

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, HYANNIS, MA

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

DIOCESE OF FALL RIVER

OCTOBER 1, 2017

STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER

HEART OF THE WORLD XLII

~ ST. FRANCIS XAVIER ~

In #1324, the Catechism of the Catholic Church quotes from a document of Vatican II where it explains that like the heart in the body, the very center and life-moving force of the Church is the Eucharist—the Heart of the World.

This year (2017) also marks the 100th Anniversary of the appearance of Our Lady to the three children (Lucia, Jacinta, and Francisco) at Fatima. With Our Lady's messages and the prayers the Angel taught the children as a backdrop, we have been looking at how we arrived at the current practice of receiving Holy Communion on the tongue *or* in the hand.

Last week we clearly saw that receiving Communion in the hand is of dubious legal origins. While St. Cyril of Jerusalem is universally cited as promoting it as a normative practice as early as the 4th Century, it is also clear that as time progressed and experience increased, it stopped.

The development of doctrine and practice is a very important idea and the formulation of how that works was John Henry Newman's major contribution to theology. It is critical not to overlook that these developments are a function of the ministry of the Holy Spirit in the Church. In the Gospel of John, for instance, Jesus promises the Spirits direction, understanding, and protection numerous times in the Last Supper—especially in ch's 14, 16, and also incorporated into Jesus' High Priestly Prayer in 17.

The fact of the matter is that Communion in the hand is an approved practice and we may utilize it with clear conscience. However, it was strongly opposed by the vast majority of the bishops of the world at the time. Why?

The development of only receiving kneeling and on the tongue is frequently dismissed as being power or ideologically driven by an attitude of clericalism. It isn't. It is very practical and we have forgotten why. Do you remember when we considered the Angel's prayer: "...in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges, and indifference...?"

The objection of the world's bishops revolved around a lessening of reverence and understanding of what (Who!) the Eucharist is. Paul VI's conditions specifically addressed that as something to be protected against. Well, the statistics are clear. They knew what they were talking about.

As I have prayed about this, all the practicalities of abuses aside, the understanding that the Lord has shown me regards the psychology of 'taking' vs. 'receiving'. It is not that receiving on the hand is inherently bad, but it does require us to make a gesture of 'taking'—feeding ourselves. The gift of God in the Eucharist is beyond anything imaginable. Something unobtainable without His Gift. When we interject ourselves into the reception of it, we can inadvertently devalue it.

Saturday		Sept 30
8:30 AM	Lee Ann Chouinard	
4:00 PM	Leurenda S. Thornton	
Sunday		Oct 1
9 AM	David Sean Tobin	
11AM	Salome Casas	
1 PM	Gilbert Camara	
Monday:		Oct 2
8:30 AM	Our Lady's Intention	
Tuesday:		Oct 3
8:30 AM	Peter C. Esposito	
Wednesday:		Oct 4
8:30 AM	Special Intention	
Thursday		Oct 5
8:30 AM	Special Intention	
Friday		Oct 6
8:30 PM	Gerald and Emily Chasse	
Saturday		Oct 7
8:30 AM	Eleanor Watt	
4:00 PM	Mabel Dudek	
Sunday		Oct 8
9 AM	Marchia Bonds	
11AM	Aaron Bander	
1 PM	Members of the Parish	

~ SACRED HEART CHAPEL ~

Saturday		Sept 30
4 PM	Members of the Parish	
Sunday		Oct 1
8 AM	Katharine Mary O'Neill	
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Saturday		Oct 7
4 PM	Joseph Mahoney	
Sunday		Oct 8
8 AM	Richard V. Lucier	

★ **FIRST SATURDAY MASS**
THAT IS USUALLY CELEBRATED
AT THE CHAPEL,
HAS BEEN CANCELLED
FOR OCTOBER.

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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.

OFFICE FOR CHILD PROTECTION

Listen to your children! If a child feels uncomfortable around a relative or friend whom you trust, **do not** dismiss the concern. Ask your child about the reasons for the discomfort and no matter what you think about the adult, listen with an open mind. You might discover there was good reason for your child's concern! If you would like more information, please visit the Catholic Social Services website at www.cssdioc.org or call Debora Berg at (508) 997-7337. (37)

MARCH FOR LIFE

Come MARCH FOR LIFE to benefit pregnancy help groups and let people know that 20,000 babies will be killed by abortion this year in Massachusetts, **Sunday, October 1**, Rally, 1PM, March 2:30 pm, Boston Common. Sponsored by Massachusetts Citizens for Life. More info go to: www.masscitizensforlife.org

CALIX

Calix is an association of Catholic alcoholics who are maintaining their sobriety through affiliation with, and participation in, the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. Our first concern is: to interest Catholics with an alcoholic problem in the VIRTUE of total abstinence. Our second stated purpose is: to promote the spiritual development of our membership. Calix of Cape Cod- will meet at the Fr Duffy Center from 7:00-8:30 p.m. For information on the date, call: Deacon Steve [508.237.1154](tel:508.237.1154)

