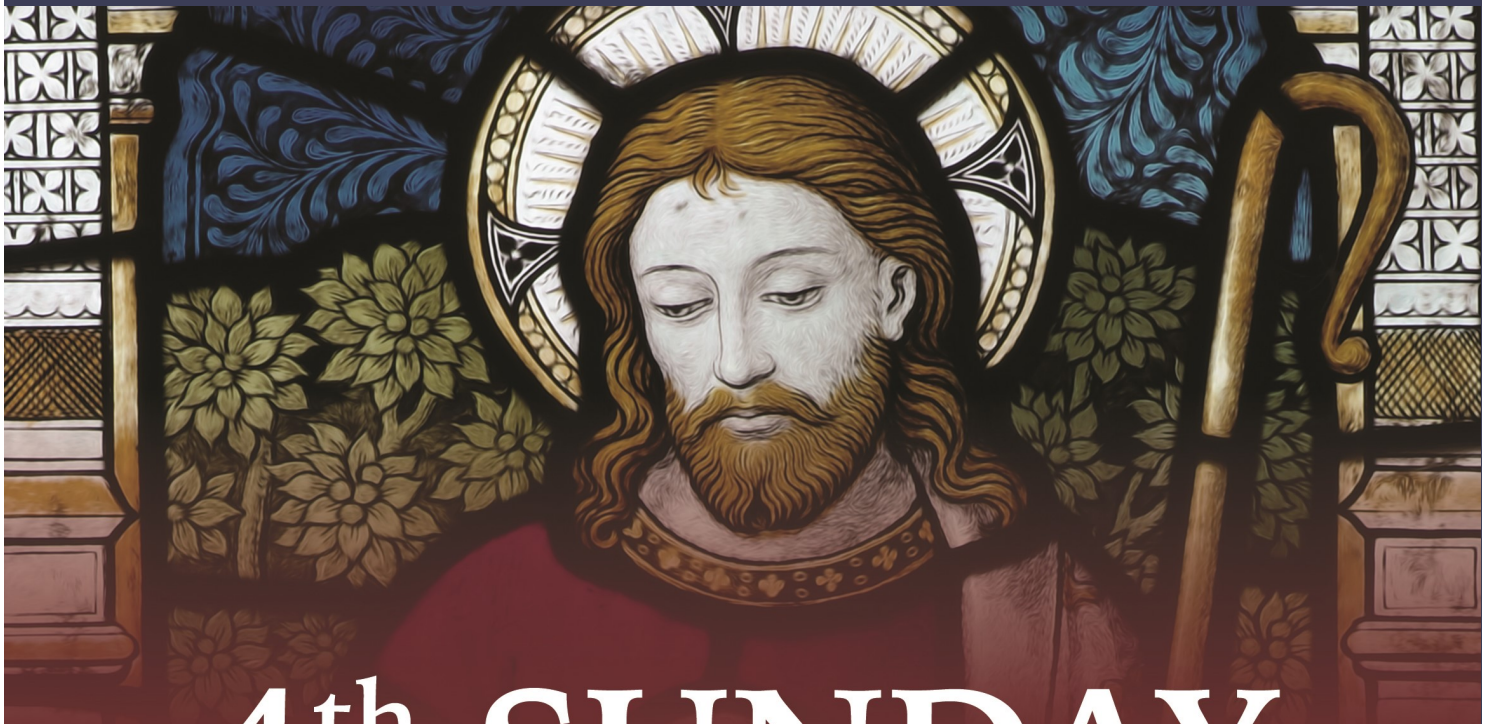


St. Francis of Assisi Parish

April 22, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Easter



4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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Youth Ministry: **508-673-2808**

50 Week Club: **Bill & Kathy Sullivan 508-493-9064 or 508-674-8511**

Parish Staff

Pastor: **Rev. Michael A. Ciryak**

Maintenance: **Tony Roderigues**

Faith Formation/Office: **Christine Patota**

Finance/Office/Notary: **Fran Kelley**

Music Director: **Ada Simpson**

Cantors: **Allison Messier, Mike Moniz and Christine Patota**

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., April 21 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

4:00 p.m. Robert J. Peloquin by family
Deceased members of the Desrosiers and
Michaud families by Colleen & Ronald
George & Antonetta Assante by Dennis &
Anne Callanan

