

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, HYANNIS, MA

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

DIOCESE OF FALL RIVER

MAY 7, 2017

STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER

HEART OF THE WORLD XXI

~ 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. This series is organized around that fact.

100 years ago, in his third apparition, this Angel was holding a consecrated Host and Chalice filled with the precious Blood of Our Lord. He taught the children a prayer:

Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, I adore You profoundly. I offer You the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges, and indifference, by which He is offended. By the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I pray for the conversion of poor sinners.

In this part of the series, we will take this prayer piece by piece.

“...by which He is offended.”

What does it mean to offend the Lord? We talk about sin this way all of the time, but we never *really* talk about what it means. Perhaps in another time and place it was generally understood, but that has not been the case for many a long year.

“Sin is an offense against God: “Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done that which is evil in your sight.”(Ps 51:4) Sin sets itself against God's love for us and turns our hearts away from it. Like the first sin, it is disobedience, a revolt against God through the will to become “like gods,”(Gn 3:5) knowing and determining good and evil. Sin is thus “love of oneself even to contempt of God.”(St. Augustine) In this proud self-exaltation, sin is diametrically opposed to the obedience of Jesus, which achieves our salvation.”(Cf. Phil 2:6-9)—(Catechism of the Catholic Church—CCC #1850)

Following Scripture, the CCC clearly shows that sin does indeed offend God, yet in the very next paragraph, (#1851) it also explains that sin is precisely the context of His Mercy.

“It is precisely in the Passion, when the mercy of Christ is about to vanquish it, that sin most clearly manifests its violence and its many forms: unbelief, murderous hatred, shunning and mockery by the leaders and the people, Pilate's cowardice and the cruelty of the soldiers, Judas' betrayal - so bitter to Jesus, Peter's denial and the disciples' flight. However, at the very hour of darkness, the hour of the prince of this world”(Jn 14:30) the sacrifice of Christ secretly becomes the source from which the forgiveness of our sins will pour forth inexhaustibly.”

In #'s 1846-1848, the CCC explains from Scripture that it is His greatest desire to set us free from sin and its effects. When He sees us stuck in sin it breaks His Heart. That is the offense. Not angry—devastated.

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| Saturday | | May 6 |
| 8:30 AM | Catherine Webb | |
| 4:00 PM | Vito Mercurio | |
| Sunday | | May 7 |
| 9 AM | Members of the Parish | |
| 11AM | The Perry Family | |
| 1 PM | Special Intention | |
| Monday: | | May 8 |
| 8:30 AM | Diane E. Metayer | |
| Tuesday: | | May 9 |
| 8:30 AM | Special Intention | |
| Wednesday: | | May 10 |
| 8:30 AM | Nicholas Winton | |
| Thursday | | May 11 |
| 8:30 AM | Josephine Henderson | |
| Friday | | May 12 |
| 8:30 PM | Irene Sendler | |
| Saturday | | May 13 |
| 8:30 AM | Matthew Veloce | |
| 4:00 PM | ALL MOTHERS | |
| Sunday | | May14 |
| 9 AM | ALL MOTHERS | |
| 11AM | ALL MOTHERS | |
| 1 PM | ALL MOTHERS | |

~ SACRED HEART CHAPEL ~

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| Saturday | | May 6 |
| 4 PM | Joseph Mahoney | |
| Sunday | | May 7 |
| 8 AM | William Johnson | |
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| Saturday | | May 13 |
| 4 PM | ALL MOTHERS | |
| Sunday | | May 14 |
| 8 AM | ALL MOTHERS | |



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 **May 15**. 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.

**BEST WISHES TO
MR. WILLIAM 'BILL' PERRY
WHO CELEBRATED HIS
100th BIRTHDAY**

ON THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2017



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MR. PERRY

"NEW BEGINNINGS" MAY 17, 2017

....a women's one-day retreat (8:30AM to 5:00PM) led by Peggy Patenaude will be held Wednesday, May 17 at La Salette Retreat Center in Attleboro, MA. For more information, visit www.timeoutretreats.com or contact Peggy Patenaude at 508-548-9149 or at timeoutretreats@comcast.net. To register call LaSalette at 508-222-8530.

OFFICE FOR CHILD PROTECTION

Many child abusers use grooming to break down the barriers between themselves and their intended victims. Grooming is the process of gradually creating an excessively close, intense, trusting relationship with a minor (and sometimes the minor's parents) for the adult's own purposes. If you would like more information about how to identify or report this type of behavior, please call Debora Berg at (508) 997-7337. (16)

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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:

ROSE BOUCHARD

COLLECTIONS

April 30, 2017 - \$ 8,143

St. Vincent DePaul Society - \$ 576

ULTREYA GATHERING - MAY 7, 2017

There will be an Ultreya Gathering following the 5:30 Mass at Holy Trinity Parish on the first Sunday of the month. The meeting will be held at their Parish Center (across the Street from the church). The next meeting will be held May 7. For more information, call Betty Quadros at 508-255-8248.

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CHRIST THE KING PARISH - MAY 21, 2017 - BECOMING A LAY CARMELITE

St. John of the Cross Lay Carmelite Community will host an open house, "Discover Carmelite Spirituality: What is a Lay Carmelite?", on Sunday, May 21, 2017 from 9:30 am – 12 pm. The open house will be located in Classroom A of Christ the King parish hall, Mashpee, MA. Visitors will be welcome to attend the monthly meeting from 12 – 2 pm. Come speak with members of this Lay Community and learn more about what it means to be a Lay Carmelite.

FAMILY PRAYER EVENT - JUNE 3, 2017

It doesn't get better than faith, food, and family fun! Join us on Saturday, June 3 at 1:30, for an inspired afternoon that will bring your family together in prayer. From an interactive skit, a shared meal, to powerful prayer experiences, you and your family will be enriched and uplifted. Event to be held at The Father Peyton Center, 518 Washington St., N. Easton, MA 02356 and is free, family-friendly, handicap accessible and open to the public. For more info: 508-238-4095.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTERS - JUNE 10-11, 2017

"I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." Live your married lives "more abundantly" by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are Jun 10-11, 2017 in Medway, MA and Sep 16-17, 2017 in Medway, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit us at www.WWMEMA.org.



First Holy Communion



MAY 7, 2017

Albergaria, Luanny
 Andrade, Peter
 Antolini, Murilo
 Armaczuk, Miguel
 Barroso, Maria Eduarda
 Burre, Sarah
 Candido, Samuel
 Cooke, Caroline



Delavi, Luan
 Delavi, Kauan
 Generoso, Mateus
 Luz Roque, Xavier
 Magalhaes, Isabella
 Martins, Sophia
 Menesale, Nathan
 Nunes, Clara
 Uliana, Joao Pedro

KEEP OUR STUDENTS IN YOUR PRAYERS
 AS THEY MOVE FORWARD TO LIVE THEIR FAITH

WANTED

100 ROSARY-CARRYING PARISHIONERS

are needed to pray the Holy Rosary after the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Saturday, May 13, 2017. That is the 100th anniversary of the first apparition of Our Lady at Fatima. Father Michael is hoping that the parishioners of St. Francis Xavier Parish will meet the challenge to honor Our Lady of the Rosary on this special day which takes place during the month especially devoted to Our Lord's and our Blessed Mother.

EMMAUS RETREAT - JUNE 9-11, 2017

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 June 9-11, 2017 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.

