

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, HYANNIS, MA

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

DIOCESE OF FALL RIVER

JANUARY 15, 2017

STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER

HEART OF THE WORLD VI

~ ST. FRANCIS XAVIER ~

Like the heart in the body, the very center and life-moving force of the Church is the Eucharist. All of the other Sacraments and the whole life of Grace and the Church in the world flow from it and lead back to it.

2017 commemorates 100 years since the apparitions of the Blessed Mother to Lucia, Jacinta, and Francisco at Fatima. In this column, we have been discussing how an Angel appeared to them three times in order to prepare them to meet Our Lady. In his 3rd appearance, (when he also revealed that he is St. Michael) he taught them how they are to comport themselves in the Presence of Christ in the Eucharist and a prayer:

Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, I adore You profoundly. I offer You the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges, and indifference, by which He is offended. By the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I pray for the conversion of poor sinners.

For the last couple of weeks, we have focused on how St. Michael taught them how to practice Reverence (or Piety). This Gift of the Holy Spirit precedes any interaction (prayer) with God and denotes an interior attitude that is also expressed outwardly.

We express meaning with our bodies—with what we do, how we do it, and how we dress. St. Michael was able to *appear* to be bowing in order to teach the children, but angels don't have bodies and can't bow. Or kneel. Or sit, stand, lay down, run, eat, sing, kiss, hug, or punch. However, they have a lot to teach us about Reverence.

To show this to the children, St. Michael would prostrate himself before God when he would pray. He appeared to kneel down and then bow profoundly, touching his forehead to the ground. In this way, he taught the children the level of Reverence that ought to be expressed to God through a posture of prayer that they had never before seen.

This means that we as humans are not limited to words to express what is in our hearts and what we feel. It also means that there is a beautiful choreography to life. Liturgical worship taps into this dynamic and allows us to express to God what our words alone cannot. So we stand, bow, kneel, genuflect, process, etc.

On the other hand, these gestures and postures can be superficial if our hearts and minds are someplace else and not engaged in the meaning—and what is most important is what is in the heart. A paraplegic cannot genuflect with his body, but can be very Reverent. Do you think about what you are doing and how you dress in Church?

Saturday:		Jan 14
8:30 AM	Eleanor Brown	
4:00 PM	Mary Nelson	
Sunday:		Jan 15
9 AM	Gil and Maria Moniz	
11AM	Members of the Parish	
1 PM	Theresa Corcoran	
Monday:		Jan 16
8:30 AM	Richard V. Lucier	
Tuesday:		Jan 17
8:30 AM	Helen Bolderson	
Wednesday:		Jan 18
8:30 AM	Ted Galkowski	
Thursday:		Jan 19
8:30 AM	Robert & Bobby DiCioccio	
Friday:		Jan 20
8:30 AM	Juan Pleitez	
Saturday:		Jan 21
8:30 AM	Joaquim, Mary Rosary & John Rosario	
4:00 PM	Hugh O'Neill, Jr.	
Sunday:		Jan 22
9 AM	Mary Angela Moniz	
11AM	Jack Donovan	
1 PM	Theresa Corcoran	

~ SACRED HEART CHAPEL ~

Saturday:		Jan 14
4 PM	Deborah Bellis	
Sunday:		Jan 15
8 AM	Members of the Parish	
Saturday:		Jan 21
4 PM	Members of the Parish	
Sunday:		Jan 22
8 AM	John V. DelBene, Jr.	



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ADORATION

MONDAY
THROUGH
FRIDAY

NOON TO 3PM

COME PRAY
AN HOUR WITH ME.



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There is a need for additional people to spend a time with Our Lord. Sometimes things come up (illness, family problems) that require the presence of the person who said they would pray with the Lord. It is difficult to predict, but also makes it difficult for them to follow through with this commitment. If you can fill in as a substitute, could you please contact Deacon Bruce Baxter at his email at deaconbrucebaxter@gmail.com or call the Parish Office for details 508.775.0818. Thank you to those of you who have come forward and offered to help.

EUCCHARISTIC APOSTLES OF DIVINE MERCY

Meetings are held every other Monday. The next meeting will be held on **Jan 23**. For further information, call the office at 508.775.0818.

COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP... LIGHT LUNCH, TOO...!!

