

# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, HYANNIS, MA

## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**DIOCESE OF FALL RIVER**

**MAY 28, 2017**

**STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER**

### HEART OF THE WORLD XXIV

~ ST. FRANCIS XAVIER ~

This week's column marks a transition. Notice the title? Way back in December when we began this series, this is where we were headed. With the help of the Angel of Fatima, and the prayer that he taught Lucia, Francisco, and Jacintha, we have been preparing for this point.

We are now in the 6 months time period of May 13<sup>th</sup> – October 13<sup>th</sup> that is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Blessed Mother's appearances at Fatima. I feel in my spirit that this is a unique time of Grace for us. It is not a specifically declared time like the Year of Mercy, however, I feel that we (and perhaps the world) will not be in the same place at the end of this time as at the beginning. How are you making yourself open to Heaven's plan for you?

In our review of the Angel's prayer, I am skipping over the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary this week. I want to end with these things as we head into these feasts: Corpus Christi (June 18<sup>th</sup>); the Sacred Heart of Jesus the following Friday (June 23<sup>rd</sup>); and uniquely this year, instead of the Immaculate Heart of Mary being on celebrated the next day, June 24<sup>th</sup> is the Solemnity of the Birth of John the Baptist.

The connections of all these Feasts are beautiful and profound. We know from Scripture that the Baptist is 6 months older than Jesus. John is the Forerunner who points the way and prepares the world for Christ. He (John) was himself introduced to Christ by Mary when she visited his mother Elizabeth. Therefore, there is a deep link to the ministry of St. John and the Blessed Mother.

We celebrate John's birth at the summer solstice—the brightest point of the year. This reminds us that God remembers His promises and that remembrance gives us light and hope.

We celebrate Jesus' birth at the darkest time of the year to remind us that He comes to us in our darkness and at our darkest point. It doesn't matter how we got there—even if it is our own fault. He will not abandon us ever, and we are to look for Him when our strength, ingenuity, and abilities fail and fade into darkness.

He also promised not to leave us orphans (Jn 14:18) and gave us at the Last Supper His abiding Presence—the Eucharist. We celebrate this on Corpus Christi. The Eucharist is truly His pledge of His Heart to us in the act of Love in which He died—His Sacred Heart pieced, crowned with thorns and burning for our love—us poor sinners.

*"...conversion of poor sinners..."*

That would be you and me, but specifically, those who are addicted to sin and sinful attitudes and most specifically, those who don't know any better. Do you despise them or pray for them?

<b>Saturday</b>		<b>May 27</b>
<b>8:30 AM</b>	Dr. William Paul Luke	
<b>4:00 PM</b>	Robert Mondor	
<b>Sunday</b>		<b>May 28</b>
<b>9 AM</b>	Kenneth & Anna Toppin	
<b>11AM</b>	Holland & Neenan Families	
<b>1 PM</b>	Special Intention	
<b>Monday:</b>		<b>May 29</b>
<b>8:30 AM</b>	Special Intention	
<b>10:00 AM</b>	John F. Kennedy	
<b>Tuesday:</b>		<b>May 30</b>
<b>8:30 AM</b>	Special Intention	
<b>Wednesday:</b>		<b>May 31</b>
<b>8:30 AM</b>	David Crowley, Jr.	
<b>Thursday</b>		<b>June 1</b>
<b>8:30 AM</b>	Alice Murray	
<b>Friday</b>		<b>June 2</b>
<b>8:30 PM</b>	Pauline O'Connor Walsh	
<b>Saturday</b>		<b>June 3</b>
<b>8:30 AM</b>	Valerie Gesner	
<b>4:00 PM</b>	Robert Mondor	
<b>Sunday</b>		<b>June 4</b>
<b>9 AM</b>	Kevin & Bernadette Bartley	
<b>11AM</b>	Rose Bouchard	
<b>1 PM</b>	Intention Available	

~ SACRED HEART CHAPEL ~

<b>Saturday</b>		<b>May 27</b>
<b>4 PM</b>	Penelope & Rick Small (50th Wedding Anniversary)	
<b>Sunday</b>		<b>May 28</b>
<b>8 AM</b>	Members of the Parish	
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<b>Saturday</b>		<b>June 3</b>
<b>4 PM</b>	Cleo and Lottie Bettez	
<b>Sunday</b>		<b>June 4</b>
<b>8 AM</b>	Members of the Parish	

**THE PARISH OFFICE  
WILL BE CLOSED ON  
MONDAY, MAY 29, 2017  
IN OBSERVANCE OF  
MEMORIAL DAY**

## 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](mailto: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 29**. 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.

