

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, HYANNIS, MA

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

DIOCESE OF FALL RIVER

FEBRUARY 25, 2018

STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY II

~ ST. FRANCIS XAVIER ~

A couple of weeks ago we began to unpack the most important theological contribution of St. John Paul II. It is called by him a "Theology of the Body" (TOB). This idea is truly revolutionary in the way we view sexuality, sexual relation, love, and human relations in general. It is transformative when understood correctly because it begins to put into practice the Love of God as it is shown and expressed in the Incarnate Word.

That's deep stuff and is easily misrepresented and misunderstood. We will take it apart a little at a time as we go through. In this column, I hope to give a warning about how one must not approach JP II's thought. Next week, I will give an interpretive touchstone to hold at one's fingertips to keep from getting lost.

So, the warning: **Resist the temptation to oversimplify TOB into terms that revolve solely around sex and sexuality.**

There are many popularizers out there that do precisely that. The problem is that they grossly refocus what JP II was really trying to get at—so much so, that it makes of TOB a caricature. Unfortunately, this is typical of what you are going to encounter if you just look up TOB on the internet or buy a book or listen to someone giving a presentation on it. These are not useless, but they are not what JP II intended. They would probably be better referred to as "Theology of Sexuality" instead.

The ethos of what led to the 'sexual revolution', and its subsequent aftermath, caused (what I call) the pornographication of the human body and its functions. It is truly a dis-integrated way of seeing creation and especially the human body. This 'way' can be likened to an approach of interacting with others which more resembles ordering cuts of meat for one's consumption than civilized intercourse. Sex becomes about consumption. It is about me and my pleasure and how you can provide that.

When a popularizer of TOB (who has himself grown up immersed in the ethos of the 'sexual revolution') tries to explain the thought of JP II without painstakingly laying out the foundation, TOB becomes caricaturized in the minds of his audience. This happens even if he has himself had his mind purified of these tendencies. If he hasn't, TOB is misrepresented.

The most popular of popularizers is Christopher West. I will give him the benefit of assuming that he has done the difficult work of purifying his own mind. That being said, he is sloppy, fast, and loose in his interpretation. A pretty good "Theology of Sexuality" is about as deep as he gets. It's unfortunate and he is prolific. You virtually cannot avoid him. You are warned.

As it seems with everything in our sensationalized, opinionated, fake news culture, often the only way you can be sure that you understand something is to go to the original source. Let's do that together.

Saturday:		Feb 24
8:30 AM	Elias Farah	
4:00 PM	Maria Alicia Pacheco	
Sunday:		Feb 25
9 AM	Manuel & Trindade Couto	
11AM	Mary Delio	
1PM	R C McCorkle	
Monday:		Feb 26
8:30 AM	Angela Benzyk Cloutier	
Tuesday:		Feb 27
8:30 AM	Rosemary Santos	
Wednesday:		Feb 28
8:30 AM	Adelia Dominic	
Thursday:		Mar 1
8:30 AM	Gail Prince	
Friday:		Mar 2
8:30 PM	Irene Roberts	
Saturday:		Mar 3
8:30 AM	Special Intention	
4:00 PM	Mary Goyette	
Sunday:		Mar 4
9 AM	Mary Jane Camara	
11AM	Marjorie Keenan	
1PM	Theresa Corcoran	

~ SACRED HEART CHAPEL ~

Saturday		Feb 24
4 PM	Al Picariello	
Sunday		Feb 25
8 AM	Members of the Parish	
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4 PM	Members of the Parish	
Sunday		Mar 4
8 AM	Tom and Albina Golden	



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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:

ANGELA BENZYK CLOUTIER

COLLECTIONS

St. Francis Xavier Church
Sacred Heart Chapel

February 18, 2018 - \$ 6,444

St. Vincent DePaul - \$ 819

EUCCHARISTIC APOSTLES OF DIVINE MERCY

Meetings are usually held every other Monday. However, the next meeting will be held on **March 5, 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**.*

MORNING OF REFLECTION

On Saturday morning, March 3, Knights of Columbus Council 2525 will host a Morning of Reflection. We are pleased to have Our Lady of Victory parishioner, Keith Caldwell, as the presenter on the topic of "Forgiveness and Reconciliation". Keith is in formation to become a Deacon. The morning will start with the 9 am Mass at Our Lady of Victory. We will then go over to the Knights of Columbus hall. There will be coffee, pastries and conversation until 10 am, when the presentation will start. There will then be an informal period of discussion on the topic, before the event closes at noon. Men who are not Knights are also welcome to attend. Any questions may be directed to Ralph Babusci at 508-778-0193, or ralbabusci@aol.com.

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ADORATION



MONDAY
THROUGH
FRIDAY



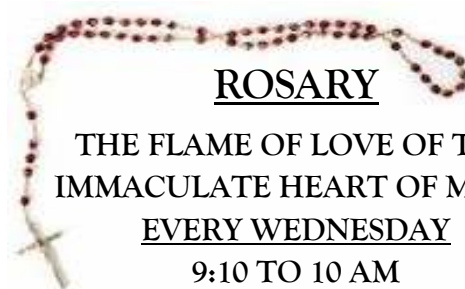
NOON TO 3PM
COME PRAY
AN HOUR WITH ME.

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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.

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

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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.

THE VICTROLA SOCIETY

The Victrola Society is seeking new members for its show chorus which sings music of the 1920's to 1950's and more. Concerts are held at numerous venues throughout Cape Cod, including nursing homes, assisted living facilities, senior centers and community events. All ages are invited to join. For more information, please call 508-428-0913.

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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

MONDAY MORNINGS WITH FATHER MICHAEL

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.

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 9-11 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.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Let us learn to listen better to each other and to God 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/>

ABORTION'S NEW PARADIGM

Mass. Citizen's for Life's annual convention will take place March 24, 9-4pm at Cardinal Spellman High School in Brockton. Hear from those working directly to save lives about how we need to update our understanding about who is getting abortions and why, what kinds of abortions they're getting and where. Find out more at masscitizensforlife.org/2018convention

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).
