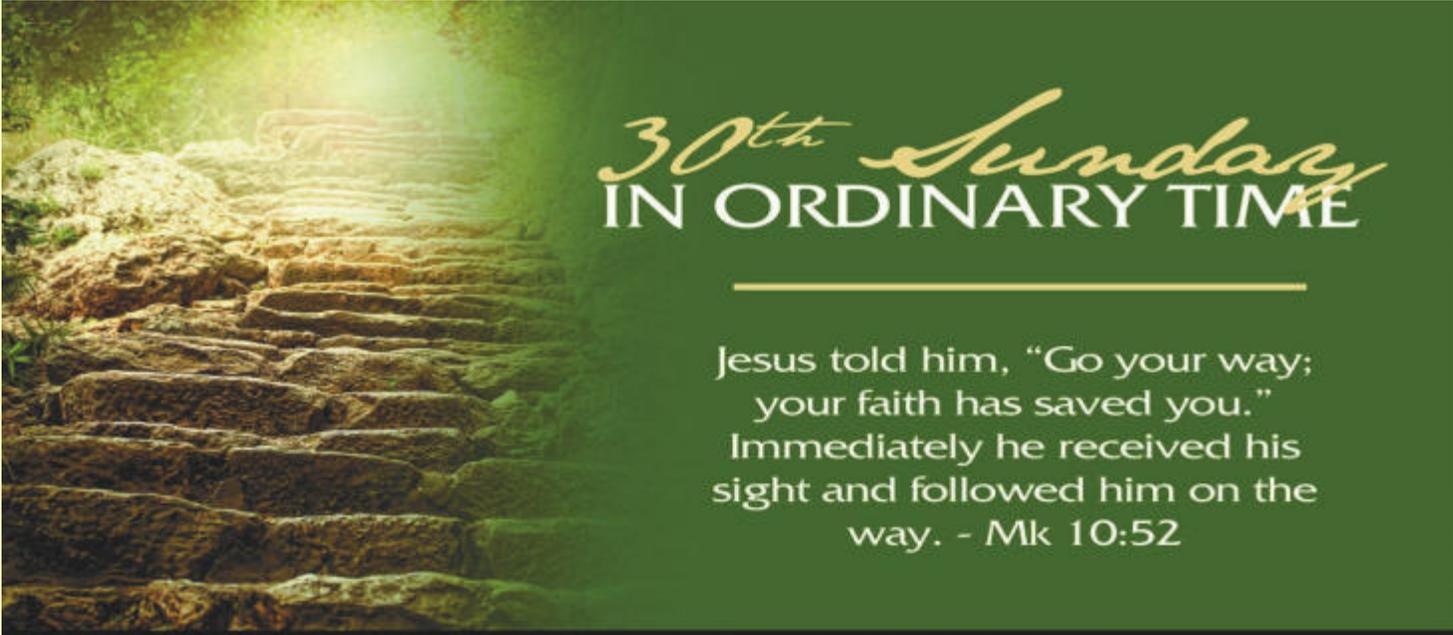


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30th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus told him, "Go your way;
your faith has saved you."
Immediately he received his
sight and followed him on the
way. - Mk 10:52

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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
4:00 PM—5:30 PM Wednesday

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

*On Tuesdays the church will close at 3:45 PM while
Religious Education Classes are in session.*

October 24, 2021



30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

When we see God with true sincerity of heart and God passes us along our way, it is only then that we will be able to cry out, “Jesus, son of David, have pity on me!” We have to truly want to be healed by, and in union with, God in order for us to reach out to him. If God is only an abstract idea, theory, or someone found in the pages of a book, there is no motivation for a relationship and no desire to seek him. God needs to be real in order for faith to be real. It’s all about the journey.

St. Augustine reminds us that “to fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him the greatest human achievement.” We strive after many things and mercy is not always one of them. We think that we can find fulfillment and healing in other things only to discover that we are still short and empty. From the moment human beings were created, God has been calling us and seeking us. He has been walking right beside the human story from the minute He first breathed life into the first human soul. Are we able to recognize God as He walks with us? At some point we have to realize that there is only one way to satisfy the deepest longings of the human heart and that is in relationship with our Creator. We are called to this. However, we make the huge error of thinking that what we are hearing is coming from somewhere else. We become confused. Every human being would certainly profit with wisdom if they realized Who calls them and to Whom they belong.

Then and only then will we realize that it is only our Divine Master who can give us true vision and heal us. Once we recognize and reach out for the merciful presence of our loving Maker, we will be able to see with our soul, understanding the true nature and depth of all things. God’s mercy is always available. It doesn’t matter how far we have strayed or how blind we become, God patiently waits to console us, guide us and heal us. All we need to do is desire Him. Once we reach out, we also realize that there is no greater love to be found than God’s, no human adventure that comes even close to the thrill of a spiritual search, and no human achievement even remotely as satisfying as union with Him. This is where we belong. This is salvation.

