

St. Francis of Assisi Parish



THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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: Justin & Amanda La Croix

Parish Council President: Wayne Gray

Parish Address:

Church: 530 Gardner's Neck Road

Office/Rectory:

270 Ocean Grove Avenue

Swansea, MA 02777



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 26 - *The Feast of the Most Holy Trinity*

4:00 p.m. **George & Irene Fairhurst** by family

Sun., May 27 - *The Feast of the Most Holy Trinity*

8:00 a.m. **Biagio Del Toro** by family

9:30 a.m. **Helen Marie Booth** by Marita and Wayne

11:00 a.m. **Conrad P. Fortier** by Mary Callahan

Mon., May 28 - *Memorial Day*

9:00 a.m. **Gail Mathieu** by friends Barbara and Ellen
(4th Anniversary)

Tues., May 29

9:00 a.m. **Desiree Choquette** by family

Wed., May 30

9:00 a.m. **Adeline Machado** by friends

Thurs., May 31 - *The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

9:00 a.m.

Sat., June 2 - *The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ*

4:00 p.m. **Debi Petterson** by Mom & Dad
James Walsh by Tony & Judy

Sun., June 3 - *The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ*

8:00 a.m. **Michael Garafalo**

9:30 a.m. **John Butler** (6th Anniv.) by wife and family

Diamas & Mariana Campos by family

11:00 a.m. **Frank Crook** (7th Anniv.) by Kathy & Bill
Sullivan



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.

GOD'S FAMILY

Why are we here? All of us are called to be saints! We are reborn into God's family by our baptism and confirmation and are nourished by the holy Eucharist. As God's children moved by the Spirit—yes, possessed by the Holy Spirit—we cry out, "Abba, Father," when we pray as Jesus taught us. We have the task of continuing the messianic work of our brother, of leading all people to the Father, through Jesus, in the powerful Holy Spirit.

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Sunday May 27, 2018

In Loving Memory

Our memorial candles burn in May in remembrance of:

Sanctuary Lamp:
Chad Gray by Family

Altar Candles:
Richard Michael Dantino
by wife

Tabernacle Candles:
George & Irene Fairhurst
by family

Crucifix Candles:
Vincent & Stella Penkala
by daughter



Collected May 19th and 20th

Budget: \$3,877.00

**Repairs & Restoration:
\$1,773.00**

Diocesan Assessment: \$172.00

Thank You

Next weekend, June 2nd & 3rd the second collection is for the Ecclesiastical Students.



Holiday Office Hours

In observance of Memorial Day, the parish office will be closed on Monday, May 28, 2018.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES
DIOCESE of FALL RIVER

The Catholic Charities Appeal gives us a wonderful opportunity to follow the words of Jesus in St. John's Gospel, "Those who believe in me will do the works that I do." Jesus' numerous acts of tending to the needs of the sick, discouraged, disenfranchised, and poor are prime examples of how we can "do the works that He does" by contributing this Annual Appeal.

★ **Congratulations to:** ★
★ **PILSON CHAMPAGNE** ★
★ 50 Week Winner for May 27, 2018 ★

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

May 27, 2018 Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Happy Trinity Sunday! In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus declare together all three Persons of the Trinity. "Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

When we speak of the Trinity, two different theological words are sometimes used: immanent and economic. The immanent Trinity is the life of the three Persons within themselves, the inner harmonious relationship between Father, Son, and Spirit. We see this in the Gospels when Jesus speaks of his Father and promises to send the Holy Spirit. The term "economic" has its roots in the Greek word *oikonomia*, roughly meaning "household management." The economic Trinity is our three-Personed God's relationship with creation; it is creation and redemption and ongoing relationship with us.

Made in the image and likeness of God, we are called to imitate God's immanence by giving and receiving love with one another in community. However, this is not limited only to those close to us, though that's where love often starts. We also imitate the economy of God when we go out, when we extend our love and care in a life-giving way. "Go therefore?" Every believer is sent on mission. Every believer is invited to follow Jesus and the Apostles "to the nations," to the margins, to the people who require a little extra reach. This could be a distant relative, the residents of your local homeless shelter or even the forgotten neighbor next door! When we love well, we create something beautiful—a relationship, a holy moment, a foretaste of heaven. This Trinity Sunday, take some time to examine the relationships in your life. How well do you love those nearest to you? How well do you reach out to those farther away? How are you creating something beautiful?



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

The next two weekends, June 2 & 3 and June 9 & 10 we will be collecting items for the "Celebrate the Beauty of Every Child" campaign. 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! Thank you in advance!

