

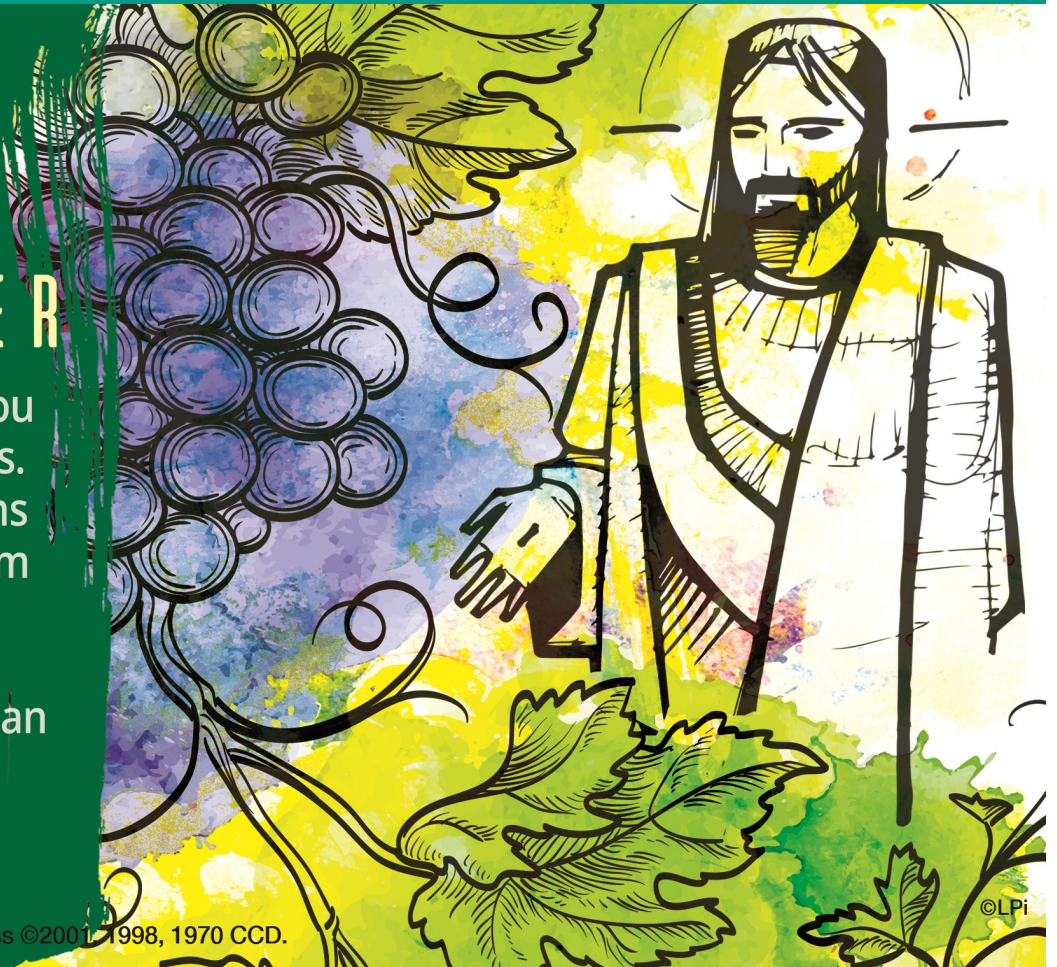
St. Francis of Assisi Parish

April 29, 2018

Fifth Sunday of Easter

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the vine, you
are the branches.
Whoever remains
in me and I in him
will bear much
fruit, because
without me you can
do nothing."
- Jn 15:5



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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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Pastor: Rev. Michael A. Ciryak

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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 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

Beatrice & Raymond Chouinard and

Madeleine Dallaire by Jean Couturier

9:30 a.m. Joey Gonsalves III by family

Francis Raymond Remy & Sadie Remy

by family

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

Mon., April 30 - Saint Pius V, Pope

9:00 a.m. Joseph Fonseca by wife

Tues., May 1 - Saint Joseph the Worker

9:00 a.m. Rita Cyr by Patota family

Wed., May 2 - Saint Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

9:00 a.m. Lorraine Laskoski by friends

Thurs., May 3 - Saints Philip & James, Apostles

9:00 a.m. Antonio & Ines Sousa by family

Sat., May 5 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

4:00 a.m. Robert J. Peloquin by daughter Sandra

William Macomber by his wife & family

Angela Daley Souza by Veronica & Elizabeth

Sun., May 6 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. Virginia E. Harrington by Diane Kolakowski

9:30 a.m. Antone Rebello Jr. by friends of Matthew

11:00 a.m. Conrad P. Fortier by Esther Minior

GOOD WINE

Vines and wines and vineyards, the rituals of tasting, and the good wine were shared by Jesus at Cana's wedding. Jesus is our vine and we his branches. The fruit we produce is the life of the Holy Spirit in us. "We know he lives in us by the Spirit he has given us." Taste and see how good the Lord is. Jesus himself gives the best wine of divine life to those who ask. Come to the wedding feast of God!

