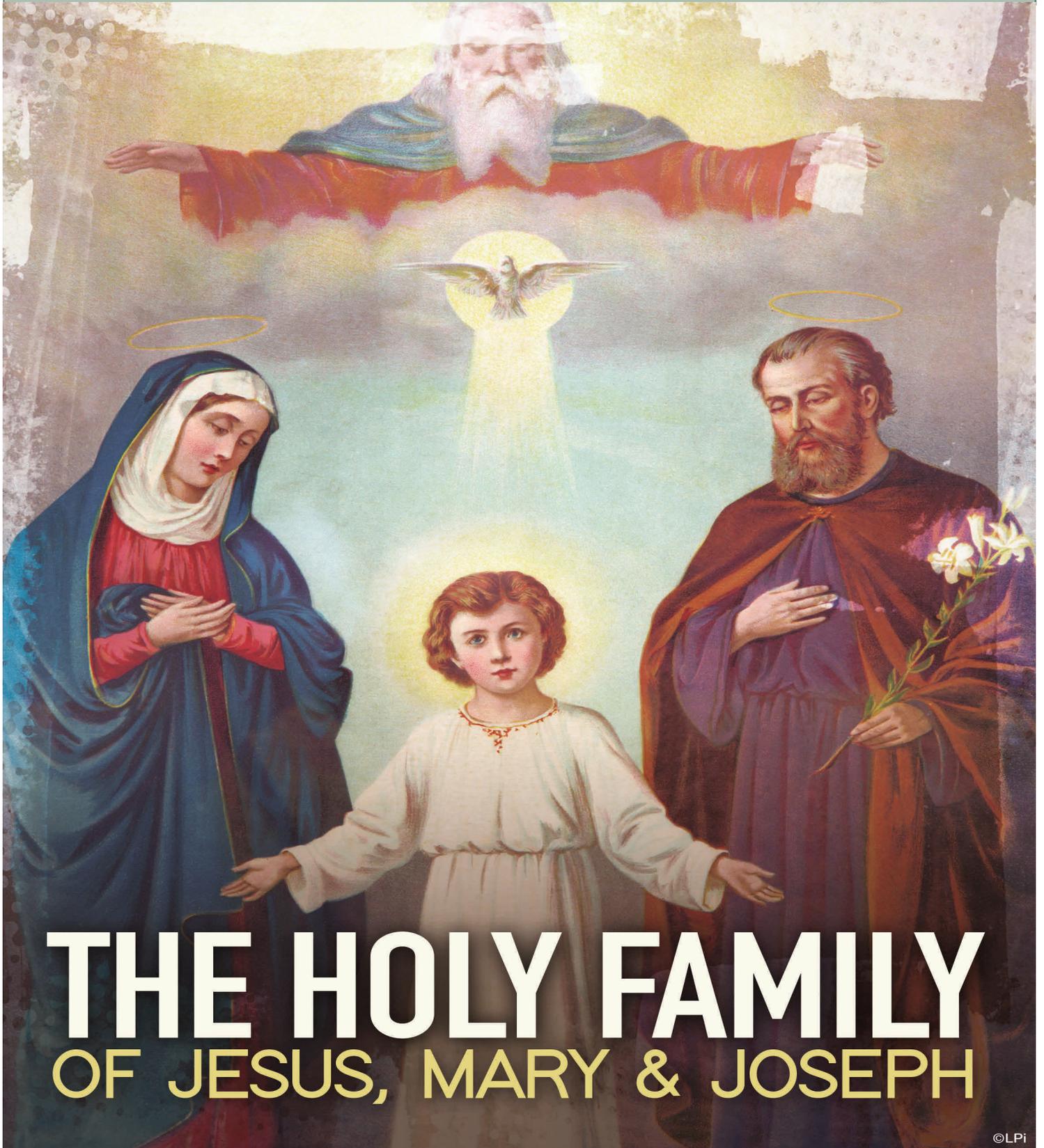


St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Serving the Catholic Community of Swansea and Somerset

Sunday, December 30, 2018



THE HOLY FAMILY

OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH



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. December 29

4:00 p.m. *Desiree Choquette by Family*
Eddie Rego by Leona & Family
Manuel Pacheco & Medeiros Family by
Rose Pacheco
Aimee Talbot & Her Parents Wilfred &
Marie Trembley by Roger & Vivian Talbot

Sun. December 30

8:00 a.m. *Evelyn Harrington*
9:30 a.m. *Maria Mello by Her Sisters*
11:00 a.m. *Maria, Antonio & Nuno Vertentes by*
Family

Mon. December 31-Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

9:00 a.m. *Donna Pomproicz*
4:00 p.m. *Gertrude & Ernest Correia*

Tues. January 1-Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

10:00 a.m. *Jean & Joseph Ciryak*
Loretta Batts Jackson
Patrick & Evelyn Harrington

