

# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, HYANNIS, MA

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

**DIOCESE OF FALL RIVER**

**JANUARY 7, 2018**

**STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER**

### TIME FLIES - WHAT'S YOUR PLAN..?

~ ST. FRANCIS XAVIER ~

Today we celebrate Epiphany. Monday, we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Believe it or not, Lent is right around the corner. It is a month away (4 ½ weeks to be precise). This is the time to really begin thinking about how to enter into the season of Lent. I propose to you that your Plan ought to have three different areas: Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh.

We hear in the Gospel today how the Wise Men brought these gifts to the Lord. How can we do likewise? Gold is money—almsgiving. This is not only the support of the Church and its ministry, it is the giving to the poor and needy—perhaps even the homeless person on Main St. You don't have to give money if you are uncomfortable with that. Stop by a local store and buy a sub or burger or something and hand it to whomever. Have left-overs? Call St. Joseph's House and ask if you can bring them by as a donation to the residents.

Frankincense is prayer—like sweet-smelling incense billowing up to Heaven. There are many ways to pray, but a powerful one is Intercessory Prayer. Intercessory Prayer is a cooperation with God and an invitation for Him to act with Mercy and power in the life of another. Perhaps pick someone at random and pray for them all of Lent, or for a week and then pick someone else. Like a secret Santa! Maybe, gather a few friends, pick a spot at random (or preplanned), and say the rosary as a group—particularly for the people in the area.

Myrrh is self-sacrifice. This ought to be on a couple of levels as well—some form of fasting and some form of doing something for another. The Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy are great sources of ideas. Much of what I already mentioned falls under these.

We have many nursing homes and assisted and retirement living places in our area. No matter how wonderful the level of the care, there are times that the residents feel not only like they are sick, but imprisoned. How about a home-bound (or nearly so) neighbor? Myrrh.

If you are paying attention, you have noticed that this is none other than the suggestion of Christ Himself. On Ash Wednesday we will hear from the Gospel of Matthew where Jesus teaches that it is by Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving that we quietly and humbly follow His example—“...and your Father who sees in secret will repay you.”

It is the Holy Spirit of God that animates our souls and gives us the drive and courage to do these things. The Holy Spirit that was first welcomed and invited into the world by a human when Jesus was Baptized 2000 years ago. Let's make sure He is busy this Year!

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| <b>Saturday:</b>  |                        | <b>Jan 6</b>  |
| <b>8:30 AM</b>    | Special Intention      |               |
| <b>4:00 PM</b>    | Adelia Dominic         |               |
| <b>Sunday:</b>    |                        | <b>Jan 7</b>  |
| <b>9 AM</b>       | John Barry             |               |
| <b>11AM</b>       | Members of the Parish  |               |
| <b>1 PM</b>       | Leo McGrath            |               |
| <b>Monday:</b>    |                        | <b>Jan 8</b>  |
| <b>8:30 AM</b>    | John Whitten           |               |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>   |                        | <b>Jan 9</b>  |
| <b>8:30 AM</b>    | Gael McMaster          |               |
| <b>Wednesday:</b> |                        | <b>Jan 10</b> |
| <b>8:30 AM</b>    | Margaret Moran         |               |
| <b>Thursday:</b>  |                        | <b>Jan 11</b> |
| <b>8:30 AM</b>    | Adelia Dominic         |               |
| <b>Friday:</b>    |                        | <b>Jan 12</b> |
| <b>8:30 PM</b>    | Msgr. Henry T. Munroe  |               |
| <b>Saturday:</b>  |                        | <b>Jan 13</b> |
| <b>8:30 AM</b>    | Special Intention      |               |
| <b>4:00 PM</b>    | Dr. Theodore Galkowski |               |
| <b>Sunday:</b>    |                        | <b>Jan 14</b> |
| <b>9 AM</b>       | Sylvia Rocha           |               |
| <b>11AM</b>       | Kathleen Bush          |               |
| <b>1 PM</b>       | Stephen McLean         |               |

