

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, HYANNIS, MA

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

DIOCESE OF FALL RIVER

FEBRUARY 18, 2018

STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY I

~ ST. FRANCIS XAVIER ~

Theology of the Body is a title that was given to perhaps the greatest theological contribution of St. John Paul II. This title refers to the fact that since we are incarnate beings with a body and a soul, we operate in both the physical and spiritual realms of Creation at the same time. In fact, what we do in one effects what we do (or happens) in the other. Therefore, there is inherent spiritual (and therefore eternal) meaning to our physical actions and physical effects to our spiritual ones.

This idea is at the very heart of our 'Sacramental System'. We pray with water, oil, bread and wine, candles, robes, etc. All of these things represent a reality that is thicker than something that is merely material or spiritual. When used in this sacramental way, they (as we, humans) are *both* material and spiritual. The water, oil, etc. are material symbols that represent something spiritual, but as material things they are also realities that have meaning in and of themselves. Lost yet?

Water is used in Baptism. It represents Life. Grace *is* Divine Life. Grace is frequently represented in Scripture as water. For a culture living in a semi-arid environment, water *is* life because having it is the difference between living and dying. For example, think of the primordial waters and then the rivers in Genesis; the river Ezekiel saw flowing out of the Temple in his vision/dream; the water that flowed out of Christ's pierced side and lanced open Heart, to site just a few.

Drawing on this, we can see how important it is to drink water in order to live, but we also clean with it. Remember the flood of Noah. Baptism draws on all of this imagery of water (and more) in order to communicate to us the reality of God's cleansing us of the 'stain of original sin' and then filling us with His Divine Life. However, the water is not merely an arbitrary and abstract symbol like a variable we would use in algebra or calculus, etc. It has a reality and meaning on its own because it is a real thing that is *not* arbitrary.

If we can say this about something material that is inanimate like water, imagine the significance when we turn to something that is not only alive, but natively inhabiting both the material and spiritual realms like we do as humans. We have a body (material) and a soul (spiritual) but these two realities are inextricably linked. If you separate each from the other the person dies. We require both for life.

This is precisely why we can have Sacraments and sacramentals. Inhabiting both realms, what we do in one effects what happens in the other. Therefore, there is a meaning to our actions and our very bodies themselves that cannot be redefined or extracted. They are bound together by a reality of which we are not the author.

Saturday:		Feb 17
8:30 AM	Jose Tavares	
4:00 PM	Adelia Dominic	
Sunday:		Feb 18
9 AM	Catherine Marcene O'Neil	
11AM	Robert E Manning	
1PM	Leo McGrath	
Monday:		Feb 19
8:30 AM	Special Intention	
Tuesday:		Feb 20
8:30 AM	Leo Lucier	
Wednesday:		Feb 21
8:30 AM	Rosemary Santos	
Thursday:		Feb 22
8:30 AM	Dcn Richard & Peg Dresser	
Friday:		Feb 23
8:30 PM	Adelia Dominic	
Saturday:		Feb 24
8:30 AM	Elias Farah	
4:00 PM	Maria Alicia Pacheco	
Sunday:		Feb 25
9 AM	Manuel & Triniteade Couto	
11AM	Mary Delio	
1PM	R C McCorkle	

~ SACRED HEART CHAPEL ~

Saturday		Feb 17
4 PM	Anthony DiRenzo	
Sunday		Feb 18
8 AM	Members of the Parish	
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Saturday		Feb 24
4 PM	Al Picariello	
Sunday		Feb 25
8 AM	Members of the Parish	

THE PARISH OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED ON
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2018
FOR PATRIOTS' DAY

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, HYANNIS, MA



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:

ROSEMARY SANTOS

COLLECTIONS

St. Francis Xavier Church
Sacred Heart Chapel

February 11, 2018 - \$ 5,189
St. Vincent DePaul - \$ 536

EUCCHARISTIC APOSTLES OF DIVINE MERCY

Meetings are usually held every other Monday. However, the next meeting will be held on **February 19, 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.



