

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, HYANNIS, MA

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

DIOCESE OF FALL RIVER

MARCH 4, 2018

STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY III

~ ST. FRANCIS XAVIER ~

This series began in the column of January 21st. It is an attempt to unpack the most important theological contribution of St. John Paul II. It is called by him a “Theology of the Body” (TOB). This teaching gives a foundation for his vision of the mystery of love as it extends from the Trinity through Christ’s spousal union with the Church to the very bodies of women and men. Therefore, moving in the other direction, Marriage is understood as an icon of the Trinity. This idea is truly revolutionary in the way we view sexuality, sexual relation, love, and human relations in general. It can be transformative when understood correctly.

Last week, we talked about how easily misrepresented and misunderstood TOB can be. There are many popularizers out there. They, as we, have been born and raised immersed in our culture of the ‘pornographication’ of the human body and its functions. Therefore, when a popularizer of TOB 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.

At best, what we wind up with is something that could better be labeled a Theology of Sexuality. As far as that goes, it isn’t so bad, but it is not what JP II had in mind. To concisely restate the warning: Resist the temptation to oversimplify TOB into terms that revolve solely around sex and sexuality.

Now let’s get to the promised interpretive touchstone that will keep us anchored if we begin to get lost. The following comes from the excellent and thorough introduction to *Man and Woman He Created Them* by Michael Waldstein.

“...one can condense the whole argument of TOB in the statement, “Gift expresses the essential truth of the human body.” There is a deep continuity between Wojtyla’s point of departure in St. John of the Cross’ theology of the spousal gift of self, and this core of John Paul II’s argument in *Man and Woman He Created Them*. ... To love is to give everything and to give oneself,” writes St. Therese of Lisieux, in full agreement with her teacher St. John of the Cross and her student John Paul II. Her axiom can serve as a guiding star for the voyage through TOB.” (*Man and Woman He Created Them*, p. 124)

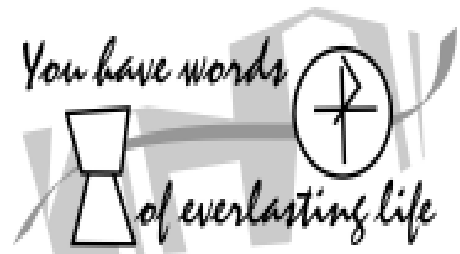
So, there it is. “To Love is to give everything and to give oneself.” (from St. Therese, *Why I Love You, Mary*, stanza 22) That idea sums up the whole of TOB as JP II intended to present it to us—like all the colors of the visible spectrum are contained in ‘white’ light. The implications to our lives as humans in a fallen world and in Eternity beyond are vast. Next week we will look at the structure of this rainbow as JP II envisioned it.

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	
Monday:		Mar 5
8:30 AM	Deacon Manuel H Camara	
Tuesday:		Mar 6
8:30 AM	Rosemary Santos	
Wednesday:		Mar 7
8:30 AM	Beverly June Colella	
Thursday:		Mar 8
8:30 AM	Ralph Ames	
Friday:		Mar 9
8:30 PM	Ralph Rocheteau	
Saturday:		Mar 10
8:30 AM	Lillian Senteio	
4:00 PM	The Perez Family	
Sunday:		Mar 11
9 AM	Members of the Parish	
11AM	Leo, Rick & Richard Scott	
1PM	Theresa Corcoran	

~ SACRED HEART CHAPEL ~

Saturday		Mar 3
4 PM	Members of the Parish	
Sunday		Mar 4
8 AM	Tom and Albina Golden	

Saturday		Mar 10
4 PM	Angela Loftus	
Sunday		Mar 11
8 AM	Intention Available	



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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:

DEACON AND MRS. MANUEL H CAMARA

COLLECTIONS

St. Francis Xavier Church
Sacred Heart Chapel

February 25, 2018 - \$ 5,769
St. Vincent DePaul - \$ 495

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.