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In Loving Memory

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



Our memorial candles burn in May in remembrance of:

Sanctuary Lamp: **Chad Gray** by Dad & Marita

Altar Candles: **Richard Michael Dantino** by wife

Tabernacle Candles: **George & Irene Fairhurst**
by family

Crucifix Candles: **Vincent & Stella Penkala**
by daughter



Please pray for
Rita Cyr and
James Walsh,
whose funeral Mass-
es took place this
past week.

May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

We welcome and pray for,
Andrea Jade Fiddler, who
was baptized on Sunday,
April 22, 2018.
Her parents are Gerald and
Imee Fiddler.



Parish Support

Collected April 21st and 22nd

Budget: \$3,334.00

Repair & Restoration Fund: \$2,212.00

Your generous donations to our parish help to pay for the monthly expenditures associated with running a business. Just like your household budget, ours is sometimes stretched to the limits. Please remember to turn in your donations even when you may not be able to worship with us on the weekend. Without your help our parish cannot continue to flourish. Thank you!

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!



Church Grounds Beautification And Clean-up Day!

Calling all adults and teenagers (especially teenagers who need community service hours for school or scouting) who love to be outdoors and have a knack for raking, weeding and pruning! Call Norma at 508-676-9033 and help her organize the beautification challenge! She can't do it alone!

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" is an initiative by our bishop in response to his Pastoral letter, *Rebuilding Faith and Hope*. The St. Vincent de Paul Society and other diocesan groups are collaborating in this collection drive to meet the needs of area children and families. This collection will take place between Mother's day and Father's day. Start collecting now! Consider donating diapers, clothing and other necessities. Prayers are always needed too!

Faith Formation End of the Year Schedule

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.

A SPECIAL INVITATION TO OUR NEWLY CONFIRMED: WE WANT YOU TO ATTEND CLI

The Christian Leadership Institute (CLI) is a six-day long leadership training experience for high school age youth. CLI seeks to foster the leadership potential of our young Church by heightening each person's gifts and talents for various ministerial roles and responsibilities in their parishes, schools and greater communities. The next CLI takes place June 23-28 at Cathedral Camp.

For more information refer to the brochure given at the High School Convention or go to the website:

<http://www.fallriverfaithformation.org/youth-and-young-adult/cli/>

Living the Fatima Message invites you to:

Joseph's Yes: the strength and joy of encountering Joseph with Jesus and Mary at Fatima--our Holy Family, Saturday, May 12, 8am - 3pm, sponsored by Bishop Connolly High School, 373 Elsbree St., Fall River, MA. Live Our Lady's "peace plan" through Mass, Living Rosary, Eucharistic Adoration, and Confession. Listen to reflections by religious and laity from around the diocese, have fun with your family in the children's activity room, and learn from keynote speaker, Mother Olga of the Sacred Heart, founder and mother servant of Daughters of Mary of Nazareth, Quincy. *Please bring your own brown bag lunch* and join us May 12 for any part, or for the entire program. Accessible facility. No charge. Free will donations graciously accepted. Free parking. Full schedule at fb.com/livingfatima - click events - or email livingfatima@gmail.com or call 781-521-3677.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Jesus is the good shepherd and laid down his life for us that we may have new life. Give your marriage new life by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are May 19-20, 2018 in Warner, NH and Jun 9-10, 2018 in Medway, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

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:

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

May 9 - St. Ann Parish, Raynham

May 11 - St. Mary's Cathedral, Fall River (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.

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 June 8th-10th 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.

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.

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.

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Church Bulletin

Do you recognize some of these current parishioners? These are photos from the 1987 Our Lady of Fatima Directory. Aren't these great?



SEERY, STEVE & ANN
MICHAEL, LISA, LAUREN



TALBOT, ROGER & VIVIAN
MATTHEW, ANDREA,
MICHAEL, BRYAN, DIANNE



FONTAINE, RONALD
& COLLEEN
MATTHEW



MIRANDA, TONY & LINDA
DAVID, MICHELLE



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& JEANNETTE

