

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Sunday September 9, 2018

**23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

# HEALED

He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "*Ephphatha!*"—that is, "*Be opened!*" - Mk 7:33b-34



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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

## Contact:

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50 Week Club: Bill & Kathy Sullivan 508-493-9064 or  
508-674-8511

## 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/Rectorry:  
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 8**

4:00 p.m. *Herbert Gray by Wayne & Marita  
James A. Walsh by Nancy Urban  
Pearl Gray by Rita Vasconcellos*

### **Sun. September 9**

8:00 a.m. *Mary E. Ferreira First Anniversary  
by Family*  
9:30 a.m.  
11:00 a.m. *Alex Silva by Mom, Dad & Family*

### **Mon. September 10**

9:00 a.m.

### **Tues. September 11**

9:00 a.m. *Deceased Parishioners of St. Francis*

### **Wed. September 12**

9:00 a.m.

### **Thurs. September 13**

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

### **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.  
9:30 a.m.  
11:00 a.m. *Frank Mellon 22nd Anniversary  
by Wife Ellie & Family*

### **EPHPHATHA**

"Be opened" to what there is to see, hear and be. Be sensible before God to the truth. Baptism, confirmation and Eucharist do this for us. Do we take advantage of what we are offered? Jesus the Messiah came to open up creation and life for each of us. After more than 2000 years, it is right to judge by his standard. Those who love him and are poor according to the world's standard are chosen to be rich in faith and heirs to God's reign. What's your standard?

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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 1st and September 2nd**  
**Budget: \$3936.00**  
**Repairs & Restorations: \$1852.00**  
**August Online Giving: \$695.00**

Next weekend, September 15th and 16th the second collection is for Religious Education.

**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.

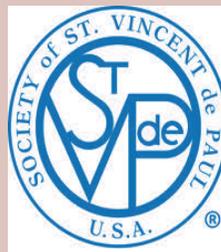
If you need help with bills, groceries or rent...call the rectory today.



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.



## 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.

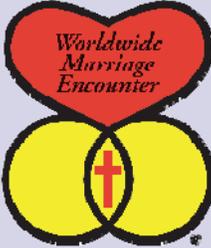
Food bags will be placed at the main entrance to the church after each weekend mass.

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.

**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.



**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**  
Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. Take time for your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Dec 7-9, 2018 in Duxbury, MA and Sep 28-30, 2018 in Oneonta, NY. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>.

**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!](http://www.usccb.org/pray!)

**Pro Life Quotes**

"In our society, human life is especially under attack from abortion, which some political actors mischaracterize as an issue of women's health."

*USCCB Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*

**LA SALETTE SHRINE**

**SEPTEMBER 22, 2018**

**FIRST ITALIAN CULTURAL FESTIVAL**

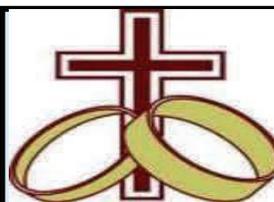
**TO HONOR ST. PADRE PIO OF PIETRELCINAIN ON THE 50th ANNIVERSARY OF HIS DEATH**

Join us as we celebrate Padre Pio of Pietrelcina at the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette, 947 Park Street, Attleboro, MA 02703.

The Festival will officially open at 12:00pm. Groups are advised to arrive at the Shrine between 11:00am and 12:00pm. Guided tours of the La Salette Shrine campus and facilities will be available for groups and individuals during the time prior the official opening of the Festival and during the Festival.

The Festival will include both cultural and religious events: Italian food, dances, and songs; a roundtable on the life St. Padre Pio, veneration of a first class relic of St. Padre Pio, a concert in his honor and a presentation on the history of Italian-Americans in the United States. Kevin Sullivan will present and direct "A Musical Portrait of Padre Pio". Educational and fun activities for children will be available and much more. The Festival will conclude with a solemn Mass in honor of St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina at 6:00pm.

For more information visit: <https://italianculturalfestival.org>



**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.

# 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!

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Congratulations to:

## Rose Mccomb

Winner for September 2, 2018

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# 50Week Club

**WANTED: NEW MEMBERS!**

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

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

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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## St. Francis of Assisi Feast Celebrations

**Thursday, October 4th**

**Mass at 9:00 a.m. Feast of St. Francis of Assisi**

**Saturday, October 6th**

**Feast of St. Francis Pet Blessing—Time to be announced**

**Saturday, October 20th**

**Feast of St. Francis Dinner-Time and menu to be announced**



**WATCH THE BULLETIN FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN THE COMING WEEKS.**



Congratulations to Paige Cecilia Messier, daughter of Richard and

Melissa Messier, who was Baptized on Sunday, September 2nd.

May God Bless her and her family!



**SAVE THE DATE**

**Saturday, September 22nd**

Our friends from Rite Aid Pharmacy will be available before and after the 4:00 p.m. Mass to administer flu shots.