Sun., April 22 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. Patrick & Evelyn Harrington

9:30 a.m. Robert A. Silva by Patota family

11:00 a.m. Melanie Majewski & Jack Boyd and son
Alexander by family

Mon., April 23 - St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr

9:00 a.m. Yvonne Durette (15th Anniversary) by family

Tues., April 24

9:00 a.m. Emily Doucette by Kathy & Bill Sullivan

Wed., April 25 - St. Mark, Evangelist

9:00 a.m. Virginia E. Harrington by Margaret Kolakowski

Thurs., April 26

9:00 a.m. Jerry Hodkinson & Maureen Pobeznik
by friend

Sat., April 28 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

4:00 p.m. Edwina Moniz by family
Ann P. Haley by Mike & Fran Kelley
Maria, Joseph & Joseph T. Brum by daughters

Sun., April 29 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. Desiree Choquette by family

9:30 a.m. Beatrice & Raymond Chouinard and
Madeleine Dallaire by Jean

11:00 a.m. Dominic & Stella Troy by family

A FUTURE UNKNOWN

Times past lead us toward a future unknown. By our baptism and confirmation into the risen Jesus, our future is with the Good Shepherd. We are God's children. We know this, but we do not know exactly what it means. "Now we see only in a foggy mirror." We do know that "we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is." We do know that only in Christ Jesus can we be saved. We know he sends the Holy Spirit to give us his grace. Maranatha! Come, Lord; come quickly!

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Sunday April 22, 2018

Our memorial candles burn in April in remembrance of:

Sanctuary Lamp:

Anne Durkin by Wayne & Marita Gray

Altar Candles:

Bryan Kelley by parents

Tabernacle Candles:

Special Intention by Dorvalino & Luisa Carreiro

Crucifix Candles:

Deceased members of the Lajoie family
by Joe & Anne Ripanti



Parish Support

Collected April 14th & 15th

Budget: \$3,980.50

Repair & Restoration Fund: \$1,880.65

The second collection this weekend and next is for our repairs and restoration fund.

Thank you for your continuous support.

2018 Catholic Charities Appeal

Believe it or not it's almost that time of year again. The appeal officially begins on May 1st, but the first mailing will go out by the end of the month. The motto of the appeal is "SHARING FAITH & HOPE". Please be as generous as you can towards this worthwhile cause, and return your pledge card or donations as soon as possible. The appeal ends June 27th. Any donations made after this date will not be reflected in the 2018 total.

Church Grounds Beautification Challenge

Wanted: Folks who don't mind getting their hands dirty! If you are interested in helping with some "spring cleaning" of the church grounds, please give Norma McNally, gardener extraordinaire, a call. In the near future a date will be set for some outdoor yard work, and we all know....many hands make light work! Let's get outside and have some fun!

Call Norma at 508-676-9033



50 Week Club Special Announcement

Annual 50 Week Club Banquet: Saturday, April 28th at Venus de Milo in Swansea

Cocktails from 6:00-6:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Open Seating

The Mike Moran Band will be rockin' the house and the food will be plentiful and delicious.

Wear your dancing shoes and bring your appetite!

AND don't forget, the raffle is going to be MONUMENTAL!



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! C'mon and join us!

Congratulations to:

Wanda Peloquin

Winner for April 22, 2018

Faith Formation End of the Year Schedule

Thurs., April 26 - Grades 1 & 2 from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Sun., April 29 - Grades 6 & 7 class after the 9:30 a.m. Mass until 11:30 a.m.

Thurs., May 3 - Grades 1 & 2 from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Sun., May 6 - Grades 6 & 7 class after the 9:30 a.m. Mass until 11:30 a.m. (Last class)

Thurs., May 10 - Grades 1 & 2 from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. This is the last class of the year.

Thurs., May 17 - Mandatory First Holy Communion Rehearsal from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Sun., May 20 - First Holy Communion at 11:00 a.m. Mass. Children should arrive no later than 10:15 a.m. in the church hall.

Dear Families,

Faith Formation is over for our grades 3, 4 & 5 students for this year. If anyone would like some resources to use at home for the continuing education of your children, please contact the rectory. This year was successful due to your commitment to bringing your child to class and Mass, and also to these fine people who have devoted so much time and energy into sharing the faith with your children.