**MAY 29, 2017  
IN ADDITION TO THE 8:30AM MASS  
ON MAY 29, 2017 THERE WILL BE  
A MASS AT 10AM AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH  
IN MEMORY OF  
PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY  
ON WHAT WOULD HAVE BEEN HIS  
100TH BIRTHDAY**

**MAY THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU,  
MAY HE MAKE HIS FACE SHINE UPON YOU  
...AND GRANT YOU PEACE...**



### OFFICE FOR CHILD PROTECTION

Have you ever seen someone you know do something around children that makes you feel uncomfortable? If so, trust your gut. Report what you saw and let professionals decide if there is anything to be concerned about. Tell your DRE or call the Office for Child Protection at (508) 997-7337. (19)

## ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, HYANNIS, MA



### SANCTUARY LAMP

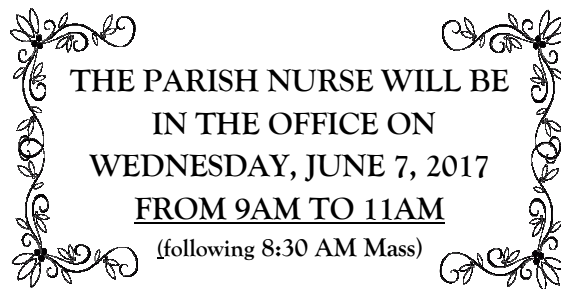
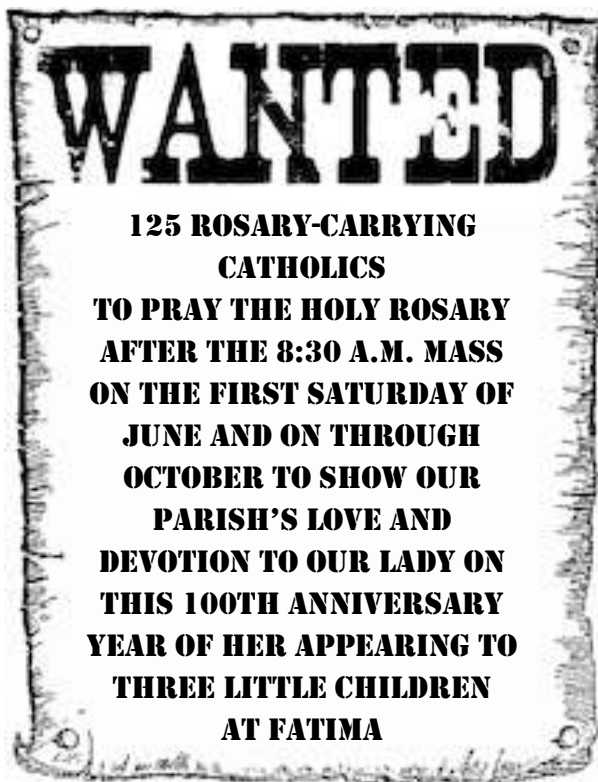
Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to book the Sanctuary Lamp at St. Francis, in honor of a loved one. The Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week in honor of:

**ALICE MURRAY**

### COLLECTIONS

May 21, 2017 - \$ 7,341

St. Vincent DePaul Society - \$ 250



*We would like to take this opportunity  
to convey to*

*Rick and Penelope Small  
Blessings and Best Wishes on their  
50th Wedding Anniversary  
God Bless You Both.*



### SERVER SCHEDULES ARE READY

*SERVER SCHEDULES ARE IN THE SACRISTIES AT ST. FRANCIS AND SACRED HEART CHAPEL THIS WEEKEND FOR ALTAR SERVERS, LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, TO PICK UP AT YOUR CONVENIENCE. THEY ARE ALSO ON THE WEBSITE. THANK YOU ALL, FOR YOUR CONTINUED ASSISTANCE AT THE LORD'S ALTAR.*

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### ***"FIRED UP!" A SPIRITUALITY FOR EVERYDAY LIVING - MAY 31, 2017***

'Fired Up!' mini-retreat on the theme of the transformational power of God, led by Peggy Patenaude of *Taking Time Out*, will be held Wednesday, May 31 at Sacred Hearts Retreat Center in Wareham, MA from 10:00am -12:30pm. (Coffee at 9:30) Cost is \$20. Pre-registration required. Contact Peggy at 508-548-9149 or [timeoutretreats@comcast.net](mailto:timeoutretreats@comcast.net).

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### ***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.

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### ***MASS OF HEALING – AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK - JUNE 5, 2017 - 6 PM***

A Healing Mass is usually held on the first Monday of each month at 6PM at Our Lady of Victory Church - 230 South Main St., Centerville, in the Monsignor Perry Parish Center. If you are coping with any physical illness, dealing with worries, fears or anxieties, struggling with a life crisis or just feeling lost spiritually; or if you are concerned about a friend or family member and don't know how to help them, please attend special Mass of Healing to pray for these concerns. Sponsored by Our Lady of Victory Catholic Cancer Support Group. There is a meeting in the Parish Center, at 7PM, following Mass. Refreshments will be available. This month it's their Summer Ice Cream Social and conversation. For further information, contact Geri Medeiros at 508 362-6909. (There will be no meeting in July, due to the 4th of July Holiday.)

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### ***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](mailto:emmausretreats@gmail.com) or visit our website: [www.emmausretreats.com](http://www.emmausretreats.com) .

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### ***WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTERS - JUNE 10-11, 2017***

"And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love Him and reveal myself to Him." Expand your married love by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are June 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 <https://wwmema.org/>.

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### ***UPCOMING RETREATS WITH EDWINA GATELEY – JUNE 26-30, 2017***

Upcoming Retreat with Edwina Gateley will take place at LaSalette Retreat Center in Attleboro, MA: "Mothers, Sisters, Daughters," June 26-30 and "I Hear God Laughing" on Wednesday, June 28. For more information contact Charlotte at 508-222-8530 or [office@lasalettecenter.com](mailto:office@lasalettecenter.com) OR Peggy at 508-548-9149 or [timeoutretreats@comcast.net](mailto:timeoutretreats@comcast.net).

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