October 24, 2021

Your Sacrificial Offering

Offertory— October 17, 2021:

\$4,852.00

This week’s second collection supports **Catholic World Missions**. By Baptism, all Catholics are called to participate in the mission of the Church and share their faith as missionaries. World Mission Sunday gathers support for the pastoral and evangelization programs and needs of more than 1,150 mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and remote regions of Latin America. The funds gathered on World Mission Sunday are distributed in the pope’s name by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith—Pontifical Mission Society.



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| Saturday 4:30 pm | October 23rd Alberta Confalone Birthday Remembrance requested by her family |
| Sunday 8:00 am | October 24th Mass for the People of St. Florence |
| 11:00 am | George Williams 15th Anniversary Mass requested by his wife, Marilyn |
| Monday 9:00 am | October 25th Christopher Sardella Month’s Mind requested by his friends |
| Wednesday 9:00 am | October 27th Ronald Catalano Memorial Mass requested by Karen Rotondi |
| Saturday 4:30 pm | October 30th Louis DeMarco Birthday Remembrance requested by his daughter |
| | Frank J. & Grace Ciccirella Memorial Mass requested by their family |



Dear Lord, Let us pray for the soul of **Dora Adams** whose Funeral Mass was celebrated on Wednesday. We the Parish of St. Florence offer our deepest condolences to her family and friends. May she rest in peace.



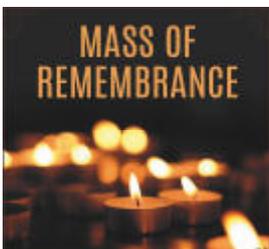
Marian Consecration of St. Florence to Jesus through Mary

It is time for a game changer. St. Florence Parish is a gift to the neighborhood it lives in. It is a gift to Wakefield and to wherever those who worship at the parish return. This year we seek to supercharge the gift, to further unlock and amplify the goodness already present through a total consecration of the parish to Jesus through Mary—to the Sacred Heart through the Immaculate Heart. Fasten your seatbelts!

When we entrust ourselves in this way, we offer everything to Jesus through the Immaculate Hands and Heart of Our Lady. She shines up the gifts we offer and places them on a silver platter before presenting them to her Son. She is the Queen Mother with full intercessory power at the right hand of the Son who stops at nothing but the eternal welfare of her children. According to St. Louis de Montfort in his book on True Devotion to Mary, "the surest, easiest, shortest, and the most perfect means" to becoming a Saint is consecration to Jesus through Mary. How can we not pursue this game changer for you and I and St. Florence? The purpose of life is transitioning from a saint to a Saint and bringing as many with us as possible into eternal glory!

Join us as we consecrate our parish to Jesus through Mary using Fr. Michael Gaitley's book, "33 Days to Morning Glory". We will begin on November 6th for a December 8th consecration on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Participants will read a few pages from the book each day as we delve into the meaning, beauty, and mystery of the consecration along with four great Marian saints: Pope St. John Paul II, St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta, St. Maximilian Kolbe, and St. Louis de Montfort. We will kick off the "retreat" on the weekend Masses of November 6th & 7th and perform the consecration at the Mass on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on December 8th.

Books are available in the main entrance of the church and at the rectory for a suggested donation of \$10. Once the supply runs out, you will have to purchase a copy online or at a local bookstore.



For all the parishioners of St. Florence who passed away this past year, we will honor those departed and celebrate a **Mass of Remembrance** on **Sunday, October 31st at 11:00 AM.**



On **October 23rd & 24th** and again on **October 30th & 31st** there will be a table set up after all Masses for our parishioners to sign a petition **Medical Care for All Babies Born Alive**. This proposed law would require that notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, if a child is born alive, all reasonable steps in keeping with good medical practice shall be taken to preserve the life of a child born alive.

Under the Roe Act, passed last year by the Massachusetts legislature, a child born alive has no legal right to life-sustaining medical care, regardless of the circumstance of the child's birth. This proposed law would close that loophole.

If 85,000 qualified signature are gathered by mid-November 2021, the initiative petition question will appear on the November 2022 ballot. Any person registered to vote in Massachusetts is eligible to sign the petition.



Evening of Healing & Intercessory Prayer
Tuesday, October 26, 2021
St. Florence Parish
47 Butler Avenue, Wakefield

Celebrant: Fr. Jurgen Liias

Concelebrant: Fr. Thomas Reilly

Theme: **Healing of Painful Memories**

6:00 PM Adoration, Rosary & Confession

7:00 PM Holy Mass followed by Sacrament of the Sick

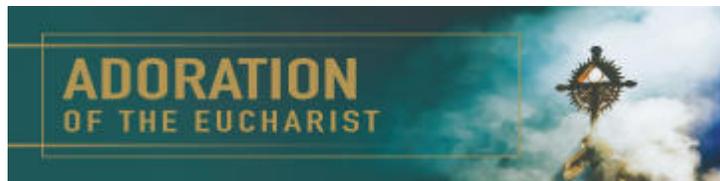
8:15 PM Opportunity for Personal Prayer

"Jesus healed the centurion's servant from afar." MT 8: 5-13

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever." HEB 13: 8



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—5:30 PM**.