~ SACRED HEART CHAPEL ~

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| <b>Saturday</b> |                       | <b>Jan 6</b>  |
| <b>4 PM</b>     | Adele Snee            |               |
| <b>Sunday</b>   |                       | <b>Jan 7</b>  |
| <b>8 AM</b>     | Jim Davis             |               |
| <b>Saturday</b> |                       | <b>Jan 13</b> |
| <b>4 PM</b>     | Deborah Bellis        |               |
| <b>Sunday</b>   |                       | <b>Jan 14</b> |
| <b>8 AM</b>     | Members of the Parish |               |



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## SANCTUARY LAMP

Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to book the Sanctuary Lamp at St. Francis, in honor of a loved one. The Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week in honor of:

**DANIEL & JEANNETTE BIRMINGHAM**

## COLLECTIONS

St. Francis Xavier Church  
Sacred Heart Chapel

December 31, 2017 - \$ 6,235  
St. Vincent DePaul - \$ 411

## EUCCHARISTIC APOSTLES OF DIVINE MERCY

Meetings are usually held every other Monday. However, the next meeting will be held on **January 8, 2018**. For further information, call the office at 508.775.0818.

## COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP...

Join us each Sunday morning after 9 and 11AM Masses, in the Lower Church Hall, at St. Francis, for coffee and fellowship.



## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – CATHOLIC FOUNDATION - DIOCESE OF FALL RIVER

The **Diocese of Fall River** is standing on the threshold of a life-changing chapter in its 113-year history, and is currently seeking to fill its newly created full-time position of **Executive Director for The Catholic Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts**. This fundraising leader will broaden, deepen and expand the relationships with current and future donors, and will work closely with Bishop da Cunha and the Board of Directors to ensure the appropriate strategies are developed and implemented. This once in a lifetime opportunity will be both challenging and rewarding. For a full description of the position, please go to [www.fallriverdiocese.org](http://www.fallriverdiocese.org) and click on "Employment Opportunities", or contact Peter Powers, Executive Director of Human Resources and Administration, at (508)985-6507, or by e-mail at [ppowers@dioc-fr.org](mailto:ppowers@dioc-fr.org).

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RAFFLE WINNERS

K of C Council 2525, 500 Club monthly raffle  
December winners are:

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| \$250.00 | Thomas Flaherty      | Cummaquid  |
| \$100.00 | Mary Kleeman         | W.Yarmouth |
| \$ 50.00 | Jean McNamara        | Hyannis    |
| \$ 50.00 | Rita Donovan         | Whitman    |
| \$ 50.00 | Fr. Mike Fitzpatrick | Hyannis    |

You can join anytime for \$50.00 and you will participate in 12 consecutive Monthly drawings with 60 chances to win. Applications are available in the box outside of the K of C Hall entrance at Our Lady of Victory Parish. For more information see [kofccouncil2525@comcast.net](mailto:kofccouncil2525@comcast.net) or call 508.775.4054.



## ULTREYA GATHERING JANUARY 7, 2018

There will be an Ultreya Gathering following the 5:30 Mass at **Holy Trinity Parish**, 246 Main St., (Route 28), Harwich, MA. Normally, on the first Sunday of the month; the next meeting will be held at their Parish Center (across the Street from the church) January 7. For more information, call Betty Quadros at 508-255-8248.



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### **SPIRITUALITY FOR EVERYDAY LIVING**

**- JAN 10**

A mini-retreat series will begin the New Year with **"Follow Your Bliss"** led by Peggy Patenaude of Taking Time Out. It will be held on Wednesday, January 10 at Sacred Hearts Retreat Center in Wareham, MA from 10:00am -12:30pm. (Coffee at 9:30) Cost is \$25. Pre-registration required. Contact Peggy at 508-548-9149 or [timeoutretreats@comcast.net](mailto:timeoutretreats@comcast.net). For more information, visit [www.timeoutretreats.com](http://www.timeoutretreats.com).

