

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, HYANNIS, MA

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

DIOCESE OF FALL RIVER

MARCH 19, 2017

STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER

HEART OF THE WORLD XV

~ ST. FRANCIS XAVIER ~

For 14 weeks now, we have been considering how the Eucharist is at the very center of all of Reality. At this point, perhaps a review of where we have been would be helpful.

We began with the teaching that the Eucharist is “...the source and summit of the Christian life.” “The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it. For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself, our Pasch.” (CCC #1324)

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.

We then noted that 2017 commemorates 100 years since the apparitions of the Blessed Mother to Lucia, Jacinta, and Francisco at Fatima. We discussed how an Angel appeared to them three times in order to prepare them to meet Our Lady. He taught them a couple of prayers and most importantly *how* to pray—with Reverence (or Piety).

This Gift of the Holy Spirit has been the organizing theme since then. It 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.

Reverence/Piety is informed and flows from another Gift of the Spirit—Understanding. We looked at how it is the Mind of the Church that we not only know what to do or pray and when and where, but *if at all possible, why*.

That led us to consider how our outward actions/behavior reflect our inward attitudes and how we show Reverence with our bodies by our gestures, posture, and behavior—things that reflect how we really feel about God. I.e., how we dress for and behave at Mass, if we show up late or leave early, etc.

We then talked about what Sacred Space is and how we can and should honor it. We looked at the various Spaces and Objects in church and what they mean—areas like the Nave and Sanctuary, and objects like the Altar, Tabernacle, Ambo, etc.

Finally, using the example of Altar Rails, we reflected on how faddish ideas and fashion have deeply impoverished and undermined our lived experience of the Faith in Church.

The Holy Angel of Fatima has a lot to teach us. 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. Next week: back to the Angel's Prayer.

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
Monday:	Mar 20
8:30 AM	Mr. & Mrs. Frank Hines
Tuesday:	Mar 21
8:30 AM	The Horton Family
Wednesday:	Mar 22
8:30 AM	Stanley Walker
Thursday:	Mar 23
8:30 AM	Michael Marchetti
Friday:	Mar 24
8:30 AM	M/M Daniel T. Bermingham
Saturday:	Mar 25
8:30 AM	Special Intention
4:00 PM	Nicholas & Jennie Karukas
Sunday:	Mar 26
9 AM	Tom & Ruth Guerra
11AM	Jerald “Jerry” Hocker
1 PM	Malcolm J. Wiatroski

~ SACRED HEART CHAPEL ~

Saturday:	Mar 18
4 PM	Members of the Parish
Sunday:	Mar 19
8 AM	William Johnson
Saturday:	Mar 25
4 PM	Members of the Parish
Sunday:	Mar 26
8 AM	Valmore Chapdelaine



*Blessed
St. Joseph's
Day*

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

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. DANIEL T. BERMINGHAM

COLLECTIONS

March 12, 2017 - \$ 5,062

St. Vincent DePaul Society - \$ 670

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTERS - APRIL 22-23, 2017

"Is the LORD in our midst or not?" Let God enhance your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are Apr 22-23, 2017 in Brewster, MA and Jun 10-11, 2017 in Medway, MA. 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

The Diocese of Fall River remains committed to the process of healing for survivors of sexual abuse by any clergy member or Diocesan employee. The victim assistance coordinator is available to help survivors make a formal complaint of abuse to the diocese and to obtain supportive resources for the needs of the individuals and families. If you or anyone you know has been a victim of sexual abuse by a diocesan employee, please contact, Arlene McNamee, Victim Assistance Coordinator, at (508) 674-4681. (10)

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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.

LENTEN PARISH MISSION OUR LADY OF THE CAPE

Lenten Parish Mission on March 27-29, 2017 entitled, "Called to be Salt and Light", with Fr. Thomas Washburn. Reconciliation will be offered on Tuesday evening of the Mission. It will begin at 7:00 p.m. each evening in the church located at 468 Stony Brook Road, Brewster.

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.

BEST BUDDIES CHALLENGE HYANNISPORT!

Please support Parish member Timothy Burns who is committed to riding 100 miles on June 3 to benefit people with learning disabilities to get jobs and make friends. For more information, please visit: <https://www.bestbuddieschallenge.org/hp/> Best Buddies International is a 501C-3 Non-Profit Corporation



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.

RAFFLE WINNERS

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

\$250	Joe Reardon	Centerville
\$100	Dick Roberts	Centerville
\$ 50	Sandy Doorey	W.Hyannisport
\$ 50	John Niland	Sandwich
\$ 50	Eileen Reardon	Centerville

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.

FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION

Do plan to join us on the Feast of the Annunciation, Saturday, March 25, 2017, for the 4PM Mass, which will be sung by the School Choir, at St. Francis Xavier Church.