

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, HYANNIS, MA

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

DIOCESE OF FALL RIVER

NOVEMBER 5, 2017

STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER

HEART OF THE WORLD XLVII

~ 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.”

There is nothing that Our Lady does better than to lead us to her Son. It is her very *raison d'être* and her greatest joy. Soon, (in four weeks!) we will be in Advent and a new Church year. Over this past year we have celebrated the centenary of our Blessed Mother's apparitions at Fatima and in this column have considered what that can mean to us today.

The primary way that Mary directs us to her Son is through the Sacraments. In every authentic apparition from the most ancient to current and on-going sites like Medjugorje, she constantly exhorts us to avail ourselves of His Mercy and Love. Specifically she has encouraged increased and frequent practice of Confession. Besides regular attendance at Mass on Sunday's and Holy Days, she has also emphasized some time of Eucharistic Adoration—preferably at least weekly.

In fact, at Medjugorje, she has given a beautiful and simple template for holiness. Drawing on the biblical account of David and Goliath (see 1Sam 17), she has compared our attempt to live authentically Christian lives in this secularized society as a similarly mismatched fight. However, just as David went out to meet Goliath in battle completely trusting that the fight is the Lord's, Mary gives us five stones to use: Prayer, Fasting, Mass, reading/praying with the Bible, and Confession. Let us look at this very practical advice as we conclude this Church year of 2017.

Prayer is nothing other than communication with the living God. It can and does take many forms. Essentially, prayer can be mental (internal/thoughts) or verbal (words, usually out loud).

Examples of verbal prayers are the Our Father and Hail Mary. They can be combined with other prayers in a 'routine' like with the Rosary or Chaplets or Litanies, etc. Liturgical (and communal) prayers like the Liturgy of the Hours and the Mass are also primarily verbal.

Mental prayer is more of a pondering in thought. One important form of mental prayer is referred to as discursive meditation. That's a fancy term to describe an interior conversation with God about something. Imagine you are at a museum and appreciating a master work. You strike up a conversation with someone next to you doing the same thing, and find out that it's the artist. It is a personal conversation, but it is mediated through the piece of art. This is basically what discursive meditation is and it opens the door to a very deep relationship.

So, pick up this stone of prayer. Can you commit at least 10 minutes a day to just talking to the Lord? Truly, it doesn't take much, but the benefit is surprising.

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| 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 | Gaetano & Angela Bova | |
| Monday: | | Nov 6 |
| 8:30 AM | Gualter Cabral Carvalho | |
| Tuesday: | | Nov 7 |
| 8:30 AM | Sylvia Rocha | |
| Wednesday: | | Nov 8 |
| 8:30 AM | Sally Schena | |
| Thursday | | Nov 9 |
| 8:30 AM | Bob Flinn | |
| Friday | | Nov 10 |
| 8:30 PM | Theodore and Jeannette Galkowski | |
| Saturday | | Nov 11 |
| 8:30 AM | Maria Pacheco | |
| 4:00 PM | Robert & Bobby DiCioccio | |
| Sunday | | Nov 12 |
| 9 AM | Dick Williams | |
| 11AM | Albano Quadros | |
| 1 PM | Members of the Parish | |

~ SACRED HEART CHAPEL ~

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| Saturday | | Nov 4 |
| 4 PM | Feroli, Fortini, Caprera Families | |
| Sunday | | Nov 5 |
| 8 AM | Members of the Parish | |
| Saturday | | Nov 11 |
| 4 PM | Gary Gemborys | |
| Sunday | | Nov 12 |
| 8 AM | Greg Smith | |



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MARIAN MEDAL AWARD



It is with great pleasure that we announce that Bishop DaCunha has accepted our nomination of **Mr. Kevin Perry** as the 2017 Marian Medal Award Recipient from St. Francis Xavier Parish. The Marian Medal is awarded annually to a parishioner who has distinguished himself or herself by dedication to serving Christ and others in the parish. Kevin has certainly done that! He shares his talents as a Cantor, on the weekends and at Funerals, is involved in helping at St. Vincent DePaul Society Assistant and not-to-be-forgotten portrayal of St. Nicholas at our Christmas Fair, just to name a few of the several ministries in which he is actively involved. The awards will be presented on **Sunday, November 19, 2017** at 3 pm at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption in Fall River.

Congratulations, Mr. Kevin Perry



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

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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

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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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:

THEODORE & JEANNETTE GALKOWSKI

COLLECTIONS

St. Francis Xavier Church
Sacred Heart Chapel

October 29, 2017 - \$ 7,119
St. Vincent DePaul - \$ 328

EUCCHARISTIC APOSTLES OF DIVINE MERCY

Meetings are usually held every other Monday. However, the next meeting will be held on **November 13, 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.



SPECIAL FATHER PEYTON GUILD MEETING NOVEMBER 11, 2017 - 11 A.M. - FATHER PEYTON CENTER 518 WASHINGTON STREET N. EASTON, MA

Please join us for a Special Father Peyton Guild Meeting with Dr. Andrea Ambrosi, Postulator for Father Peyton's Cause for Canonization. Dr. Ambrosi, who visiting from Italy, will answer questions and share his experience on working with the Vatican and people around the world in studying the life of the Rosary Priest, Servant of God Patrick Peyton after the praying of the Rosary. Lunch will be served after Dr. Ambrosi's presentation and so we ask you to RSVP to allow us to have an accurate count of guests. Please call Joanne at 508-238-4095 x-2002 or jkaravetsos@hcfm.org. This meeting is open to the public and free of charge.

CORI

Please note that all volunteers who help out at St. Francis Xavier and Sacred Heart Chapel must complete CORI forms each year. If you have viewed the video in past years, it is not necessary to view it again. Please come to the Parish Office where you can complete the paperwork and we can make a copy of your license.

OFFICE FOR CHILD PROTECTION

Please remember that bullying is a learned behavior and is NOT about conflict between the victim and the bully. It's about the bully's utter contempt for another human being, so getting them to "make nice" will not work. If you have a child who is either the bully or the victim, or you would like to know more about bullying, please contact Debora Berg at (508) 997-7337. (42)

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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.

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

Thank you so much to all parishioners who have contacted us with their email addresses. As that happens, we will send you an 'invitation' to the database, whereby you can update your information, give us an updated phone/cell number, birthdates and sacrament records. We are very pleased, that the system is working as well as it is. You can also set up recurring contributions, all in one convenient system! If you haven't already contacted us, 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 will send out invitations, as soon as you get us your email information. Thanks for your help in getting St Francis Xavier into the 21st Century!