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.



We also need **Lectors** for our **Saturday 4:30 PM Mass, and Sunday 8:00 AM Mass**. If you are interested in sharing The Word of God, please contact our office. Training will be provided.



We are in the process of forming a **Parish Pastoral Council**. We have asked members of St. Florence to serve on a Planning Committee. The Planning Committee will conduct a parish wide vote for 10 new members. Parishioners may nominate anyone who they feel would be a good fit for our Parish Pastoral Council. Please make certain those you nominate are interested and available to join this Council.



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The holiday season is fast approaching and the **Wakefield Interfaith Food Pantry** has expressed their sincere thanks for the overwhelming support from our parishioners. We are collecting gift cards and nonperishable food items (stuffing, boxed rice, boxed potatoes, canned vegetables and fruit, cranberry sauce, quick bread mixes and canned white tuna in water). Gift cards may be dropped in our offertory collection baskets in an envelope marked "Food Pantry" and food items can be left in the red bin in the front lobby of the church. Thank you for your generosity and for your help to feed those in need.

Here's a photo of last week's delivery to the Wakefield Food Pantry.



If you or someone you know could benefit from the grocery program at the Wakefield Food Pantry, please call 781-245-2510 for more information.



Registration is now closed, and all classes have begun. Our first Family Workshop, Teaching Mass, and Grade 1 & 2 classes were a beautiful way to begin Religious Education at St. Florence. We are in good shape for a blessed year of learning the Catholic Faith together!

Weekly classes for Grades 1 & 2 continue on Tuesdays from 4:00 PM-5:00 PM. Please arrive five minutes early to sign your child in and pick up their name tag. We have been learning about the Holy Trinity, and praying the Sign of the Cross and the Lord's Prayer. Please practice these prayers at home as a family. If you are not in the habit of praying each day, use your cell phone alarm to remind you to connect with God at a time that works best for your family. Mealtime, bedtime, and driving in the car are all great opportunities to share your health with God.

Grades 3-5 students who were unable to participate in our Family Workshop should contact the religious education office at stflorencewakefield@gmail.com to arrange to meet staff and pick up a textbook for the homeschooling portion of the year.

Grades 6-10 will meet on the following dates (Sundays from 6:00 PM-8:00 PM):

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| 10/31/21 | 11:00 AM |
| 11/07/21 | 6:00 PM |
| 11/21/21 | 6:00 PM |
| 12/05/21 | 6:00 PM |
| 01/09/22 | 6:00 PM |
| 01/23/22 | 6:00 PM |
| 02/06/22 | 6:00 PM |
| 02/20/22 | 6:00 PM |
| 03/22 TBD | 6:00 PM |
| 04/03/22 | 6:00 PM |
| 05/15/22 | 6:00 PM |

Mass is considered to be an important part of the class, so please plan accordingly. Students may earn Christian Service credit by volunteering to be a Lector, or by receiving training as an Altar Server during these liturgies. Please contact the religious education office or Mac Ward (Senior Altar Server) to sign up. All are welcome to attend the Teaching Masses.

Grades 6 through 10 have been learning how to prepare for Mass by practicing gratitude and humility. Our worship has been enhanced by the presence of Erin Cummings, a student who shares her musical talent by leading us in song. Deacon Joe plans to lead us in Eucharistic Adoration, praise, and worship before each teaching Mass, so plan to arrive early and spend a half hour rejoicing in all that God is doing in your life!

Important Dates:

Sunday, October 31st 11:00 AM Mass All Saints Procession in Church. Children who dress up as a saint will receive a gift that will help them to grow in friendship with our friends in Heaven.

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

Did you forget to come to Mass prepared for the Offertory Collection? Online giving is easier to access with our new QR Code. Simply scan it with your cell phone camera app, and you will be directed to our ParishSoft Giving Page.



Children of all ages are invited to dress up as a favorite Saint and process into the Sanctuary with Fr. Tom as Mass begins at **11:00 AM on Sunday, October 31st**. Students in Grades 6-10 may earn Christian Service credits for participation, as they set a good example for their younger brothers and sisters in the faith. Please join us to make this a festive occasion at the Family Mass. **Arrive at 10:45 AM** to line up downstairs in the Hall, and receive a gift from the Parish.



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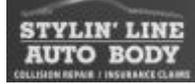


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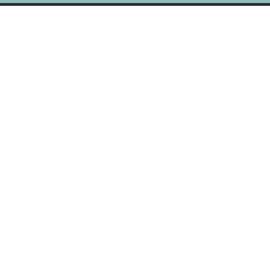
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