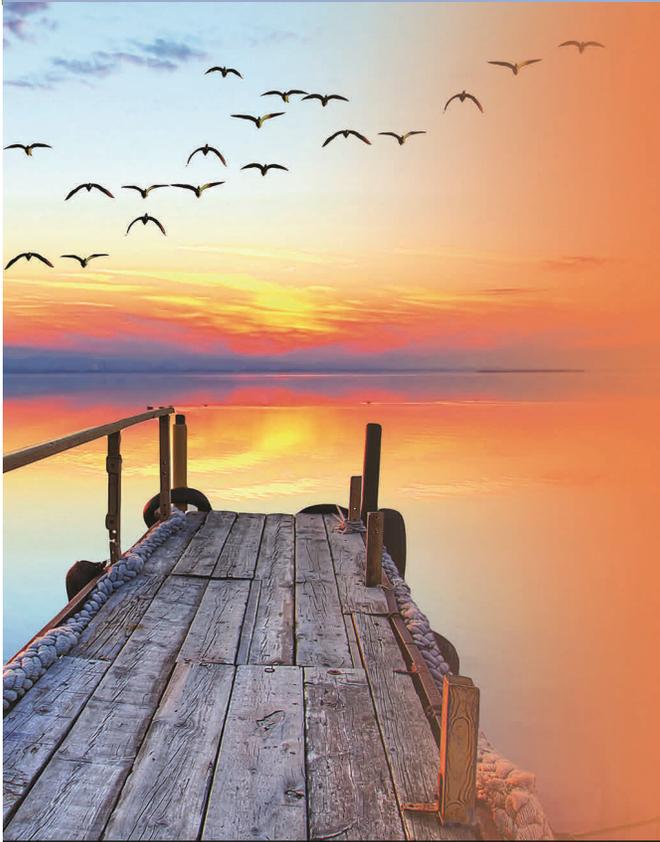


St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Sunday September 16, 2018



24th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.”

- Mk 8:34b

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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

Pastor: Rev. Michael A. Ciryak
Maintenance: Tony Roderigues
Bulletin: Colleen Fontaine
Finance/Office/Notary: Fran Kelley
Music Director: Ada Simpson
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., September 15

4:00 p.m. **Brenda Rogers** by Mom & Dad
Doris Berube by Doris Berube & Family
Doris Montour Third Anniversary
by Colleen & Ronald

Sun. September 16

8:00 a.m. **Liliana Talbot** by Parents
9:30 a.m. **For the Forgotten and Neglected**
11:00 a.m. **Frank Mellon 22nd Anniversary**
by Wife Ellie & Family

Mon. September 17

9:00 a.m. **Fr. William Costello**

Tues. September 18

9:00 a.m. **Jennie Kopeski** by Wanda

Wed. September 19

9:00 a.m. **Mary E. Ferreira** by Friends of
Espirito Santo Church

Thurs. September 20

9:00 a.m. **Deceased Priests & Religious**

Sat. September 22

4:00 p.m. **Charles Kadlec** by Chris & Helen Kadlec
Pearl Gray by Wanda
Herbert & Pearl Gray by Wayne & Marita

Sun. September 23

8:00 a.m. **Anna Fernandes & Mary Garganta**
9:30 a.m.
11:00 a.m. **Katherine Eddy** by Family

LIVING FAITH

"Who do people say I am?" Everyone asks that question. Often we are pushed by people into places we do not want to be—the wrong places. Today Peter gets rebuked because his thinking is "not God's way." In our lives, faith in God needs actions to express it, strengthen it and make it grow. Otherwise faith is dead and only an abstraction—interesting, maybe, as a monument to something past. Certainly not for today's world. If you can say today "I am a faith-filled Christian," do you think others can detect your faith through your actions?