Wed. January 2

9:00 a.m. *Daniel Durette by Fran & Mike Kelley*

Thurs. January 3

9:00 a.m. *Leonard Boucher by Mike Carolla*

Sat. January 5

4:00 p.m. *Eddie Rego by Leona and Family*

Sun. January 6

8:00 a.m. *Jean Ciryak & Loretta Batts Jackson*
9:30 a.m. *Maurice & Bernadette Metivier by Paul &*
Terry Gagnon
11:00 a.m. *Rita Crook 6th Anniversary by Kathy &*
Bill Sullivan
Joseph L. Brum, Joseph T. Brum, Maria
Brum & Maria Mello by Family

COMING OF AGE

The Gospel story recalls the bar mitzvah of Jesus at age twelve. Like all Jewish boys, he took an adult's place for the first time with the teachers of the law in the temple. He accepted responsibility for his actions before God and his family. Joseph and Mary anxiously sought him; his answer came from a new maturity they did not understand. Just as Hannah entrusted Samuel to the Lord and Joseph and Mary raised Jesus for God, we become children of the Holy One to advance in "wisdom and age and favor before God and people."

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In Loving Memory

Our memorial candles burn in December in remembrance of:

Sanctuary Lamp:
Seery & Masciarelli Families
by Steve & Ann Seery

Altar Candles:
Richard E. Willette by Wanda

Tabernacle Candles:
Oscar & Cecile Fontaine by
Son & Daughter-in-law

Crucifix Candles:
Kevin M. Harrison by Sheila,
Bill & Megan



Parish Support

Collected December 15th and December 16th
Budget: \$2823.00
Christmas Flowers: \$2299.85

Collected December 22nd and December 23rd
Budget: \$2563.25
Repairs and Restorations: \$1664.85

Next weekend January 5th and 6th the second collection is for Diocesan Assessment. There will also be a collection January 1 The Solemnity of Mary .

Thank you for your generosity!

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 and candles are available for the months of 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.

Rectory office telephone number is 508-673-2808.



Dear Parish Family,

Merry Christmas and Happy Feast of the Holy Family!

I just wanted to thank so many of you for your prayers and well wishes during this time that I am recovering from my open heart surgery. All the cards and goodies sent mean a lot to me.

Special thank you to the Formation program children that sent their best wishes to me.

As each day goes by I feel better and better; although, as many of you know who have had major surgery, little things we seem to do every day are now difficult. This experience has been a lesson in humility and patience. One thing for sure God has Blessed me and Blessed us.

May God continue to Bless us in our New Year Christmas Blessings on you and your loved ones,

Father Michael

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God
Holy Day of Obligation

December 31—Vigil of The Solemnity of Mary

4p.m

January 1, 2019 The Solemnity of Mary

10 a.m.

50 Week Club

WANTED: NEW MEMBERS!

As our club is now in the final stages and we draw closer to its conclusion. Now is the time to take the opportunity to not only catch up on payments or make additional payment, but to get some of your friends to join our next club. Start spreading the word and assist us in making our 50 Week Club the best it can be. Remember, you can't win if you don't join. Call Kathy Sullivan if you are interested.

Our 2017-2018 year was amazing, the profit from the club that was given to the parish was a grand total of \$6500.00. You can be a part of this major fundraising by just becoming a new member.

Congratulations to:
David Malone
 Winner for December 23, 2018



Pro-Life Apostolate

The Pro-Life Apostolate is sponsoring its Annual Essay Contest to focus on the upcoming anniversary date of **Roe vs Wade and Doe vs Bolton**, the decisions which legalized abortion-on-demand in this country. Our theme this year is **“EVERY LIFE—Cherished-Chosen-Sent”**. This calls us to be messengers of God’s love, treating one another as cherished and chosen by him.

Essay will be grouped and judged in two categories according to grade level: Grade 6, 7, and 8 comprise the first category and Grades 9 through 12 comprise the second category. First Prize winners will be awarded \$150.00 cash and Second Prize will be \$75.00 cash. Look to future bulletins for additional information.

The deadline for submission of entries will be

February 8, 2019.

Diocese of Fall River Vocation Office Discernment Retreat Weekend

The Diocese of Fall River Vocation Office is hosting a discernment weekend for Men ages 18-45 at the Betania II Spiritual Life and Marian Center, 154 Summer St. Medway, MA from Friday February 22 to Sunday February 24. If interested, please contact Fr. Jack Schrader at frschrader@fallrivervocations.org or 508-695-6161

Name: _____

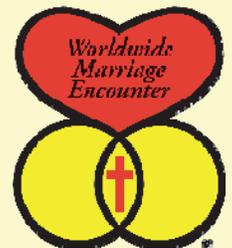
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Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Start the New Year out right enriching your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Jan 18-20, 2019 in South Kingstown, RI and Mar 8-10, 2019 in Duxbury, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.



As always, if you are in need of help with utilities, rent or groceries, we are here to help. Call the rectory and you will be put in touch with a member who would love to assist you.

PHOTO GALLERY OF BAZAAR AND CRAFT FAIR

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED PREPARE AND ATTENDED. IT WAS A GREAT FAMILY EVENT.

THE WINNERS ARE: BELLA SILVA - BARBIE CAR TOM FOURNIER -50/50 RAFFLE

