

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

What's Happening At Our Parish

The Feast of Our Patron Saint Events:

Thursday, October 4th, 2018 -

Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi,

Mass 9am

Saturday, October 6th, 2018 -

Blessing of the Pets in the Church Yard

1PM - All friendly pets welcome

We will be accepting donations for the Swansea Animal Shelter (see inside bulletin for further details).

Saturday, October 20th, 2018, 5:30pm

Saint Francis Fundraiser Dinner / Dance

American Legion Hall

73 Ocean Grove Avenue, Swansea

Tickets Adult \$20. Children 12 and under \$5.

Dinner, Dancing, Raffle, Door Prizes.....

Baked Lasagna, Antipasto Salad, Broccoli Chicken with Ziti, Italian

Meatballs, Italian Sausages, Finger Sandwiches, Rolls, Dessert.

Catered by Riccardi's. Disc Jockey David C.

Tickets available after Masses September 22, 23, 29, 30 and

October 6, 7, 13, 14. Don't hesitate tickets are limited.



(Note: Anyone who would like to contribute items to the raffle, please place them on the table outside the kitchen in the church hall on or before October 14. Thank you!)



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 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. **Katherine Marques** by Wanda
11:00 a.m. **Katherine Eddy** by Family

Mon. September 24

9:00 a.m. **Ida Lopes** by Rose Pacheco

Tues. September 25

9:00 a.m. **William Howard** by Kathy & Bill Sullivan

Wed. September 26

9:00 a.m. **Gerry Fortin** by Michael & Frances Kelley

Thurs. September 27

9:00 a.m. **Andre "Jim" Michaud** by Niece & Nephew

Sat. September 29

4:00 p.m. **Desiree Choquette 6th Anniversary**
by Family
Dorothy Lachance by Husband
Kevin M. Harrison by Marita & Wayne

Sun. September 30

8:00 a.m.
9:30 a.m.
11:00 a.m. **John Crook Birthday Remembrance** by
Kathy & Bill Sullivan

CHILDLIKE WONDER

"What were you arguing about?" Who is the greatest and most important? In this year of transition, we see easily how fleeting fame is. Today Jesus asks us to become childlike and welcome God. Then we become a reproach to hypocrisy, wickedness and "getting ahead at all costs." The change makes us like children. In welcoming Jesus, we welcome the one who sent him, the heavenly Father, and the life-giving Spirit. Now there is a childlike wonder—and real importance!

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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 15th and September 16th

Budget: \$3412.50

Religious Education: \$1375.00

Diocesan Assessment: \$127.00

Franciscan Mission Service Appeal: \$60.00

Next weekend, September 29th and 30th the second collection is for Cardinal Medeiros Residence.

Thank you for your generosity!

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.

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.

ST. FRANCIS DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT UPDATE

Balance due as of July 1, 2018	\$59,799.00
July payment	\$ 1,400.00
August payment	\$ 1,729.00

Balance due as of September 1, 2018	\$ 56,670.00

As always, thank you for your continued support. Again, if each parish family contributed \$10.00 per month for the next 12 months, we can actually payoff our unpaid balance.



St. Francis, pray for us

**RED MASS
SEPTEMBER 29, 2018**

Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha, S. D. V., will celebrate the annual Red Mass in the Fall River Diocese at 4 p. m., Saturday, September 29, 2018, in Saint Mary's Cathedral, Fall River. A long standing tradition in the Church, the Red Mass is celebrated each year in the Diocese to invoke God's guidance and strength on those who work to promote justice in the legal system. All are welcome to attend.

At the conclusion of the Mass, in keeping with a tradition unique to the Fall River Diocese, Bishop da Cunha will present the St. Thomas More Award to members of the area legal community in recognition of dedicated service. For more information, including tickets for the dinner to follow the Red Mass, please contact chairperson Attorney Michael Harrington at 508-994-5900.

ROSARY COAST TO COAST

**Sunday, October 7, 2018
3:30p.m. to 5:30p.m.**

Rosary to begin promptly at 4:00p.m.



**Fort Taber
1000 Rodney French Blvd.
New Bedford, MA**

**For more information website:
www.rosarycoasttocoast.com**

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
PET BLESSING**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2018

We will be accepting donations for the Swansea Animal Shelter at the pet blessing, below is the list of needed items or you can go to the shelter web site:

www.town.swansea.ma.us/animal-control

A List of Items That Are Always In Need:

- Volunteers
- Treats & Dog Biscuits
- Toys
- Canned Dog & Cat Food
- Scoopable Cat Litter
- Bleach
- Laundry Detergent
- Dish Detergent
- Disinfectant
- Paper Towels
- Sponges
- Long Handled Scrub Brushes
- Floor Squeegees
- Blankets & Flat Sheets
- Trash Bags
- Collars
- Leashes
- First Aid Supplies
- Computer Paper
- And of course, Money

(Monetary donations are used for medical treatment of the animals and supplies and other unforeseen expenses)



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/>.

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 previously, 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!

Congratulations to:
Alice Viveiros
Winner for September 16, 2018

50Week Club

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Sign up now by filling this form and dropping it off in the collection basket.

Name: _____

Address: _____

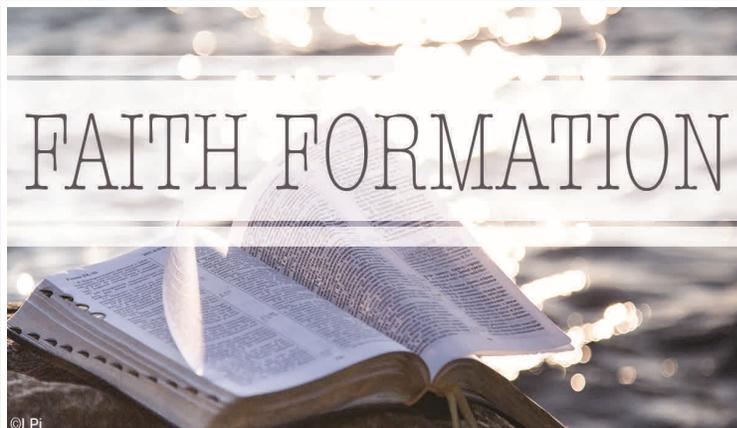
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Email: _____



Congratulations to Leo Patrick Burke, son of Patrick and Erica Burke, who was Baptized on Sunday, September 16th.

May God Bless him and his family!



FAITH FORMATION

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 22-23 and September 29-30 after all Masses in the parish hall.

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



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY OUTREACH PROGRAM

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is trying to find ways to extend their outreach to those in need.

Food bags will be placed at the main entrance to the church after each weekend mass.

Please take a bag if you know of anyone who is in need, or if you are in need yourself.

Or, please contact St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Francis of Assisi parish @ 508-673-2808 for further assistance. All calls are confidential. Our mission is to help those in need.