

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Serving the Catholic Community of Swansea and Somerset

Sunday October 21, 2018



29th SUNDAY *in ordinary time*

"For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." - Mk 10:45

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Liturgical Celebrations

Saturday Vigil: 4 p.m.

Sundays: 8, 9:30 & 11 a.m.

Monday – Thursday: 9 a.m.

Civic Holidays: 9 a.m. only

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Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Michael A. Ciryak

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Faith Formation Coordinator: Christine Gregorek

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Music Director: Ada Simpson

Cantors: Allison Messier and Mike Moniz

Youth Ministry: Justin & Amanda La Croix

Parish Council President: Wayne Gray

Parish Address:

Church: 530 Gardners Neck Road

Office/Rectory:

270 Ocean Grove Avenue

Swansea, MA 02777

Office hours: 9:30 a.m. — 4 p.m.

or by appointment



Parish Mission Statement: In the spirit of our patron, St. Francis of Assisi, we dedicate ourselves as living stones to building our parish family with Christ as our foundation. Enlivened by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves by sharing God's transforming love with our families, our community and our world.

Sacraments:

Baptism: Arrangements must be made in advance. Please call the Parish Office to arrange a date and supply pertinent information. Individual Baptismal preparation is required.

Sponsors: must receive from their respective Catholic pastors a "sponsor certificate," which is the signed word of one priest to another that the proposed godparent is a Confirmed, fully-practicing Catholic who is qualified to be a godparent by living in harmony with our faith.

Reconciliation: Saturday from 3:15PM to 3:40PM or call the rectory for an appointment.

First Eucharist & Confirmation: Preparation – two years prior to receiving each Sacrament is mandatory as a registered student in the Faith Formation Program.

Matrimony: Couples are asked to consult with our priest at least six months in advance of the intended date to allow time for marriage preparation, including the Diocesan Program.

Ministry to the Sick: Please notify us if someone you know is homebound and would like to be added to our Communion call list, or would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick.

Low gluten hosts available: Please let us know before Mass if you have a need to receive this type of host.

WELCOME

If you are a new parishioner please introduce yourself to the pastor after Mass and call the parish office to register. Attend our monthly coffee & donut social to meet your new parish family. We are so pleased you're here!

Saint Francis of Assisi Memorial Fund

In making funeral arrangements, you may wish to consider enrolling the deceased in the Saint Francis of Assisi Memorial Fund. Relatives and friends who donate to the fund in memory of the deceased receive a thank you card from the parish, and another card is sent notifying the bereaved of the gift. The gifts are charitable contributions and may be a supplement or a substitute for flowers. Those whose names are enrolled in the Saint Francis of Assisi Memorial Fund are remembered in the Masses and prayers of the parish. A special Mass is celebrated once a year for all the souls enrolled. All the monies of this Fund are used to purchase materials needed to make our church more inspiring and beautiful for community prayer and celebrations of the sacraments.

Thank you for considering this beautiful tribute.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat., October 20

4:00 p.m. **Diane M. Roussel Birthday Remembrance**
by Family
Pearl Gray by Rita Vasconcellos

Sun. October 21

8:00 a.m. **Josephine & Henry Smith and
Caroline & George Howell**
9:30 a.m. **Alice Walsh 2nd Anniversary** by Family
11:00 a.m. **Alex Silva** by Mom, Dad & Family

Mon. October 22

9:00 a.m. **Frank & Mary Anne Ruggerio**
by Judy & Tony

Tues. October 23

9:00 a.m. **Herman Costa** by Granddaughter
Mary Anne

Wed. October 24

9:00 a.m. **John Hoyt** by Flanigan Family

Thurs. October 25

9:00 a.m. **Stephen Piotrowski** by Family

Sat. October 27

4:00 p.m. **James Fiddler** by Family
Kevin Harrison by Prayer Shawl Ministry
Pearl Gray by Janice & Bill

Sun. October 28

8:00 a.m.
9:30 a.m. **Jessie Raposa** by Courville Family
11:00 a.m. **Rita Duphily** by Her Children

RESPECT

"The one who wants to be great among you must be your servant, even the slave of all." For Christians, to lead is to be "of service to others," a complicated and difficult task. It is too easy (and un-Christian) to demand respect, to lord it over others. The Messiah-Christ is the suffering servant who "justifies many, taking their faults on himself." So Jesus washed his disciples' feet. Jesus knows and feels our weakness from his own experience. We then can have confidence in his help for us.

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In Loving Memory

Our memorial candles burn in October in remembrance of:

Sanctuary Lamp:
Robert J. Peloquin by Wife
Wanda

Altar Candles:
Bryan Kelley by Parents

Tabernacle Candles:
Herman Costa by Grand-daughter
Mary Anne

Crucifix Candles:
Alice Walsh by Family



Parish Support

Collected October 13th and October 14th

Budget: \$3528.00

Diocesan Assessment: \$1505.00

Next weekend, October 27th and 28th the second collection is for Repairs & Restoration.

Thank you for your generosity!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY OUTREACH PROGRAM



The St. Vincent de Paul Society is trying to find ways to extend their outreach to those in need.

Food bags will be placed at the main entrance to the church after each weekend mass.

Please take a bag if you know of anyone who is in need, or if you are in need yourself.

Or, please contact St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Francis of Assisi parish @ 508-673-2808 for further assistance. All calls are confidential. Our mission is to help those in need.

