

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Sunday July 8, 2018



## 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

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Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house.” - Mk 6:4

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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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### Parish Staff

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Cantors: Allison Messier and Mike Moniz  
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., July 7**

4:00 p.m. *Mary Camacho by Niece*  
*John T. Medeiros by Family*

### **Sun. July 8**

8:00 a.m.  
9:30 a.m.  
11:00 a.m. *Joseph Morrissette by Daughter*  
*Carolyn Smith by Family*

### **Mon. July 9**

9:00 a.m. *Jean & Joseph Ciryak*

### **Tues. July 10**

9:00 a.m. *Domingos Soares by Wife & Sons*

### **Wed. July 11**

9:00 a.m. *Robert Fortin by Bill & Kathy Sullivan*

### **Thurs. July 12**

9:00 a.m.

### **Sat. July 14**

4:00 p.m. *Armand & Lorraine Desrosiers by Daughter & Son-in-law*

### **Sun. July 15**

8:00 a.m. *For the Neglected and Forgotten*  
9:30 a.m. *Intentions of the Bishop*  
11:30 a.m. *Kathleen Leonard by Family*  
*Dolores Roche Grace, Maryellen Grace,*  
*Claire Roche Correia by Family*  
*Anthony & Margaret Macedonio by Family*

"No profit in prophecy." In his hometown, Jesus found people were too close to him to have faith in him, his words and his work. Amazed at their lack of faith, he felt the strength of his weakness. Our task is to learn the fragility of our own status and find our strength in the Lord. Then we can prophesy: tell the truth about reality and speak of the Lord's steadfast care for each and every one of us. Come, Lord Jesus! *Maranatha!*

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 *In Loving Memory*

**Our memorial candles burn in July in remembrance of:**

*Sanctuary Lamp:*  
**Norman & Yvette Ashley**  
by family

*Altar Candles:*  
**Anna M. Menard**  
by family

*Tabernacle Candles:*  
**Armand & Lorraine Desrosiers**  
by daughter & son-in-law

*Crucifix Candles:*  
**Robert J. Peloquin**  
by wife Wanda



**Parish Support**

**Collection information for the week of July 1st will be delayed due to early submission due to holiday. Report will appear in next bulletin.**

*Next weekend, July 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> the second collection is for Repairs & Restoration.*

*Thank you for your generosity!*

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**

**Tuesday July 10, 2018. 1pm to 3pm in the Church Hall.**

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

“My God is now my strength!” Let God be the strength of your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Sep 15-16, 2018 in Medway, MA and Dec 7-9, 2018 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.

**SAVE THE DATE... August 7, 2018**

The Diocese of Fall River is sponsoring a

**Catholic Youth Day**

to be held on Martha’s Vineyard.

This will be a **FREE** event, giving youth from around the diocese an opportunity to come together in fellowship and worship.

More details to follow.

**Quo Vadis Days July 9—July 13**

Quo Vadis Days offers young men ages 14 to 18 a time for recreation, fellowship, prayer, and sharing to explore what their vocation in life might be. It brings together priests, seminarians and young men from the Fall River Diocese for a variety of activities from prayer and discussion to mountain hiking and sports. Through it all, participants have an opportunity to deepen their faith, to learn about discerning a vocation and to enjoy the fraternity of the other participants. Quo Vadis Days is an initiative of the Vocations Office of the Fall River Diocese and has been offered over the past several summers. Contact Father Kevin Cook at [frcook@holyfamilytaunton.org](mailto:frcook@holyfamilytaunton.org) or by telephone 508-824-5707.

**St John of God Feast:** St John of God Parish (996 Brayton Av in Somerset) will have their annual Feast from July 20-22. Friday & Saturday from 5 to 10pm. Sunday from 12 noon to 9am. Procession on Sunday at 3pm. Music will be Fuzzy and the Fuzz Tones on Friday, Back in the Day on Saturday, Arlindo Andrade and Nadia Pavaoon Sunday. Family Entertainment: Toe Jam Puppet Band on Saturday at 5:30pm & on Sunday at 4:30pm Magic Show followed by Balloon art. Portuguese, American, and Polish Food. Malasadas every day. Kids-A-Palooza on Friday & Saturday from 5:30-8:30pm (games, crafts, & activities for children). Pony Rides all 3 days. More info at [atsjog-somerset.org](http://atsjog-somerset.org)

**MY BROTHER'S KEEPER** is a Christian ministry in Dartmouth that delivers furniture free of charge to families in need. At each delivery they offer a crucifix as a gift along with the message, "We are just the delivery people. This is the man who sent you the furniture". They need volunteers to help in a variety of ways including administration, cleaning, sorting, sewing, and pickups & deliveries. All are welcome. Call 774-305-4577 or go to [www.MyBrothersKeeper.org](http://www.MyBrothersKeeper.org)

**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.

## 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!

As we announced a few weeks ago, our 2017-2018 year was amazing! The profit from the club was given to the parish and totaled \$6,500.00! You can be part of the action!

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Congratulations to:

**Donna & Bill**

**Lapointe**

Winner for July 1, 2018

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### Called by Name Retreat for Girls Ages 14-18

Girls ages 14 to 18 are invited to this retreat offered specially for them! Participants will have an opportunity to discover and appreciate their special gifts through various activities, to enjoy nature and a picnic lunch, and to experience quiet prayer to recognize the gift of relating to Jesus. Retreat begins on Friday, July 13, at 6:30 p.m. and concludes the next day, Saturday, at 5 p.m. Cost is only \$15.00 (payable at the door, in cash please). Those interested in attending must RSVP by July 10. Please read the retreat flyer and find the Parental Permission form here. Please contact Sister Paulina to register or with any questions at [Sr.Paulina@dioc-fr.org](mailto:Sr.Paulina@dioc-fr.org) or by calling the Vocations/Religious Office at 508-675-1311 or 909-496-2022

### 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.



### Church Grounds Beautification & Clean-up Crew!

Thanks to those who have heeded the call for help with our spring clean-up and planting. Much work is still needed. Summer time is here, please consider donating your talent and time for the summer phase of our project. Call Norma at 508-676-9033 to let her know your availability. Thank you.

# YOUTH GROUP SUMMER SCHEDULE



*Is your car covered with dirt, grime and pollen? The Youth Group can help you, come to our Car Wash on Saturday, July 14th from 11-3p.m., in the rear of the church.*



**Thank You for Your Support**

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## Youth Group Scheduled Meetings

**Sunday, July 29th- 5-6:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, August 19th- 5-6:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, September 2nd- 5-6:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, September, 16th- 5-6:30 p.m.**

# YOUTH GROUP

## BAKE SALE

## PHOTO GALLERY

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