

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

May 13, 2018

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter



Happy Mother's Day

Our first grade faith formation students crowned the statue of our Blessed Mother last week!

Aren't they the cutest bunch?

## 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 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., May 12 - The Ascension of the Lord**

**4:00 p.m. Alexandre & Juliette Raymond** by family  
**Chad Gray** by Family

**Sun., May 13 - The Ascension of the Lord**

**8:00 a.m. All Mother's Living and Deceased**

**9:30 a.m. All Mother's Living and Deceased**

**11:00 a.m. All Mother's Living and Deceased**

**Mon., May 14 - Saint Matthias, Apostle**

**9:00 a.m. Prayers Answered**

**Tues., May 15 - Saint Isadore**

**9:00 a.m. Mabel Medeiros** by Wanda

**Wed., May 16**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Thurs., May 17**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Sat., May 19 - Pentecost**

**4:00 p.m. Robert Turcotte** by Joe & Diane Gauvin

**Sun., May 20 - Pentecost**

**8:00 a.m. Elena Colucciello, Consolata Colucciello & Angelo Colucciello** by family

**9:30 a.m. John Reis** by children, grandchildren and Ellie

**11:00 a.m. Deceased loved ones of the First Holy Communion children and their families.**

### **GOD'S CHOICE**

The Trinity chooses us because God loves us even more than we love each other. Peter and the rest left it to God to choose Matthias to replace Judas. Like Joseph and Matthias, we have known about Christ Jesus from "the time John was baptizing until the day he was taken up from us." We have become witnesses to the resurrection. This is what we celebrate together, and this is the content of the Gospel of Mark, which we read this year. We know all this and are ready to share the Spirit that breathes life. God will choose each of us according to the divine plan. Although Joseph wasn't chosen to join the Twelve, he got a different call.

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Fall River Area Bereavement Support Groups start again on May 15th until June 19th from 7-9 PM, at the Office of Faith Formation. Contact Rose Mary Saraiva at 508-678-2828 ext. 27 for more information.



**CATHOLIC CHARITIES**  
DIOCESE of FALL RIVER

## 2018 Appeal

The Catholic Charities Appeal began on May 1, 2018. We encourage you to mail in your pledge card and support the appeal as generously as you can. If at all possible, we'd like you to consider pledging throughout the year. If you haven't received a contribution card in the mail, you can pick one up at the entrances of church.

Programs supported by the Appeal help people in all phases of life - from children, to youth, to parents, to the elderly. Numerous agencies, programs, and ministries provide food and shelter, educate children and adults, and meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of thousands. Your support of the Catholic Charities Appeal helps us to meet these responsibilities. Thank you!

### The Challenge of Nonviolence: Promoting Peace in a Violent World

Speaker: Fr. Rocco Puopolo, Xaverian Missionary Father and board member of Pax Christi Massachusetts Tuesday, May 22 at the Welcome Center of the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette 947 Park St. Attleboro, MA at 7:15pm (after the Shrine's 6:30pm mass). Presented by Pax Christi.

### 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. 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](mailto:emmausretreats@gmail.com) or visit our website: [www.emmausretreats.com](http://www.emmausretreats.com).

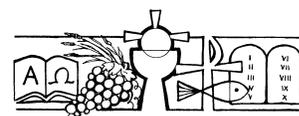
### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Happy Mother's Day! Allow Jesus to be Lord of your marriage relationship 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://wwwmema.org/>.

The Annual *Quo Vadis Vocations Retreat* will take place on Monday, July 9<sup>th</sup> through Friday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at the Betania II Retreat Center in Medway for young men aged 14-19 (those entering high school to those entering college) who seek to grow in their faith and fraternity, learning how to discern what is one of the most important things in their life: their vocation. Throughout the week there are times of prayer and sports, talks on living the faith and understanding the different vocations, Mass and Adoration, mountain hiking, and fraternity. It is a great chance for them to build friendships with others their ages who are living the faith, as well as to get to know the seminarians of the diocese. It is a wonderful time and the cost is only \$100. If any young man is interested please *Quo Vadis* email Fr. Kevin Cook, Director of Vocations at [frcook@holyfamilytaunton.org](mailto:frcook@holyfamilytaunton.org)

### Save the dates:

This year the Diocese of Fall River is very blessed to have one young man being ordained to the transitional diaconate and three men to be ordained priests. Please plan on attending these great gifts of Holy Orders being given to them at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption in Fall River. Ryan Healy is to be ordained a Transitional Deacon on Saturday, May 19th at 11:00 a.m. Deacons Matthew Gill, Juan Carolos Munoz, and Daniel Nunes are to be ordained to the Priesthood on Saturday, June 9th at 11:00 a.m. If you can, please join us for these beautiful occasions, and keep them in your prayers.



**St. John of God "Meals Ministry"** takes place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

### MASS CITIZENS FOR LIFE

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO A SPECIAL TOWN HALL MEETING sponsored by Massachusetts Citizens for Life and local pro-lifers. The Town Hall, "MCFL on the Move," will take place on WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 6:30 - 8 pm at Baptist Temple Church, 700 N. Eastern Ave, Fall River. Topics will include: Life is Winning, Death is Losing; Roe Will Go; Fake News is Failing; How to Achieve the Dream. Q&A period is included. All are welcome.

### Celebrate the Beauty of Every Child - Prayer and Newborn/Toddler Campaign

Meeting the need for new clothing and items for babies and toddlers exists all year and can put a great strain on families. Parishes in the Diocese of Fall River will come together to bring relief to them through prayer and action. Our parish will participate in this campaign on the weekends of June 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> and June 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>. Bins will be located at the entrances to church. The following NEW items are being collected: diapers (all sizes), wet wipes, bibs, teething rings, receiving blankets, onesies, sleepers, and outfits for infants and toddlers (through 5T). This project is sponsored by the Massachusetts Citizens for Life, St. Vincent de Paul Society, the Pro-Life Apostolate, Catholic Social Services and the Knights of Columbus. Any help you can give will be greatly appreciated. Items should NOT be wrapped. Start collecting now!





### Blessing of Mothers

During the season of Easter, what a great time to remember our mothers and ask for God's blessing on them. It is God who ultimately gave us life. It is through God's unselfish love--mirrored in our mothers' willingness to associate their love with God's and take the risk to love us into life--that we have the opportunity for life. We remember our mothers this Mother's Day with much love. Let us pray for each of them:

God our heavenly Father,  
you give to each the ability to share your generative love.  
Bless those women in our lives who mirror your love  
and bring forth life through their willingness  
to risk bringing new life into this world.  
Help us to show them our gratitude  
for the gift of life and the gift of a mother's love.  
May our life-giving God continue to bless them  
and show them his unfailing love.  
We ask this through Jesus, God's Son and our brother.  
Amen.



Regina Coeli

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia. / For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.  
Has risen, as he said, alleluia. / Pray for us to God, alleluia.  
Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia. / For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.  
Let us pray. O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

