

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, HYANNIS, MA

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

DIOCESE OF FALL RIVER

FEBRUARY 12, 2017

STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER

HEART OF THE WORLD X

~ 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. One of the most important things he desired to teach them was 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.

Last week we began to look at what the Sacred Space of a church building is and represents as a way to understand how we ought to behave in church with Reverence/Piety. If the Sanctuary where the priest ministers and the Altar, Ambo, (and usually) the Tabernacle reside represents Heaven then the Nave (the part where the congregation sits) is the anteroom where we can all look in, but cannot yet go. It is a choreographic metaphor for our lives here in this world.

We concluded last week explaining that the Altar is the holiest object in any church. It is at the same time both the table of the Last Supper and the Cross of Our Lord's sacrifice. It is holier even than the Tabernacle where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved. This is because Christ (of course Present in the Eucharist) did not save us by means of a Tabernacle, but by the Cross.

The Ambo is where the Word of God is proclaimed. It is also dedicated to this purpose and is a kind of Altar to Jesus as the Eternal Word. It also should not be used for any other purpose than proclamation of the Scriptures, preaching, and leading formal communal prayers (which is a participation in the intercessory mission of Christ).

At the Ambo the Lector, Psalmist, Deacon, or Priest literally lend their bodies (and their minds as they prepare to read and proclaim the Word with clarity and understanding) to Christ as the Eternal Word that He may speak to and lead His people in prayer.

Saturday:		Feb 11
8:30 AM	Josephine Henderson	
4:00 PM	Concetta Hines	
Sunday:		Feb 12
9 AM	Jose and Judite Lima	
11AM	Agnes Lyons	
1 PM	Theresa Corcoran	
Monday:		Feb 13
8:30 AM	Eddi Starks	
Tuesday:		Feb 14
8:30 AM	Jospeh Paul Keohane	
Wednesday:		Feb 15
8:30 AM	Stanley Koss	
Thursday:		Feb 16
8:30 AM	Josephine Henderson	
Friday:		Feb 17
8:30 AM	Janet Cozza Hyde	
Saturday:		Feb 18
8:30 AM	Robert E. Manning	
4:00 PM	Hazel Lawton	
Sunday:		Feb 19
9 AM	Mary Jane Camara	
11AM	Rose Bouchard	
1 PM	Special Intention	

~ SACRED HEART CHAPEL ~

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4 PM	Stanley Koss	
Sunday:		Feb 12
8 AM	Members of the Parish	
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4 PM	Jopseh Mahoney	
Sunday:		Feb 19
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 **Feb 13**. For further information, call the office at 508.775.0818.

WALKING WITH PURPOSE

Topics for this week's "Walking with Purpose", a Women's Bible Study at Christ the King, are:

**What gives me security?
Do I need (God's help)
to change something?**

The group meets on:

Tuesday 9 - 11AM

Thursday 7-9 PM

Women from all Parishes are welcome. Classrooms B & C. No meetings during school vacations. For more information, go to WWPMashpee@aol.com or call 508-420-0443.

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

Fat Sunday at St. Francis Xavier, Sunday, February 26th. A pre Lenten gathering. Let us bring The Egg Mc Muffin & Jimmy Dean to you. Serving a Breakfast Buffet following both Masses (9 & 11 am). Please join us!

YOUNG ADULTS MEETING:
The Young Adults will be meeting every 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month 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:

RUSSELL JOHN MONIZ

COLLECTIONS

February 5, 2017 - \$ 6,706

St. Vincent DePaul Society - \$ 1,422

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER - MAR 17 - 19, 2017

"For the Spirit scrutinizes everything, even the depths of God." Let the Holy Spirit scrutinize and strengthen your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are Mar 17-19, 2017 in South Kingstown, Rland Apr 22-23, 2017 in Brewster, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit us at www.WWMEMA.org.

ANCHOR NEWSPAPER - CHANGES..!!!

If you receive budget envelopes, you will notice that there is still an envelope for the ANCHOR newspaper. Again, as was the case last year, the ANCHOR is taking care of subscriptions on its own. The checks will no longer go through the parish. Please contact the ANCHOR directly to renew your subscription. Their address is:

**The ANCHOR
887 Highland Avenue
Fall River, MA 02720**

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

The Office for Child Protection (OCP) of Catholic Social Services has a website with links to many wonderful resources for parents and caretakers. Please visit www.cssdioc.org/ocp and click on the Child Protection Resources link at the top of the page. If you have suggestions for additions or improvements, please contact Debora at (508) 997-7337. (4)

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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.

HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED AN EMMAUS RETREAT?

Emmaus is a retreat for men and women (ages 20+) who seek to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ, regardless of their present level of faith or practice. We want to invite you to join us on our next Emmaus weekend. You will be welcomed by a loving community, spend time in personal and communal prayer, and celebrate the sacraments. The next Emmaus is March 10-12, 2017 at Cathedral Camp in East Freetown, MA. For more information or to apply online, email us at emmausretreats@gmail.com or visit our website: www.emmausretreats.com

We have a new Pro-Life President In the White House! Let us continue to pray for the rights of the unborn. The March for Life took place in Washington, DC on January 27, 2017. If you missed it, you can view it on EWTN. It featured Vice-President, Michael Pence and Counselor to President Trump, Kellyanne Conway, as two of the speakers!

LIFE IS WINNING AGAIN IN AMERICA!!

PRAYER FOR THE UNBORN

Heavenly Father, You created us in Your own image, and You desire that not even the least among us should perish. In Your love for us, You entrusted Your only Son to the Holy Virgin Mary. Now in Your love, protect against the wickedness of the devil, those little ones to whom You have given the gift of life. I ask that you help Another Way Pregnancy Center in Farmington Hills, Michigan and Birth Choice of Orange County, California reach those considering abortion, and by Your Grace, changing their hearts and protect the unborn. And bless all efforts to protect human life from capital punishment, war, starvation, euthanasia, and all other threats to the Dignity of Life from Conception to Natural Death.

ASH WEDNESDAY RETREAT: "HERE FOR A PURPOSE"

A Retreat led by Peggy Patenaude and held at Sacred Hearts Retreat Center in Wareham, MA will take place Wednesday, March 1 from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM. Mass, distribution of ashes, and lunch are included. Fee: \$55. Pre-registration is required by Monday, February 27. Visit www.timeoutretreats.com for more information and for a registration form. For questions, contact Peggy at timeoutretreats@comcast.net or 508-548-9149.