Remembering Your Loved Ones

It is very easy to remember a loved one in our own personal way, but what better way than a Mass or Mass Card. Both are available here at St. Francis of Assisi. All you need to do is contact the Rectory to schedule a Mass or acquire a Mass Card. Masses are still available for the months of October through December.

Rectory office telephone number is 508-673-2808.



The Mass book and memorial candle requests are now open for January through June 2019. Every attempt will be made to accommodate your requests for specific dates, but we cannot promise. Your understanding is appreciated.

Please call the rectory during business hours. Please do not send in your requests in the collection basket.

Pro Life Quotes

"Above all, the common outcry, which is justly made on behalf of human rights -- for example, the right to health, to home, to work, to family, to culture -- is false and illusory if the right to life, the most basic and fundamental right and the condition for all other personal rights, is not defended with maximum determination."

--Pope John Paul II

50Week Club

WANTED: NEW MEMBERS!

Membership forms are located at the entrances to church, or just call Kathy Sullivan. This is our biggest (and most fun) fundraising event of the entire year! \$2.00 per week gives you a chance to win a weekly drawing of \$25.00!

Remember, you can't win if you don't join!

As we announced previously, our 2017-2018 year was amazing! The profit from the club was given to the parish and totaled \$6,500.00! You can be part of the action!

Congratulations to:
Pauline Miranda
Winner for October 14, 2018

Coyle & Cassidy High School

NEW STUDENT OPEN HOUSE:

Want to be part of changing the world? Join us for a genuine "Warrior Experience" where we: Enter to learn. Leave to serve. Change the world one student at a time. Come and visit Coyle & Cassidy High School & Middle School (enrolling Grades 5-12) on Sunday October 28th anytime between Noon - 2:30. We are located at 2 Hamilton Street, Taunton. www.coylecassidy.com

MY BROTHER'S KEEPER is a Christian ministry in Dartmouth that delivers furniture free of charge to families in need. At each delivery they offer a crucifix as a gift along with the message, "We are just the delivery people. This is the man who sent you the furniture". They need volunteers to help in a variety of ways including administration, cleaning, sorting, sewing, and pickups & deliveries. All are welcome. Call 774-305-4577 or go to www.MyBrothersKeeper.org

St. John of God "Meals Ministry" takes place on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month. If you, or someone you know could benefit from *stretching your wallet* by attending their meal, you are most welcome. The meal is intended for those in need in the Swansea/Somerset area and also for the elderly who may not want to dine alone. If you want more information, call St. John of God Church at (508) 678-5513.

HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED AN EMMAUS RETREAT?

Emmaus is a retreat for men and women (ages 20+) who seek to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ, regardless of their present level of faith or practice. We want to invite you to join us on our next Emmaus weekend. You will be welcomed by a loving community, spend time in personal and communal prayer, and celebrate the sacraments. The next Emmaus is November 9th-11th at Cathedral Camp in East Freetown, MA. For more information or to apply online, email us at emmausretreats@gmail.com or visit our website: www.emmausretreats.com .

CURSILLO

Cursillo is...an active three-day learning experience in basic Christianity featuring practical insights into an everyday life of faith and service. It is a unique experience and offers us an opportunity to develop, nurture and deepen our own personal relationship with Jesus Christ. It is enjoyed by active and less active Christians alike through a sponsor - a friend who has already lived Cursillo. It may be the best gift you give yourself! Please join us in the Great Room for coffee & donuts after the Sunday morning masses this weekend! Cursillo weekends are held at the Holy Cross Retreat House, located on the grounds of Stonehill College: Men's weekends are in October, January or March Women's weekends are November, February or April For more information, please contact Jim Lane at Fall-RiverCursillo@gmail.com / 508-238-0889.

FAITH FORMATION CORNER
IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Thank you so much for the warm welcome I have received here at St. Francis of Assisi as your new Director of Faith Formation. Please note that classes begin this weekend. I look forward to meeting the children and youth of the parish.

All Saints Day is the second week of classes falling on Thursday, November 1st. Father Michael will be celebrating this Holy Day of Obligation at 4:30 on that Thursday. Grades 3,4 and 5 will attend this Mass on Thursday in place of Tuesday's Mass. Grade 1 and 2 that regularly meet on Thursday will go upstairs for Mass. (Please bring your child downstairs for check in first.) All other grades should plan to attend Mass that day as well.

We strongly encourage any parent or family member to attend this Mass with your child as well. Thank you so much. I look forward to our upcoming year and sharing our Catholic faith with your families.

God bless,
Christine Gregorek

First day of Class for the 2018-2019 Faith Formation Program Begins October 21, 2018

Grades 3, 4 & 5: Tuesday, October 23, 2018

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Grades 1 & 2: Thursday, October 25, 2018

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Grades 6 and 7: Sunday, October 21, 2018 - Mass at 9:30 a.m., then class until 11:30 a.m.

Confirmation I & II: Sunday, October 21, 2018 -Class at 8:30 a.m. followed by 9:30 a.m. Mass

YOUTH MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Meeting Dates

2018

October 21 5:00-6:30p.m.

November 4, 18 5:00-6:30p.m.

December 2 5:00-6:30p.m.

**December 16-Vendor Sale/Chili Cook-Off -
No meeting**

2019

January 13, 27 5:00-6:30p.m.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Presents "the shredder truck"

Don't keep it! Shred it!

November 3rd

8AM- NOON

IN THE CHURCH PARKING LOT

*Secure Shredding of Sensitive and
Confidential Documents*