

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, HYANNIS, MA

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

DIOCESE OF FALL RIVER

OCTOBER 15, 2017

STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER

HEART OF THE WORLD XLIV

~ ST. FRANCIS XAVIER ~

Friday marked the 100th anniversary of Our Lady's last apparition to Lucia, Jacinta, and Francisco in Fatima. We have undertaken this series as a way to consider the message of the Fatima event.

The "message" of Fatima can be summed up such: penance, prayer and devotion to Mary's Immaculate Heart. If we expand upon penance, we can see reparation, repentance, sacrifice, and the abandonment of sin as well. Finally, if we recall the teaching of the Angel, he taught them how to be fervent, attentive, and composed in prayer, and the reverence we ought to show to Jesus in the Eucharist.

Using this as a backdrop, recently we have been considering our practice of receiving Holy Communion on the tongue or the hand. This has contributed both to spiritual and psychological issues.

Spiritual, because of the vast multiplication of abuses from the "outrages, sacrileges, and indifferences" to the drastic faltering of belief in the True Presence that has been steadily increasing.

Psychological, because when we receive Holy Communion in our hands and then feed ourselves, we are doing something very ordinary. This commonness of gesture fosters slouching into a mentality of 'taking' and 'feeding' ourselves. This silently and subtly insinuates volumes against the priceless immensity of the Gift of Christ.

These are all things that the bishops had warned against and by extension we can see in the message of Fatima too. Alas.

Next week I will go a little more deeply into the message of Fatima. As we examine ourselves and our Church in light of this message, what practical things can we do to answer more completely? I recommend three: daily Rosary, some time with the Blessed Sacrament at least once a week, and reconsidering our habits regarding Holy Communion.

We have many times already spoken of the profound difference praying a daily Rosary can make in our lives—both in preaching and in this column. Ask someone who has done it. They will not be shy in explaining what Mary has done for them.

Corpus Christi in E. Sandwich and Holy Trinity in W. Harwich both have perpetual Adoration chapels. We have Adoration here noon – 3pm Monday – Friday and 24hrs every 1st Friday. Similar to a daily rosary, ask someone who has committed to spending at least 1 hour a week in Adoration, what the Lord has done for them.

Finally, I do encourage receiving Holy Communion on the tongue, but that is a personal choice. What I do strongly recommend is that everyone spend at least a few minutes *after* Mass has ended thanking God for giving Himself and everything else to you. Minimally, **cease leaving Mass before the final blessing!** You are insulting Christ, the rest of the community, and negating your Sunday Observance. For what?

Saturday		Oct 14
8:30 AM	Special Intention	
4:00 PM	Mary Katherine O'Neill	
Sunday		Oct 15
9 AM	Dr. William Haley	
11AM	Gregory Nazarian	
1 PM	Rev. Manuel Resendes	
Monday:		Oct 16
8:30 AM	Catherine O'Malley	
Tuesday:		Oct 17
8:30 AM	Ray Brunelle	
Wednesday:		Oct 18
8:30 AM	Special Intention	
Thursday		Oct 19
8:30 AM	Elizabeth Haley	
Friday		Oct 20
8:30 PM	Katherine McManus	
Saturday		Oct 21
8:30 AM	Special Intention	
4:00 PM	Rev. Nadra Joseph	
Sunday		Oct 22
9 AM	Dan Mazzola	
11AM	Mary T. Kelly	
1 PM	Members of the Parish	

~ SACRED HEART CHAPEL ~

Saturday		Oct 14
4 PM	Members of the Parish	
Sunday		Oct 15
8 AM	Nancy Wilbur	
Saturday		Oct 21
4 PM	Jack & Jeannette Raisanen	
Sunday		Oct 22
8 AM	Peggy Dresser	



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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.

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.

PRAYER SHAWL GROUP

Our Prayer Shawl Group meets in the Fr. Duffy Pastoral Center, 357 South St., on the first and third Wednesdays of the month, the meetings begin at **noon** with the praying of the Divine Mercy Chaplet. On the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, the meetings begin at **6PM** for women who work and also begin with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

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).