THANK YOU

Kelley Plante, Annette Silva, Gilda Oliveira, Tyler Clark, Mary Anne Tuttle and Ann Keshura for sharing your time, talent and treasure so lovingly over these past months. You are appreciated more than you know!

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Now that spring has sprung, the talented members of our prayer shawl ministry are starting to meet again. Won't you join them with your crochet hooks, knitting needles and yarn, and help create beautiful lap robes and prayer shawls for the sick and infirm?

First meeting of the new year is
Tuesday, May 1st from 1-3:30 p.m.
in the church hall.

All ages and skill levels are
welcome!

If you need a shawl or robe,
call the rectory right away!



Listening Sessions with Bishop Edgar da Cunha, S.D.V.

NEW DATES ADDED!

Come and share your hopes and dreams for our Church! Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V., is hosting a series of Listening Sessions at different parish locations as part of the strategic planning process here in the Fall River Diocese. Members of diocesan parishes are invited to attend one of them to offer their thoughts into that process. Listening Sessions are scheduled as follows:

April 23 - Our Lady of Victory Parish, Centerville

May 4 - Our Lady of Guadalupe, N. B. (in Spanish)

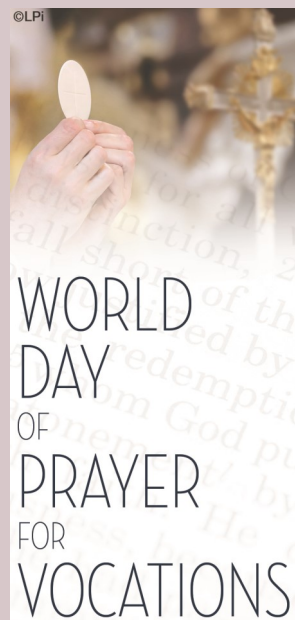
May 9 - St. Ann Parish, Raynham

May 11 - St. Mary's Cathedral, F.R. (in Portuguese)

All sessions will take place from 6:30 to 8 p.m. with the exception of the one in Centerville, which will begin at 7 p.m.

Holy Hour for Vocations with

Bishop da Cunha - Sunday, April 22nd is Good Shepherd Sunday and it is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. On that day, Bishop da Cunha will be leading a holy hour for vocations in our diocese at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption in Fall River at 3:00pm. Deacon Dan Nunes, one of the transitional deacons for our diocese who is to be ordained a priest this June 9th will be preaching. It would be wonderful if you could join us for this beautiful time of prayer.



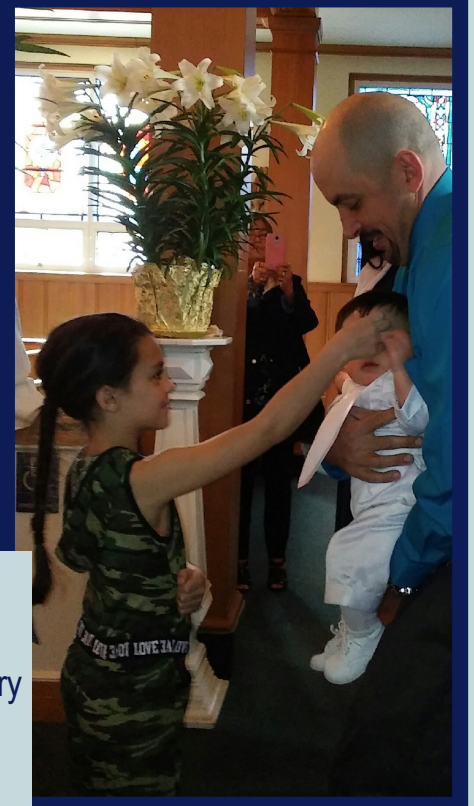
St. Vincent de Paul Society

If you are in need of assistance with rent, utilities or groceries, please call the rectory and you will be put in touch with a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. They are eager to help anyone who is in need.



"Celebrate the Beauty of Every Child"

A collection of new born and toddler items will take place in June. Start collecting items now and be ready for this very special initiative in our diocese.



Our First Holy Communion Retreat Day took place on Sunday, April 8th. We began by praying together at Mass, then we witnessed the baptism of little Mason Chianese. We ate pizza from Continent Bakery and ice cream from the Ice Cream Barn. Then we had a tour of the sacristy and sanctuary of the church. It was a great day!