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### **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

**- JAN 19-21**

Give your children the best gift possible - the abiding love between their parents. Learn how to encourage it by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Jan 19-21, 2018 in South Kingstown, RI and Mar 9-11, 2018 in Duxbury, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

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### **ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PREPARATORY SCHOOL**

#### **OPEN HOUSE**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2018**

**9:30 -11:00 A.M.**

Looking for an exceptional middle school experience for your child? St. Francis Xavier Preparatory School cordially invites you and your family to attend Open House, Friday, January 19, 9:30 - 11:00 A.M. Receive a tour from a current SFXP student; observe classes in session; and learn about the rigorous academics, rich array of co-curricular opportunities and our faith-filled, structured environment. For more information, please contact Mrs. Jenn Canzano, Admissions Director, at [508-862-6336](tel:508-862-6336) or email [jcanano@sfxp.org](mailto:jcanano@sfxp.org). Visit [www.sfxp.org](http://www.sfxp.org). Financial aid is available.

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### **ST. JOHN PAUL II HIGH SCHOOL - HIGH SCHOOL PREVIEW NIGHT**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2018 - 6:00 - 7:30 P.M.**

Join JP II administrators, faculty members, guidance counselors, athletic director, JP II parents and students to learn about the benefits of a St. John Paul II High School education. This relaxed, conversational presentation features valuable information concerning, Academic Program, Athletic Program, College Counseling, Co-Curricular offerings, Financial Aid Information, Performing and Visual Arts, Spiritual Life, and Student Life. There will be an opportunity for questions and answers as well as individual consultations and tours. Registration is not required. For more information, please contact Mrs. Jenn Canzano, Admissions Director, at [508-862-6336](tel:508-862-6336) or email [jcanzano@jp.dfrcs.org](mailto:jcanzano@jp.dfrcs.org). Visit [www.sjp2hs.org](http://www.sjp2hs.org). Financial aid is available.

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### **OFFICE FOR CHILD PROTECTION**

Don't let your child be a victim! Our children are subject to numerous societal pressures, such as being popular, being thin, taking drugs or alcohol, etc. Anorexia, bulimia, substance abuse, and bullying are all things that can rob your child of precious childhood years or even life itself. If your child is struggling with any of these issues, contact the Office for Child Protection (508) 997-7337 and see the resources available at [www.cssdioc.org/OCP](http://www.cssdioc.org/OCP). (49)

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### **WINTER BRUNCH TO SUPPORT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

The 13th annual Foundation to Advance Catholic Education, Inc., (FACE) winter brunch will be hosted by The Most Reverend Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V., Bishop of Fall River. The event will take place on Sunday, February 4, 2018, at the Coonamessett Inn of Falmouth. Proceeds from the event benefit FACE, which provides need-based scholarships to children attending Catholic schools on Cape Cod and throughout southeastern Massachusetts.

Mary and Larry McGrath, Esq. are serving as co-chairs for this year's event and with their committee are planning an afternoon of delicious food, children's entertainment and merriment.

Beginning at 11:30 a.m., the festivities will include an award winning Sunday brunch buffet, silent auction and a fun filled raffle with fantastic prizes.

In his letter of invitation to the winter brunch, Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V., notes the ongoing challenge to maintain Catholic schools and to provide a quality Catholic education to thousands of children.

"We know that with the generous help of dedicated people like you, we can meet this challenge. Together we will continue making Catholic education available to as many children as we possibly can," writes the Bishop.

The FACE winter brunch offers a great opportunity to help support Catholic education in the Fall River Diocese. For details, including ticket information and sponsorship opportunities, please contact Jane Robin at 508-759-3566.

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### **A WOMAN'S BIBLE STUDY AT CHRIST THE KING PARISH - MASHPEE** **WOULD YOU LIKE MORE FROM YOUR FAITH?**

"WWP Scripture studies with practical application to life today; provoking questions; reflection and prayer, are all incredible tools to help you become the woman God created you to be." - Lisa Brenninkmeyer founder of WWP

Take time for yourself to renew your Faith

No Bible experience necessary

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Weekly groups:

Tuesdays 9 to 11 AM and Thursday evenings 7 to 9 PM

Parish of Christ the King, Mashpee - Classroom B

WWPMashpee@aol.com

(call Christ the King Parish for exact dates for the new year)