THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 29, 2017

DIOCESE OF FALL RIVER

STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER

HEART OF THE WORLD XLVI

"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." Do you remember this? As we began this series last Advent, it was to be a reflection of our understanding and practice of the Eucharist.

In the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), the Eucharist is described as ""…the source and summit of the Christian life." "The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it. For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself, our Pasch."" (CCC #1324)

This series was also to look at the message and importance of the apparitions at Fatima of which 2017 was the celebration of the centenary. Do you remember the prayer taught to the children by the Angel? Have you resolved to pray a daily rosary? Wear the Brown Scapular? Make use of frequent Confession? Observing of the Five First Saturdays in honor of Our Lady's Immaculate Heart? Make prayers and acts of penance in reparation for the "outrages, sacrileges, and indifferences" by which the Lord is grieved and "poor sinners" are lost because they have no one to pray for them?

If you have a really good memory, you will recall that the initial idea of this series was to transition from the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy (and all the Graces we had received and resolutions that we made) onwards into the rest of our lives. If you will, to solidify and habitualize the spiritual practices we had adopted and to craft a plan to continue the development of our deepened relationship with the Lord and His Mercy. Have you kept that up?

It is not too late to turn things around, but the longer that we delay, the more difficult it becomes. As we gaze across the pot at that proverbial frog, we think "Well, its maybe a little warmer than I prefer, but it isn't so bad, really...". Until it is. What resolutions have you put into action? If you do nothing, then not even God can help you. He *can't* if you *won't*.

Last week I mentioned that I would love it if here at St. Francis Xavier Parish, everyone would spend at least a moment in prayer of gratitude after Mass before rushing out into the parking lot and the rest of life. Sometimes we are squeezed for time and that is practically out of our control. However, if you find that you are habitually running off immediately, then go to another Mass. There are many from which to choose. You will find some very beautiful prayers inside and on the back cover of our missalette. Look up Lk 17:11 – 19.

~ ST. FRANCIS XAVIER ~

| Saturday | Oct 28 |
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| 8:30 AM | St. Jude - in Thanksgiving |
| 4:00 PM | Joseph Saad |
| Sunday | Oct 29 |
| 9 AM | Nora & Alfred Battista |
| 11AM | Jim Lamb |
| 1 PM | Rev. Thomas McElroy |
| Monday: | Oct 30 |
| 8:30 AM | Special Intention |
| Tuesday: | Oct 31 |
| 8:30 AM | Special Intention |
| 4:00 PM | Deacon Manuel Camara |
| Wednesday: | Nov 1 |
| 8:30 AM | Robert Dwyer |
| 12:10 PM F | Regan, Kocar & Renew Families |
| Thursday | Nov 2 |
| 8:30 AM | Arthur Joseph Cloutier |
| Friday | Nov 3 |
| 8:30 PM | January Lincoln |
| Saturday | Nov 4 |
| 8:30 AM | Rita Feeney |
| 4:00 PM | Salome Casas |
| Sunday | Nov 5 |
| 9 AM | Joe Marcone |
| 11AM | Arthur Joseph Cloutier |
| 1 PM | Intention Available |
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~ SACRED HEART CHAPEL ~

| Saturday 4 PM Sunday 8 AM | Oct 28 Members of the Parish Oct 29 Greg Smith |
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| Saturday 4 PM Sunday 8 AM | Nov 4 Ferioli, Fortini, Caprera Families Nov 5 Members of the Parish |

In Addition to the English Masses on the Holy Day, there will be a Mass in Latin at 2PM and in Portuguese at 7PM on the Holy Day; as well as a 2PM on Nov 2 (Latin)

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 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.

HOLIDAY DINNER BASKET REQUEST - ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Our St. Vincent de Paul Society is getting ready for the Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinner Baskets which we give to those in need each year. We need your help as the number of applicants has risen, as well as the price of food. If you like to help us, we need the following items: Potatoes bagged, apples, onions, corn bread mix and gravy canned or mix, butternut squash, canned vegetables (corn, sweet potatoes, green beans). We invite you to bring your donations to the Food Pantry on any Tuesday or Friday morning between 10:00 and 12:00 or after the weekend Masses. During the weekends before November 17 you may also leave you non-Perishable items in the food baskets located the entrances to the Church and Chapel. Pray for us as we prepare for the holidays for the needy, who always need your prayers.

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, 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 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:

H. DAVID CAMARA

COLLECTIONS

St. Francis Xavier Church Sacred Heart Chapel

October 22, 2017 - \$ 6,692 St. Vincent DePaul - \$ 569

EUCHARISTIC APOSTLES OF DIVINE MERCY

Meetings are usually held every other Monday. However, the next meeting will be held on **October 30, 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.





OUR 3 COMMUNITIES WORKING TOGETHER TO BEAUTIFY OUR GROUNDS..!!

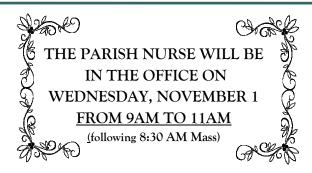
Be sure to check out the new walkway that will facilitate getting from the church to the Fr. Duffy Pastoral Center at 357 South Street. THANK YOU to Robson, Wagner, Francisco, Frank, Chris and Ricardo... and all of you, who had a hand in this endeavor..! KUDOS...

OFFICE FOR CHILD PROTECTION

Much of the bullying we hear about occurs online, so parents and caretakers should monitor Internet usage as well as behaviors. If your child is the victim or the perpetrator of bullying, the consequences can be dire. To learn more about how to prevent and/or address bullying, please call Debora Berg at (508) 997-7337. (41)

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



SERVER SCHEDULES - READY

DEACONS, ALTAR SERVERS AND LECTORS, SCHEDULES ARE IN THE SACRISTIES AT SFX AND SHC THIS WEEKEND, AND ON THE WEBSITE. SINCE EMS ARE NO LONGER 'ASSIGNED', YOU ARE ASKED TO SIGN IN WHEN YOU ARRIVE AT MASS, IF YOU ARE ABLE TO ASSIST. THANK YOU FOR ASSISTING.



MASSES FOR THE HOLY DAY - ALL SAINTS DAY NOVEMBER 1, 2017

Tuesday, October 31, 2017 - 4PM (English)
Wednesday, November 1, 2017 - 8:30 AM; 12:10 PM; (English)
2 PM (Latin) and 7 PM (Portuguese)

ALL SOULS DAY - THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2017 8:30 AM (English); and 2 PM (Latin)

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.

November 8 - Blessed John Henry Newman

November 29 - G.K. Chesterton

December 6 - Michelangelo

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