

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

## Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Michael A. Ciryak

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Cantors: Allison Messier and Mike Moniz

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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

## 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 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 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. **For the Forgotten and Neglected**  
9:30 a.m. **Intentions of Bishop Edgar da Cunha**  
11:00 a.m. **John Crook Birthday Remembrance** by  
Kathy & Bill Sullivan

### **Mon. October 1**

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

### **Tues. October 2**

9:00 a.m. **Katie L. Fleet Birthday Remembrance**  
by Mom

### **Wed. October 3**

9:00 a.m. **Robert and Elizabeth Hahn** by Ada

### **Thurs. October 4**

9:00 a.m. **Andrew Boisvert** by Family

### **Sat. October 6**

4:00 p.m. **Robert J. Peloquin 12th Anniversary**  
by Wife Wanda  
**Brenda Rogers 54th Birthday**  
**Remembrance** by Mom & Dad  
**Kevin M. Harrison** by Family

### **Sun. October 7**

8:00 a.m. **William Howard** by Mike & Fran Kelley  
9:30 a.m. **Horace & Joanne Campos** by Family  
11:00 a.m. **Katherine Eddy** by Family

### **ANGELS**

The English word "angel" comes from the Greek *angelos*, which means "messenger." In the Hebrew Scriptures, with two exceptions, the Hebrew word for angel is *malak* and also means "messenger." Although "angel" nearly always applies to heavenly beings when used in the Bible, it occasionally applies to human messengers. The most significant angel is Gabriel, who appears to Daniel, Zachary and Mary. We celebrate the feast of the Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael on September 29. On October 2 we celebrate the feast of our Guardian Angels, who watch over and safeguard all God's creatures. "No evil shall befall you, no affliction come near your tent, for God commands the angels to guard you in all your ways. With their hands they shall support you, lest you strike your foot against a stone" (Psalm 91:10-12).

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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 22nd and September 23rd**  
**Budget: \$3200.00**  
**Repairs & Restoration: \$2058.00**

*Next weekend, October 6th and 7th the second collection is for Repairs & Restoration.*

**Thank you for your generosity!**

### **Grief and Loss:**

**Together Finding Ways to Making Sense of it All**

### **2018 Schedule**

**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 will be no session August 7th.

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 or 508-642-0583 or E-mail:

[rsaraiva@dfrcs.org](mailto:rsaraiva@dfrcs.org) or [rosmarysaraiva@gmail.com](mailto:rosmarysaraiva@gmail.com).

## **CURSILLO**

Cursillo is...an active three-day learning experience in basic Christianity featuring practical insights into an everyday life of faith and service. It is a unique experience and offers us an opportunity to develop, nurture and deepen our own personal relationship with Jesus Christ. It is enjoyed by active and less active Christians alike through a sponsor - a friend who has already lived Cursillo. It may be the best gift you give yourself! Please join us in the Great Room for coffee & donuts after the Sunday morning masses this weekend! Cursillo weekends are held at the Holy Cross Retreat House, located on the grounds of Stonehill College: Men's weekends are in October, January or March Women's weekends are November, February or April For more information, please contact Jim Lane at Fall-RiverCursillo@gmail.com / 508-238-0889.

## **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 October through December.

Rectory office telephone number is 508-673-2808.

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, all are invited to join us in the celebration of our patron saint.

**Saturday, October 6th, 2018**

Blessing of the Pets in the Church Yard

**NEW TIME : 11AM** - All friendly pets welcome

**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.

We Need Your Help!



On Oct 5th five yards of mulch will be delivered to the church. Two yards of which Redwood Nursery has kindly offered to donate.

On Oct 6<sup>th</sup> a small party of us will try to get all the mulch moved in one day. Hence some volunteers will be needed. Neither tools nor experience in gardening is necessary! We pray that a few people will come to our aide on this day. Hope to get started at 9:00 am, but you can drop in at any time.

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**Presents "the shredder truck"**

*Don't keep it ! Shred it!*

November 3rd

8AM- NOON

IN THE CHURCH PARKING LOT

*Secure Shredding of Sensitive and Confidential Documents*

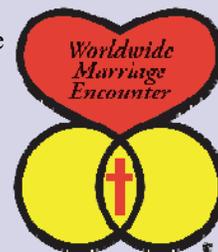
**Pro Life Quotes**

"Participation in political life in light of fundamental moral principles is an essential duty for every Catholic and all people of goodwill."

*USCCB Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

Your word, oh Lord, is truth. Bring the Lord's truth into 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://wwmema.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:  
**Manny Miranda**  
Winner for September 23, 2018

# 50Week Club

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

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

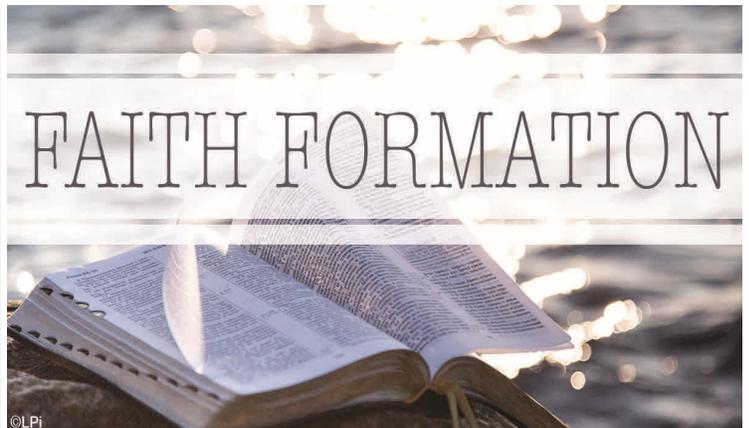
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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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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.



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**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 29-30 after all Masses in the parish hall.**

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

## **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](http://www.rosarycoasttocoast.com)**