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – CATHOLIC FOUNDATION - DIOCESE OF FALL RIVER

The Diocese of Fall River is standing on the threshold of a life-changing chapter in its 113-year history, and is currently seeking to fill its newly created full-time position of **Executive Director for The Catholic Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts**. This fundraising leader will broaden, deepen and expand the relationships with current and future donors, and will work closely with Bishop da Cunha and the Board of Directors to ensure the appropriate strategies are developed and implemented. This once in a lifetime opportunity will be both challenging and rewarding. For a full description of the position, please go to www.fallriverdiocese.org and click on "Employment Opportunities", or contact Peter Powers, Executive Director of Human Resources and Administration, at (508)985-6507, or by e-mail at ppowers@dioc-fr.org.



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.*



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.

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ADORATION



MONDAY
THROUGH
FRIDAY



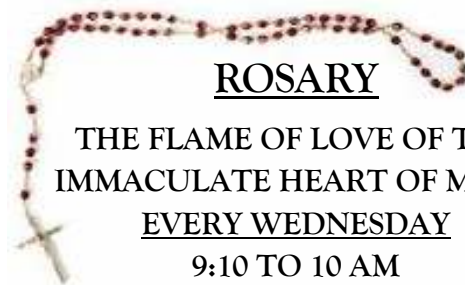
NOON TO 3PM
COME PRAY
AN HOUR WITH ME.

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.

CD's ARE BACK

We have restocked the display rack in the hall on the way downstairs. These are Catholic CD's on various subjects from Lighthouse Catholic Media. We ask for a minimum donation of \$5.00 so that we can keep restocking the display. Please take and enjoy.



ROSARY

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

9:10 TO 10 AM

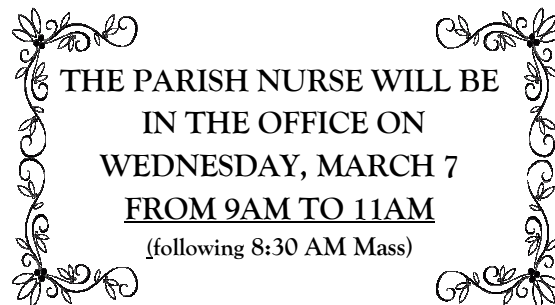
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CAREER OPPORTUNITY

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.

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



THE PARISH NURSE WILL BE
IN THE OFFICE ON
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7
FROM 9AM TO 11AM

(following 8:30 AM Mass)

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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. Join us on Mondays when this series will be presented at the Father Duffy Pastoral Center, 357 South Street, Hyannis, at 9:30AM, following daily Mass and the Rosary. All are welcome. Coffee and refreshments will be served.

ULTREYA GATHERING - MARCH 4, 2018 - HARWICH, MA

There will be an Ultreya Gathering following the 5:30 Mass at Holy Trinity Parish, 246 Main St., (Route 28), Harwich, MA. These meetings are held on the first Sunday of the month. The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Parish Center (across the Street from the church) March 4, 2018. For more information, call Betty at 508-255-8248.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us." Let the Holy Spirit acknowledge and increase our love for our spouses by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are TBD. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>

"GOD IN OUR STORY"

'God in Our Story', is a Spirituality for Everyday Living mini-retreat led by Peggy Patenaude of Taking Time Out to be held on Wednesday, March 14 at Sacred Hearts Retreat Center in Wareham, MA from 10:00am – 12:30pm. (Coffee at 9:30) Cost is \$25. Pre-registration required. Contact Peggy at 508-548-9149 or timeoutretreats@comcast.net. For more information, visit www.timeoutretreats.com

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

SFX Young Adults will be hosting a movie night on Saturday, March 17, 2018 at 6 PM in the Father Duffy Pastoral Center. All young adults (18-35) are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be provided. Please RSVP via our email sfx-ya@stfrancishyannis.org so that we can prepare accordingly.