Come join our Sunday Social, coffee and donuts after the 9AM and Luncheon after the 11AM Masses. This is a great opportunity to visit with fellow parishioners and visitors. Hope to see you there.

FOUNDATION TO ADVANCE CATHOLIC EDUCATION - FACE

A winter brunch on Cape Cod will take place beginning at 11:30 AM on Sunday, February 5, 2017, at the Coonamessett Inn of Falmouth. Proceeds will provide 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. The festivities will include an award winning Sunday brunch buffet, silent auction, mystery prizes and a fun-filled raffle with fantastic prizes. "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.



YOUNG ADULTS MEETING:
The Young Adults will be meeting every 1st and 3rd Saturdays at 5:30pm in the Fr. Duffy Center.

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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:

ROSE BOUCHARD

COLLECTIONS

January 8, 2017 - \$ 2,881

St. Vincent DePaul Society - \$ 834

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER - JAN 20 - 22, 2017

"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." Offer your spouse the treasures of each other by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are Jan 20-22, 2017 in Duxbury, MA and Mar 17-19, 2017 in South Kingstown, RI. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit us at www.WWMEMA.org.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER - MAR 17 - 19, 2017

"The desert and the parched land will exult; the steppe will rejoice and bloom." As we await the coming of the Lord, let us rejoice and encourage our marriages to bloom by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. There is another WWME Weekend on March 17-19, 2017 in South Kingstown, RI. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit us at www.WWMEMA.org.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY FOOD PANTRY - *HELP NEEDED*****

Through the generosity of Trader Joe's we receive between 10 and 20 cases of fresh fruit, vegetables, cheese, and bread every Friday morning. It is our responsibility to pick up the food, deliver it to our Food Pantry, unload the crates/boxes and set out the items for our clients, who start arriving by 10:00 AM. It is very taxing work and requires "strong arms" to accomplish this. We are in need for "strong arms" to help us with this work. If you are interested in helping us with this work, please call us at 508 775-3073 or come to the Pantry on a Tuesday or Friday morning from 9:00 AM to 12:00.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



The Knights of Columbus is seeking a field agent for a career opportunity representing their Insurance, Annuity and Long Term Care Program. They offer a complete benefits package with this full time position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more information on this exciting career opportunity, please contact Michael R. Capobianco, General Agent at (508) 238 - 2300.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

SAVE THE DATE!!

EIGHTH ANNUAL FATHER/DAUGHTER

VALENTINE'S DANCE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2017 - 7 PM TO 10 PM

MUSIC, DANCING, LIGHT REFRESHMENTS and

PHOTOS WITH DAD

TICKETS ARE \$5.00 PER DAD AND DAUGHTER (S) AND

CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE PARISH OFFICE

DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS



ST. JOHN PAUL II HIGH SCHOOL AND ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Missed Open House?

It's not too late to visit!

ST. JOHN PAUL II HIGH SCHOOL

Mini Open House, Wednesday, January 25, 5 - 7:00 P.M

Meet the team! Head of School, Guidance Director & College Advisor, Student Life Co-Ordinator and Vice Principal, Athletic Director, Admissions Director, and students will all be available to answer your questions and give you a tour of the school.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PREPARATORY SCHOOL,

Grades 5 - 8,

Mini Open House, Friday, January 27, 9:30 - 11 A.M.

Take a student led tour. See Classes in session. Learn about the rigorous academics, numerous co-curricular opportunities, and our faith-filled, structured environment. Meet middle school principal, Elizabeth Kelley, teachers, and students. For more information, please contact Mrs. Jenn Canzano, Admissions Director at [508-862-6336](tel:508-862-6336).

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

If a loved one needs the Sacrament of the Sick, please do NOT wait until death is imminent to call the Parish Office. As you know, with only one priest at the Parish and the other at his Hospital Ministry, there are days on which a priest may not be available to attend to these matters. Keep in mind that the Sacrament of the Sick is not solely reserved for the death bed. It is better to make arrangements, at the beginning of declining health or serious illness, so we can provide holy communion (viaticum) to your loved one, until The Lord calls them home. On that note, family, not the Hospice Nurse, should call the office to make that arrangement. Also, if the patient has been in hospital, recently, please be aware that he or she may already have received the Sacrament of the Sick. Usually, a six-month interval is fine, if a person has been ill.