

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, HYANNIS, MA

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

DIOCESE OF FALL RIVER

JANUARY 29, 2017

STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER

HEART OF THE WORLD VIII

~ 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 God and a prayer (I hope you have already memorized it). We will return to the prayer when we finish focusing on his teaching of the practice of 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. The Angel was able *to appear* to bow, kneel, prostrate, etc. but could not actually do so. Angels do not have bodies. The fact that we can worship with our bodies is a source of wonder and amazement to them. (cf. Lk, 15:10; Eph 3:10; Heb 2)

However, Angels, who perceive reality with perfect clarity, have a lot to teach us about Reverence. We become tired, or sore, or sick, or injured and get distracted by the gift of our bodies from what we can do with them.

Over the last couple of weeks we focused literally on the externals of our bodies and the least significant way we can express Reverence—how we dress. God knows and judges the heart. He knows with perfect clarity what is in the deepest depths of us even better that we know ourselves.

Clothes and personal hygiene are a veneer. They are only surface deep, but that does not mean that they are ‘superficial’. It is a beautiful and meaningful gesture to present ourselves as well as we can—but what is inside is more important.

If you have to choose between getting to Mass on time or cleaning up and coming late or missing altogether—come to Mass! What is in your heart is most important. On the other hand, if you can clean up, or can plan better, than not to do so is to deprive God of an opportunity to tell Him “I love you”.

The next level of Reverence is how we behave.

Have you ever been someplace where you were trying to pay attention and others around you were being distracting because they were not? When we come to church and spend more than a few moments greeting our friends and loved ones, the Angels are bewildered. We why would we ever come to someone’s house and ignore the owner that we claim to be coming to see?

Saturday:		Jan 28
8:30 AM	Peter, Antone and Dominga Pires	
4:00 PM	Roger, Ida & Robert Brown	
Sunday:		Jan 29
9 AM	Manuel & Trinitade Couto	
11AM	Special Intention	
1 PM	Theresa Corcoran	
Monday:		Jan 30
8:30 AM	Betty Aiken	
Tuesday:		Jan 31
8:30 AM	Nancy A. Carney	
Wednesday:		Feb 1
8:30 AM	Catherine Webb	
Thursday:		Feb 2
8:30 AM	Donald MacIntyre	
Friday:		Feb 3
8:30 AM	John Murray	
Saturday:		Feb 4
8:30 AM	Joe Clougherty	
4:00 PM	Connie Roberts	
Sunday:		Feb 5
9 AM	Russell John Moniz	
11AM	Deacon Richard Dresser	
1 PM	Intention Available	

~ SACRED HEART CHAPEL ~

Saturday:		Jan 28
4 PM	Members of the Parish	
Sunday:		Jan 29
8 AM	Greg Smith	
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Saturday:		Feb 4
4 PM	Stanley Koss	
Sunday:		Feb 5
8 AM	Members of the Parish	



IRS REPORTING

PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF A CONTRIBUTION REPORT FORM FOR TAXES. THEY WILL NOT BE SENT UNLESS REQUESTED.

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ADORATION

MONDAY

THROUGH

FRIDAY

NOON TO 3PM

COME PRAY

AN HOUR WITH ME.



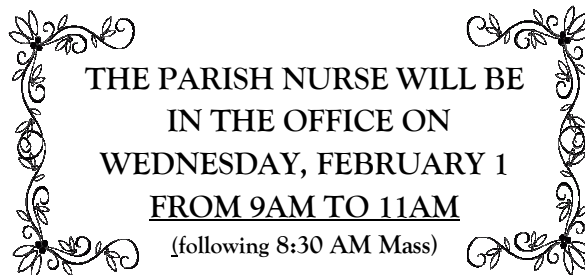
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There is a need for additional people to spend a time with Our Lord. Sometimes things come up (illness, family problems) that require the presence of the person who said they would pray with the Lord. It is difficult to predict, but also makes it difficult 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 30**. For further information, call the office at 508.775.0818.



THE PARISH NURSE WILL BE
IN THE OFFICE ON
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1
FROM 9AM TO 11AM

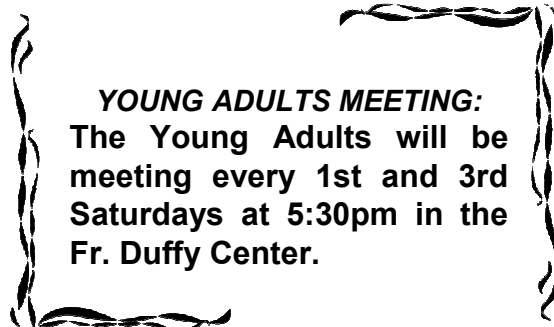
(following 8:30 AM Mass)

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.

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.



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:

JENNIE KARUKAS

COLLECTIONS

January 22, 2017 - \$ 6,815

St. Vincent DePaul Society - \$ 370

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER - MAR 17 - 19, 2017

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy." As we reflect upon the beatitudes, let us explore how to understand our spouse better by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are Mar 17-19, 2017 in South Kingstown, RI and Jun 10-11, 2017 in Medway, MA. 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.

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.

OFFICE FOR CHILD PROTECTION

If you or anyone you know has been a victim of sexual abuse by a Diocesan employee, please contact Arlene McNamee, Victim Assistance Coordinator, at (508) 674-4681. (2)

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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.

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

\$250	Mary Deschenes	Centerville
\$100	Lynne Kilmartin	Osterville
\$ 50	The Kleeman Family	W.Yarmouth
\$ 50	John Leone	Plantation, FL
\$ 50	Liz & Joe Graves	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 or call 508.775.4054.

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



INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

In cases of inclement weather when the Barnstable School Department cancels classes, the Parish Office, Religious Education classes and other parish events or gatherings are also cancelled. Masses will be held as scheduled. Please check with civil authority (i.e. state of emergency) and use your discretion and good judgment about whether you may safely attend Mass.



GRIEF AND BEREAVEMENT COUNSELING

If you are coping with the death of a loved one, the effects of chronic illness, the distress of a life-threatening condition or other significant losses, know that Hope Community Care can help. Losing someone you love or care about deeply is very painful and can result in physical and emotional suffering. Hope Community Care has a team of licensed social workers who specialize in counseling all types of losses. Expertise includes oncology, needs of veterans, serious illness and grief. To learn more about Hope Community Care or to schedule an appointment, call 508.957.0200 or email info@HopeHealthCo.org.