It's not every day The Holy Father declares someone Venerable; however, on **December 18, 2018**, our founder, Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C. was declared VENERABLE! Now, it's time to celebrate and we hope you will join us for this historic event. **Sunday, June 10**, doors open at noon. Family Rosary was founded in 1942 to help families pray. You know Father Peyton's famous message: The family that prays together stays together. Come live his message and unleash the promise and power of family prayer! **The Venerable Patrick Peyton: On the Rosary Path to Sainthood – A Prayer Celebration for Families** will consist of Eucharistic Procession, Rosary Prayer, and the Holy Mass. All our guests will receive a new Venerable Patrick Peyton Rosary. Refreshments follow the Mass and every family will be given a Family Rosary Prayer Kit to take home. The Father Peyton Center – 518 Washington St., N. Easton, MA 02356. 508-238-4095. Find our event on www.Facebook.com/FamilyRosary.



Will meet Tuesday May 29th from 1-3pm in the Church Hall.
All are Welcome.

Grief and Loss: Together Finding Ways to Making Sense of it All

2018 Schedule
July 24 - September 4, 2018
October 2 - November 13, 2018

This is a support group to help people cope with the loss of a loved one. Losing someone we love truly hurts, leaving us with so many unanswered questions and a multitude of conflicting emotions. At first, we may turn to family and friends to share our grief; but as time goes on, we may find it difficult to reach out to them. It becomes difficult for them to understand our feelings. The basis of the group is to allow individuals to share their experiences, feelings, emotions with others who are on the very same journey. In the sharing, often we discover new ways of coping, and begin to discover new strength and hope. The group meets on Tuesdays from 7-9 p.m. at the Catholic Education Center, 423 Highland Avenue, Fall River, MA. There is no fee to participate. Parking is available is available adjacent to the building. If you are interested in joining the group or would like more information, please call 508-678-2828 Ext. 27

CATHEDRAL CAMP

167 MIDDLEBORO ROAD
EAST FREETOWN, MA 02717

Come to our Open House

Sunday, June 10, 2018 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Register to win a free week of camp.

CATHEDRAL CAMP is a private day camp owned and operated by the Diocese of Fall River and is located on Long Pond in East Freetown, MA.

- The camp offers seven one-week sessions beginning on July 2 and ending on August 17, 2018.
- Ages 4 to 14 (4 & 5 year olds have their own modified program).
- Boating, swimming, archery, arts & crafts, dance, music, outdoor adventures, and many other age-appropriate activities.
- Registered Nurse on duty full time.
- Bus transportation is included in the camp fee of \$250.00 per week. (Session 1 is four days only and the fee is \$200.00). If needed, before-and-after-camp care is also available for a nominal fee.

For further information please visit our web site at www.cathedralcamp.net or email pam or pat@cathedralcamp.net or call the camp office at 508-763-8874.

St. John Neumann Parish 34th LAKESIDE Family festival Memorial Day weekend May 25-28, 2018

Sat and Sun: Noon to 11 p.m.
Monday May 28th: Noon to 5 p.m.

Rt. 18 – 157 Middleboro Rd. East Freetown, MA 02717



Come to the Festival for : HUGE Barn Sale

"Blessing of the Bikes" (on Saturday)

Classic Car Show (on Sunday)

Games – Fun – Food – Live Entertainment
Midway Ride FREE ADMISSION!

MANY THANKS
TO OUR ADVERTISERS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISSI PARISH 2018



Elijah Adao

Ciera Araujo

Trevor Candido

Adam Correia

Adrian Dantino

Matthew DeCoste

Marissa Lema

Dylan Morris

Valentina Naumenko

Khloe Ponte

Gavin Sale

Austin Silva

Aubrey Tekippe

Samantha Wajda

MEMORIAL DAY

"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." Christians are no strangers to sacrifice. Jesus lays down his life for our redemption, martyrs remain faithful to the end, and every believer faces "deaths" in the spiritual life when love requires a re-ordering of preference and priority.

On Memorial Day, we honor those who laid down their lives for their nation and for the values we espouse - freedom, justice, and a better world for our children. In a day that often fills with barbecues and boat launches, remember to take some time in prayer! Intercede for those who have died and for the

loved ones they left behind, and pray for peace on earth.

How To Celebrate Memorial Day

A Memorial Day Mass will be celebrated at St. Patrick Church in Somerset on Monday, May 28th at 9:00 a.m. It will be offered for all who are buried at St. Patrick Cemetery in Somerset, and the names of those buried there since last Memorial Day will be read at Mass. Refreshments will follow and all are welcome.