

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, HYANNIS, MA

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

DIOCESE OF FALL RIVER

MARCH 5, 2017

STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER

HEART OF THE WORLD XIII

~ 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 brought up the topic of Altar Rails as a victim of faddish change in the Sacred Spaces of our churches. Even things like church architecture got caught up in the sweep of the “question authority” movement that began in the 40’s and 50’s and came to full fruition in the 60’s and 70’s. This mentality and philosophy was used (by mostly well-intentioned people) to do untold damage to our practice of the Faith. As we mentioned last week, how we pray forms how we believe—*Lex Orandi, Lex Credendi*.

Utopian idealist (and inherently communist) ideas like “radical egalitarianism” and the subsequent activist mentality swept all of society including the Church. In the wake of Vatican II, the loudest voices and clearest actions were those of people who had espoused this worldly (and strongly anti-Faith and *anti-Christ*) philosophy. Altar Rails, which are tools and symbols of exclusivity, were seen as symbols of oppressive power structures.

This movement and mentality of radical egalitarianism (and its ilk) was compelling. Who is going to say they are against Equality? There is great irony here, though. In place of the deposed “power structures” there was established an intellectual elite—who in one fell swoop became what they purported to despise. They were now “The Man”. The Devil has been laughing ever since.

Because of this sophomoric and arrogant approach, they failed understand that Altar Rails were intended not to exclude and oppress the laity, but to remind us that ***none of us*** (priest, bishop, or even Pope) ***are equal to God—and this is His house***.

Saturday:		Mar 4
8:30 AM	Gerald Kursman	
4:00 PM	Irene Roberts	
Sunday:		Mar 5
9 AM	Deacon Manuel Camara & Mary Jane Camara	
11AM	The Schlegel Family	
1 PM	Margaret Grace Gallante	
Monday:		Mar 6
8:30 AM	Stephen C Scott	
Tuesday:		Mar 7
8:30 AM	Grace Rinaldi	
Wednesday:		Mar 8
8:30 AM	Stanley Koss	
Thursday:		Mar 9
8:30 AM	John L Riley	
Friday:		Mar 10
8:30 AM	John Howland	
Saturday:		Mar 11
8:30 AM	Josephine Henderson	
4:00 PM	William Barry	
Sunday:		Mar 12
9 AM	Michael Moran	
11AM	Concetta Hines	
1 PM	Jacinto Gallante	

~ SACRED HEART CHAPEL ~

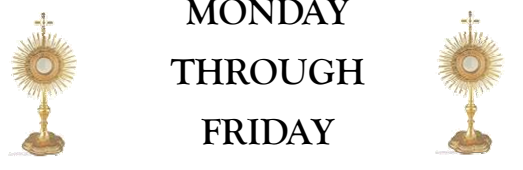
Saturday:		Mar 4
4 PM	Marie Callahan	
Sunday:		Mar 5
8 AM	Members of the Parish	
Saturday:		Mar 11
4 PM	Mary Brady	
Sunday:		Mar 12
8 AM	Members of the Parish	

**MARCH 12, 2017
DON'T FORGET TO
SET YOUR CLOCKS
'AHEAD'
NEXT WEEKEND!**



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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 **Mar 6**. For further information, call the office at 508.775.0818.

WALKING WITH PURPOSE

Bible Study Group meets at



Christ the King Parish on:

Tuesday 9 - 11AM

Thursday 7 - 9 PM

Classrooms B & C

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

Join us each Sunday morning after 9 and 11AM Masses, in the Lower Church Hall, at St. Francis, for coffee and fellowship. Breakfast after 9AM Mass and light luncheon after 11AM Mass.

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

LENTEN SCHEDULE

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

Daily Mass - 8:30 AM - Mon - Sat

Adoration - Mon-Fri - noon to 3PM

Stations of the Cross – Friday – 12:10 PM – followed by Adoration until 3 PM

Stations of the Cross - *Friday – 7:00 PM – followed by Adoration until 8 PM

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SACRED HEART CHAPEL

Stations of the Cross - Friday – 12:10 PM - followed by Adoration until 1PM - (English)

Stations of the Cross - Friday – 7:00 PM - (Spanish)

***STATIONS AT 12:10 PM, ONLY. NO STATIONS AT 7 PM ON APRIL 7, 2017**

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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:

GRACE CERICOLA

COLLECTIONS

February 26, 2017 - \$ 5,564

St. Vincent DePaul Society - \$ 471

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTERS - MAR 17 - 19 and APRIL 22-23, 2017

"But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides." Learn how to "not sweat the small stuff" and enhance your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are **Mar 17-19, 2017** in South Kingstown, RI and **Apr 22-23, 2017** in Brewster, MA. (see page 5) For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800.710.9963 or visit us at www.WWMEMA.org.

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OFFICE FOR CHILD PROTECTION

If you would like more information about how the Diocese is responding to the crisis of sexual abuse, please visit our website at www.fallriverdiocese.org. It contains information on how to report an incident of abuse, Diocesan policies and procedures, and the Code of Conduct for all employees, clergy and volunteers. (7)