**MASS OF HEALING
AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK
WILL TAKE PLACE ON
OCTOBER 2, 2017 AT 6 PM
AT
OUR LADY OF VICTORY CHURCH,
MSGR. PERRY PARISH CENTER
230 SOUTH MAIN ST.
CENTERVILLE, MA**

*For further information, please contact
Geri Medeiros at 508 362-6909*

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

SFX Young Adult Group is a Catholic young adult group based at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Hyannis, MA for individuals ages 18-30 who want to explore the role of faith in their daily lives, have fun, meet like minded people, and learn more about the Catholic Faith. They meet on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays, 5:30 pm at '357 South Street, Hyannis, MA (Fr. Duffy Pastoral Center).

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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:

**MICHAEL MARCHETTI &
MICHAEL CROTTY**

COLLECTIONS

St. Francis Xavier Church
Sacred Heart Chapel

September 24, 2017 - \$ 7,042
St. Vincent DePaul - \$ 463

EUCCHARISTIC APOSTLES OF DIVINE MERCY

Meetings are usually held every other Monday. However, the next meeting will be held on **October 2, 2017**. 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.



CAPE AND ISLAND DEANERY RETREAT

- OCT 3

The Cape and Islands Deanery invites you to attend a one day retreat, entitled "The Spirit is a Movin'" to be held at the Sacred Hearts Spirituality and Retreat Center, 226 Great Neck Road, Wareham, MA on **Tuesday, October 3, 2017**. The day will begin at 8:45 AM (registration) and will conclude at 4PM. Mass and Reconciliation will be offered. Speaker, Fr. William Kremmell, retreat leader. The cost for this day is \$45, which will include lunch. Please make checks payable to: Cape Cod For Jesus, and mailed to Pat Roache, 134 Indian Neck Road, Wellfleet, MA 02667. For more information, please call Peter Celi at 774-361-8807 or Pat Roach at 508-349-1641.

FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF THE IMMACULATE

- OCT 7-8

The Franciscan Friars of the Immaculate in conjunction with AirMaria.com are presenting a dynamic Fatima Centennial full-day Event, from 8AM to 5PM Saturday, October 7 in the Martin Auditorium at Stonehill College in Easton, MA. For more information and tickets, contact Anita M. Taylor, 508.801.2485 or Event page at Livingfatima.com/october7/ Guest Speakers include: Fr. Elias Mills, Msgr. Arthur Calkins, Steve Dawson and Fr. Bill Casey. Tickets are limited.

EMMAUS RETREAT

- NOV 3-5

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 November 3-5 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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The St Vincent dePaul Society Food Pantry has some clients who are home bound and cannot get to the pantry. We are in need of a few volunteers that can help us deliver to these clients on Tuesday mornings **between 10:00 and 10:30**. With a few volunteers you will have to do only one Tuesday a month. If you can help please call the food pantry at [508-775-3073](tel:508-775-3073).

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CITIZENSHIP PREPARATION FREE CLASSES

**Course Length: 8 weeks
Until November 16, 2017
5 - 7 PM - Thursdays only**

**English fluency to be qualified
Questions: 508-771-6771
Catholic Social Services
261 South Street
Hyannis, MA 02601**

**TO BE OR NOT TO BE...
IS THAT THE QUESTION??**



CHRIST THE KING PARISH

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2017 - 11:30 AM
(FOLLOWING THE 10:30 AM MASS)**

Light Lunch Provided

**Bobby Schindler shares the devastating story
of the death of his sister, Terri Schiavo.
If planning to attend, please contact Betty Kelley
at 508-477-8417 or bbkelley@comcast.net**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ROSE SALE

- SEPT 30-OCT 1



Our Knights of Columbus Council 2525 will conduct a Rose Sale at the Masses on Respect Life Sunday, October 1, and on Saturday afternoon, September 30. The rose is a long-standing symbol of the pro-life movement. This is an opportunity for our parish to publicly demonstrate its commitment to Respect Life values, encompassing the sacredness of human life from conception to natural death. The council thanks you in advance for once again showing your enthusiastic support.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths." Explore the paths with your spouse by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Oct 21-22, 2017 in Contoocook, NH and Dec 2-3, 2017 in BREWSTER, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwwmema.org/>

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ANNUAL 'ANOINTING OF THE SICK' MASS

The Annual Healing Mass for Parishioners who are sick and/or homebound will be celebrated at St. Francis Xavier Church on:

Monday, October 9th at 8:30AM

NAME _____ TELEPHONE _____

**Continental breakfast will be served, at the St. Francis Xavier Preparatory School, after Mass.
Please complete this form, and return it to the Parish Office, in order that we have a count for
breakfast.**

deadline: FRIDAY, October 6, 2017. Thank You.