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In Loving Memory

Our memorial candles burn in September in remembrance of:

Sanctuary Lamp:
Herbert Gray by Wayne & Marita

Altar Candles:
Robert J. Peloquin by Wife Wanda

Tabernacle Candles:
Alice Walsh by Family

Crucifix Candles:
Conrad Fortier by Wife Phyllis



Parish Support

Collected September 8th and September 9th

Budget: \$3149.00

Diocesan Assessment: \$1283.00

Franciscan Mission Service Appeal: \$747.00

Repairs & Restoration: \$229.00

Next weekend, September 22nd and 23rd the second collection is for Repairs & Restoration.

Thank you for your generosity!

Remembering Your Loved Ones

It is very easy to remember a loved one in our own personal way, but what better way than a Mass or Mass Card. Both are available here at St. Francis of Assisi.

All you need to do is contact the Rectory to schedule a Mass or acquire a Mass Card. Masses are still available for the months of September through December. Rectory office telephone number is 508-673-2808.



The St. Vincent de Paul Society of our parish is comprised of a dozen exemplary individuals, both men and women, who aim to live out their faith in Jesus Christ through loving service and prayer for those in need in our community.

If you need help with bills, groceries or rent...call the rectory today.



Monetary donations will be collected by members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society the weekend of September 22nd and 23rd.

The walk takes place in Kennedy Park on Saturday, September 29th.

If you would like to participate in the walk, registration forms can be found in the sacristy.



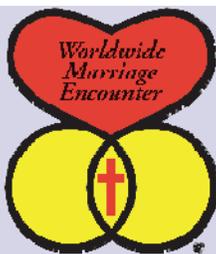
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

We will be celebrating with a special Mass of

Thanksgiving for couples observing a significant wedding anniversary (including first year) during 2018. This celebration will take place on Sunday, October 14, 2018, at 3:00 p.m. at St. Mary Cathedral in Fall River. If you would like an invitation, please let your Pastor know as soon as possible.

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

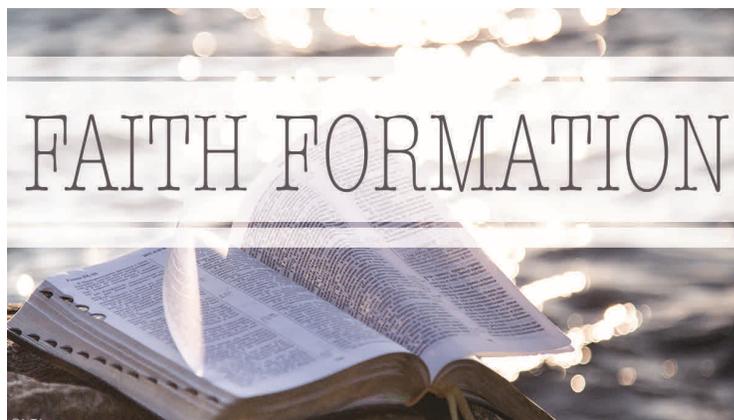
St. John of God "Meals Ministry" takes place on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month. If you, or someone you know could benefit from *stretching your wallet* by attending their meal, you are most welcome. The meal is intended for those in need in the Swansea/Somerset area and also for the elderly who may not want to dine alone. If you want more information, call St. John of God Church at (508) 678-5513.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace. Find peace in your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Dec 7-9, 2018 in Duxbury, MA and Jan 18-20, 2019 in South Kingstown, RI. For

more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>.



REGISTER NOW FOR THE 2018-2019 YEAR!

Forms are at the entrances to church and on our website. New students need to provide a copy of their Baptismal certificate.

Dates for Registration: September 15-16, September 22-23 and September 29-30 after all Masses.

Start date and schedules will be announced in the bulletin at a later date.

Call to Prayer Initiative

The U.S. Bishops urge our participation each Friday in a nationwide Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life, August 3-September 28. Participants will receive weekly email or text reminders to pray and fast, along with little-known facts about *Roe v.*

Wade to share with others. Sign up at www.usccb.org/pray!

Pro Life Quotes

"Catholics must never abandon the moral requirement to seek full protection for all human life from the moment of conception until natural death."

USCCB Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship

HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED AN 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 November 9th-11th 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.