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

In 2015, the Holy Father spoke to the role of inclusion in Catholic schools. He said, "I highlight the importance of promoting education in the fullness of humanity.. I call for inclusive education which makes room for everyone and avoids elitism in selecting the beneficiaries of its commitment." At this time, St. John Paul II High School and St. Francis Xavier Preparatory School are reaching out to families in the parish to share this new possibility. If you are interested or think this might work for your student, please contact Mr. Keavy directly, at ckeavy@jp.dfrcs.org . He will schedule dialogue sessions to learn your family's needs and share thoughts and plans.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Two \$2000 scholarships will be awarded to two High School Graduating Seniors for 2018. These scholarships will be for the seniors first year of college. The applicant must be a graduating high school senior and he/she or family *must be a registered parishioner of Saint Francis Xavier, Our Lady of Victory or Our Lady of Assumption*. The Guidelines and Application are available in the parish office. **PLEASE NOTE:** *applications and all supporting documentation must be returned to the K of C at 230 South Main Street Centerville, MA 02632 on or before April 13, 2018.*

RAFFLE WINNERS

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

\$250	M&M Frank McIntosh	Marstons Mills
\$100	Peggy Wroe	Osterville
\$ 50	Rich Kijak	Centerville
\$ 50	Toni&Steve Alongi	Marstons Mills
\$ 50	Barbara Mullen	S.Dennis

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.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, HYANNIS, MA

ADORATION



MONDAY
THROUGH
FRIDAY



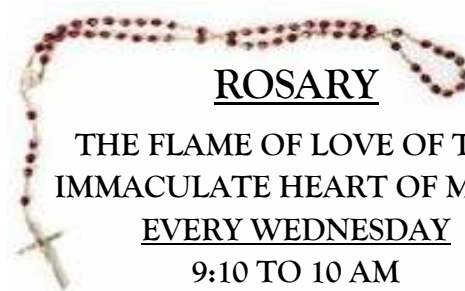
NOON TO 3PM
COME PRAY
AN HOUR WITH ME.

ADORATION COME PRAY ONE HOUR WITH ME

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.

IRS REPORTING

PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE (508.775.0818) IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF A CONTRIBUTION REPORT FORM FOR TAXES. THEY WILL NOT BE SENT UNLESS REQUESTED.



ROSARY

THE FLAME OF LOVE OF THE
IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
EVERY WEDNESDAY

9:10 TO 10 AM

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER - HYANNIS

MONDAY MORNINGS WITH FATHER MICHAEL

Due to the holiday, there will be NO meeting on February 19, but with Lent in gear, our Monday Mornings have morphed from movies to Steven Ray's "Footprints of God" series. On February 26, David and Solomon will be presented at the Father Duffy House at 9:30 a.m. following daily Mass and the Rosary. All are welcome. Coffee and refreshments served after Mass.

THIRD ORDER OF CARMELITES

The Third Order of Carmelites meet on the 3rd Sunday of the month at Christ the King Parish, Mashpee for 10:30 AM Mass followed by a teaching in Room A & daytime prayer in St. Jude's Chapel. We meet every Sunday at 6:30 PM, St. Jude's Chapel, for evening prayer. We welcome your presence. The Lay Carmelite Order of St. John of the Cross. Dottie Cawley 508-477-2798 for more information.

CAREER OPPORTUNITY

The Knights of Columbus is seeking a field agent for a career opportunity representing their Insurance, Annuity and Long Term Care Program. We 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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LENTEN SCHEDULE - ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

Daily Mass - 8:30 AM - Mon - Sat

Adoration - Mon-Fri - Noon to 3PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

SFX – Friday – Noon – followed by Adoration until 3:00 PM

SHC– Friday – Noon – followed by Adoration until 1:00 PM

SFX– Friday – 7 PM – followed by Adoration until 8:00 PM

CALIX - FEBRUARY 23, 2018

Calix is an association of Catholic alcoholics who are maintaining their sobriety through affiliation with, and participation in, the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. Our first concern is: to interest Catholics with an alcoholic problem in the VIRTUE of total abstinence. Our second stated purpose is: to promote the spiritual development of our membership. Calix of Cape Cod - will meet at the Fr Duffy Center on the fourth Friday of the month, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. For information, call: Deacon Steve [508.237.1154](tel:508.237.1154)

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

“The kingdom of God is at hand.” As we begin Lent, let us try to bring the kingdom of God to our marriages by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Mar 9-11, 2018 in Duxbury, MA and Apr 21-22, 2018 in Brewster, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O’Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>.

ULTREYA GATHERING

MARCH 4, 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) March 4, 2018. For more information, call Betty Quadros at 508-255-8248.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

SFX Young Adult Group is based at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Hyannis, MA for individuals ages 18-30 who want to explore the role of faith in their daily lives, have fun, meet like minded people, and learn more about the Catholic Faith. They meet once a month on Saturdays, 5:30 pm at '357 South Street, Hyannis, MA (Fr. Duffy Pastoral Center).