UPGRADING DATABASE

We are happy to inform you that the Parish has upgraded its database systems to the latest technology available in Parish Management! A local company here in our Diocese, Gabriel Software (Gabrielsoft.com) has developed a system in the Microsoft Cloud that will keep our data safe and give secure access to the data using any device. That includes to our parishioners, who will be able to keep their contact information up to date, tell us how they want to be contacted, see their schedule to serve at Mass and best of all set up recurring contributions for offertory all in one convenient system!

In anticipation of rolling out the parishioner portal and new online giving, we ask that you simply email us at: stfrancis@stfrancishyannis.org with your primary family email so we can send you a secure email invitation to access your data! We hope to email the invitations out shortly, so if you can get us the email info as soon as you are able that would be great! Thanks for your help in getting St Francis Xavier into the 21st Century!

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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:

SCOTTY DECKER

COLLECTIONS

St. Francis Xavier Church
Sacred Heart Chapel

October 8, 2017 - \$ 8,741
St. Vincent DePaul - \$ 587

EUCCHARISTIC APOSTLES OF DIVINE MERCY

Meetings are usually held every other Monday. However, the next meeting will be held on **October 16, 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.



A WOMAN'S BIBLE STUDY AT CHRIST THE KING PARISH - MASHPEE

WOULD YOU LIKE MORE FROM YOUR FAITH?

"WWP Scripture studies with practical application to life today; provoking questions; reflection and prayer, are all incredible tools to help you become the woman God created you to be." - Lisa Brenninkmeyer founder of WWP

Take time for yourself to renew your Faith

No Bible experience necessary

Meet women from several parishes.

Weekly groups:

Tuesdays 9 to 11 AM and Thursday evenings 7 to 9 PM

Parish of Christ the King, Mashpee - Classroom B

WWPMashpee@aol.com

OFFICE FOR CHILD PROTECTION

Good parenting means taking time for yourself, whether it's a date night, a weekend getaway, or treating yourself to something that is for you and not the kids. Taking care of yourself refreshes you to be a better parent! For more ideas on how to balance your needs with those of your entire family, contact the Office for Child Protection at (508) 997-7337 or see the resources at www.cssdioc.org. God bless you in the important work of parenting! (39)

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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**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RAFFLE WINNERS

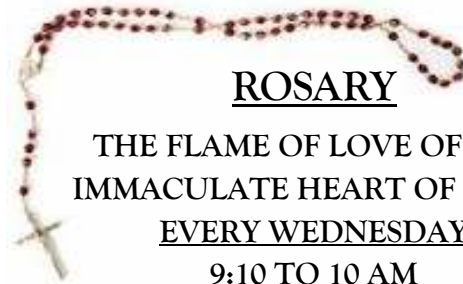
K of C Council 2525, 500 Club monthly raffle
September winners are:

\$250	Fred LaSelva	Hyannis
\$100	Richard Farley	Centerville
\$ 50	Gene Courtney	Marstons Mills
\$ 50	William Kelly	Osterville
\$ 50	John Mullen	E.Dennis

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.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES

Please contact Catholic Social Services if you would like to teach English in the ESL Program, in Hyannis. Teaching experience is not necessary. We will offer 'New Teacher' Preparation. For more information, please call Ken Gavin at 508-619-4433 or 508-771-6771 and ask for Claudia or Cheryl.



ROSARY

**THE FLAME OF LOVE OF THE
IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
EVERY WEDNESDAY
9:10 TO 10 AM
ST. FRANCIS XAVIER - HYANNIS**

PIVOTAL PLAYERS - EVENING SESSIONS

Pivotal Players evening sessions will be held on the following

Wednesday evenings

at

6:30 p.m.

in the

Father Duffy Pastoral Center.

October 11 - St. Thomas Aquinas

October 25 - St. Catherine of Siena

November 8 - Blessed John Henry Newman

November 22 - G.K. Chesterton

December 6 - Michelangelo

