooley, Deacon Joe Cooley, and the rest of our staff for their hard work, dedication, and commitment to the program. We all enjoyed being part of your student's growth in faith.



Thank you to our **Hospitality Volunteers** who made **Catechetical Sunday** a success. It was wonderful to meet on a beautiful Sunday afternoon sharing fellowship and home baked treats. We look forward to more of these gatherings.

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