

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, HYANNIS, MA

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

DIOCESE OF FALL RIVER

MARCH 12, 2017

STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER

HEART OF THE WORLD XIV

~ 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.

In light of this, we have been discussing how this virtue of Reverence (or Piety) has been undermined by things like faddish changes to the Sacred Spaces of our churches. For the last couple of weeks we have considered how something like the demise of Altar Rails has contributed to a cavalier and unconsidered attitude and behavior in the presence of God as an example of this.

The very worst offenders and examples of this type of attitude are we priests. As the saying goes: familiarity breeds contempt. This is not to imply that no one ever before was inappropriately casual in the Presence of the Lord in the Sanctuary. However, a literally built in check has been removed and it is that much easier now.

The result of all of this is a kind of erosion of Holy Ground. I frequently notice that children have little or no sense that "Church" is anything special. They do not genuflect or bow. They do not kneel to pray. They do not pay attention to what is going on. They do eat snacks and play with toys or on some electronic device. They get up to go to the bathroom during Mass, sometimes even during the Eucharistic Prayer, without any awareness of what is happening. Honestly, I see adults do this too.

The Holy Angel of Fatima has a lot to teach us. Do we need to be stilted and stoic, silent and coldly ignoring one another? No, certainly not. However, Catholic churches are not social meeting places where we focus on each other. They are a piece of Heaven on earth where we gather together to meet the Lord.

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	Mr. & Mrs. Jacinto Gallante	
Monday:		Mar 13
8:30 AM	Eddi Starks, Jr.	
Tuesday:		Mar 14
8:30 AM	Stanley Koss	
Wednesday:		Mar 15
8:30 AM	Dr. Yong Min Chi	
Thursday:		Mar 16
8:30 AM	James & Gladys Lynch	
Friday:		Mar 17
8:30 AM	Ralph DePanfilis	
Saturday:		Mar 18
8:30 AM	Mr. & Mrs. Dominic Rinaldi	
4:00 PM	Edgar & Jeannine Richard	
Sunday:		Mar 19
9 AM	Mary Ann Perry	
11AM	Daniel & Bridie McSweeney	
1 PM	Margaret Witham Gallante	

~ SACRED HEART CHAPEL ~

Saturday:		Mar 11
4 PM	Mary Brady	
Sunday:		Mar 12
8 AM	Members of the Parish	
Saturday:		Mar 18
4 PM	Members of the Parish	
Sunday:		Mar 19
8 AM	Mary Brady	



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.

EUCCHARISTIC APOSTLES OF DIVINE MERCY

Meetings are held every other Monday. The next meeting will be held on **Mar 20**. For further information, call the office at 508.775.0818.

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. This weekend we will be making 'flower pens' for the home bound.

WALKING WITH PURPOSE

Bible Study Group meets at

Christ the King Parish on:

Tuesday 9 - 11AM

Thursday 7 - 9 PM

Classrooms B & C



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:

MR. & MRS. DOMINIC RINALDI

COLLECTIONS

March 5, 2017 - \$ 7,069

St. Vincent DePaul Society - \$ 728

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.

10 DAY PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND & EASTERN EUROPE

NOVEMBER 1 – 10, 2017

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Auschwitz * Vienna * Prague

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and

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OFFICE FOR CHILD PROTECTION

The Commonwealth has issued a new CORI form. If you need to renew your CORI, please contact your parish DRE. Thank you! The Diocese has a brand new Code of Conduct form, and our national auditors require that we all sign the new form when it is issued. You can review the form at <http://www.fallriverdiocese.org>. If you have questions, please call Debora at (508) 997-7337. (8/9)

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CONSOLING PARTNERS/ADDICTION LOSS – MARCH 15

CPAL is a peer support group for those who have lost a loved one to a drug or alcohol related death. We will meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 6:30pm to 8:00pm at the Corpus Christi Parish Center 324 Quaker Meeting House Road East Sandwich, MA 02537 For more information, email: consolingpartners@gmail.com



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 2525

JOHN ROBERTS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP 2017

Two \$2000 scholarships will be awarded to two High School Graduating Seniors for 2017. 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 Our Lady of Victory, Our Lady of Assumption or St. Francis Xavier. The Guidelines and Application are now available in the parish office and at Pope John Paul II HS. PLEASE NOTE: applications and all supporting documentation must be returned to the K of C at P.O. Box 565 Centerville, MA 02632 on or before May 1, 2017.



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PREPARATORY OPEN HOUSE - GRADES 5 - 8

FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 9:30 - 11 A.M



- Take a student-led tour.
- See Classes in session.
- Learn about the rigorous academics, numerous co-curricular opportunities, and our faith-filled, structured environment.
- Meet middle school principal, Elizabeth Kelley, teachers, and students.

SHROUD OF TURIN

Russ Breault, renowned expert on the Shroud of Turin, will be giving two presentations on the Shroud of Turin in the Parish Hall at Christ the King, Mashpee, on Saturday, March 18. The Presentations are open to the public. Admission is free (free will donations accepted).

ST. CLARE'S – HELP WANTED

Catholic Social Services is looking for a part-time nights direct care staff person 20 hours per week In Hyannis area including accrued sick time and vacation pay. Must have a valid driver's license. Please contact Samantha Caton, Diocese of Fall River Human Resource Dept. at 508.674.4681.

HOUSE EXCHANGE - IRELAND

Patrick and Mary have a home in Waterville, South West Kerry, Ireland. They belong to St. Finian's Parish. They are looking for a "House Exchange" on the Cape for a week in May or Sept 2017. Their home is in a small coastal village located on the scenic and famous 'Ring of Kerry' and nestled between the beautiful Atlantic Ocean and the Spectacular Lough Currane on the Wild Atlantic Way. If you are interested you can contact them at maurindi@hotmail.com (we receive no compensation and disclaim all responsibility or liability for this exchange. We do not know this couple, personally). You will need to make the determination and assume all liability, if you choose to entertain this offer.