

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, HYANNIS, MA

OUR LORD JESUS, CHRIST THE KING

DIOCESE OF FALL RIVER

NOVEMBER 26, 2017

STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER

HEART OF THE WORLD L

~ ST. FRANCIS XAVIER ~

For the last few of weeks we have been considering the practical advice that our Blessed Mother has given us at Medjugorje—the Five Stones of Prayer, Fasting, Mass, reading/praying with the Bible, and Confession. In giving these, she is drawing on the biblical account of David and Goliath (see 1Sam 17). She compares 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 armed with sling, five stones, and confidence in the Lord, so must we.

The fourth stone: **the Bible** and some guiding Principles:

1) *The Scriptures are God's Word.* The words of anyone are not things, they flow from their heart. God's Word flowing from His heart shares His nature (divine, immortal, beyond infinite...) therefore it is the communication of His presence. Moreover, because divine, "it" is also a Person—the Second Person of the Trinity, the Eternal Word. Jesus Christ.

When we are getting to know someone and develop a relationship, we do not 'study' them. We talk with them and grow in friendship through increasing levels of intimacy, sharing what is in our heart and hearing what is in theirs.

2) *Prayer.* If the way to grow in relationship is by communication, then prayer is how we enter into the interiority of His Word—not just skipping along the surface, learning lots of things about Him. Pray to the Holy Spirit Who inspired the human author to help you to understand.

3) *Time.* To get to know someone, you must spend time with them. Period.

4) *Tools/Study.* It is very possible (maybe even common) for someone to be an "expert" in the Scriptures and not know God. Jesus met many and eventually they killed Him. Never be impressed with Zummazumma degrees and clever and merely entertaining words!

-Let Scripture interpret Scripture. Every day the Lectionary puts certain passages together for us. They are mutually informative. Ask God to show you a connection. Also, when you are reading your Bible and come to a passage where you are not sure what is going on, look up what other Scriptures that passage is read with in the Lectionary and read those. It is easy in today's internet age.

-Get your mind around the notion of Covenant and how that is the interpretive key to open our minds to the Scriptures. A Father Who Keeps His Promises by Dr. Scott Hahn is a great book for that.

-Get a "study" Bible. Learn how to use the cross-references and other tools.

-Turn off the voice of the world and listen—enough TV and radio! That stuff clutters and tires our minds. There are lots of great media resources available now—CD's, podcasts, etc. Listen in the car or doing chores or walking, etc.

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| Saturday | | Nov 25 |
| 8:30 AM | David Gavin | |
| 4:00 PM | Salome Casas | |
| Sunday | | Nov 26 |
| 9 AM | Maria Pacheco | |
| 11AM | Joseph Saad | |
| 1 PM | Members of the Parish | |
| Monday: | | Nov 27 |
| 8:30 AM | Nancy Ann Carney | |
| Tuesday: | | Nov 28 |
| 8:30 AM | Carmine Molinare | |
| Wednesday: | | Nov 29 |
| 8:30 AM | JoanneScarpato | |
| Thursday | | Nov 30 |
| 8:30 AM | Nancy Haley | |
| Friday | | Dec 1 |
| 8:30 PM | Leroy John Timmerman | |
| Saturday | | Dec 2 |
| 8:30 AM | Maria Pacheco | |
| 4:00 PM | John McBride | |
| Sunday | | Dec 3 |
| 9 AM | Dorothy Ann Perry | |
| 11AM | David, Katharine & Ormsby Sullivan | |
| 1 PM | Anthony Marra | |

~ SACRED HEART CHAPEL ~

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| Saturday | | Nov 25 |
| 4 PM | Janet Lott | |
| Sunday | | Nov 26 |
| 8 AM | Bernice Chapdelaine | |
| Saturday | | Dec 2 |
| 4 PM | Janet Lott | |
| Sunday | | Dec 3 |
| 8 AM | Members of the Parish | |

SERVER SCHEDULES - READY
DEACONS, ALTAR SERVERS AND
LECTORS, SCHEDULES ARE IN THE
SACRISTIES AT SFX AND SHC THIS
WEEKEND, AND ON THE WEBSITE.
EMS ARE ASKED TO SIGN IN UPON
ARRIVING AT MASS.

THANK YOU FOR ASSISTING.

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SIXTH ANNUAL ST. FRANCIS XAVIER HOLIDAY FAIR



**Saturday, December 2, from 9 am - 3 pm
and following the 4 pm Mass,
with a Complimentary Parish Supper Gathering
at St. Francis Xavier Preparatory School,
following Mass in Celebration of our Patron Saint.**

Sunday, December 3, from 9 am-3 pm

Crafters, Baked Goods, Silent Auction, Raffles, Tool Table, Snack Bar

PLUS

**Living Nativity presented by SFXP Students & Pancake Breakfast, Sunday
Volunteers needed**



CRAFTERS AND VENDORS INVITED

**Join us for our annual Holiday Fair, December 2 & 3, 9am - 3pm
Space fee is \$25.00, approximately 16' space, must provide your own tables.
More info call 508-775-9017**

'TIS (almost) THE SEASON

Before you know it, we'll be buying presents, writing Christmas cards, baking cookies, decorating our trees. December 3rd is the beginning of Advent, when we prepare spiritually for the coming of Christ. When we get ready to encounter Jesus, opening our hearts to Him. You can go online to BestAdventEver.com/BeautifulHope/ Sign up NOW and each day in Advent, you'll receive an email with practical tips, real-life stories of hope, and an inspirational video. It's free, takes about 5 minutes, and provides you with your own personal Advent retreat focused on what's really important – the birth of Jesus. Sign up NOW at BestAdventEver.com/BeautifulHope/

PIVOTAL PLAYERS - EVENING SESSIONS

**In addition to the Monday morning sessions,
Pivotal Players evening sessions will be held
on Wednesday evenings - 6:30 p.m.
in the Father Duffy Pastoral Center.
on
November 29 - G.K. Chesterton
December 6 - Michelangelo**

HOLY DAY - DECEMBER 8, 2017

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

**English: Dec 7 - Vigil
4:00 PM
English: Dec 8 - 8:30 AM
12:10 PM
Latin: Dec 8 - 2:00 PM
Portuguese: Dec 8 - 7:00 PM**

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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:

SAM KERSHAW

BAKERS NEEDED

If anyone is interested in baking for the Christmas Fair, that will take place on December 2 and 3, 2017, please contact Carol Burroughs at bingonut@comcast.net. The following items are needed: Pies, Brownies, Cookies, Cupcakes, Muffins and Holiday Breads. Please, only items that are listed are needed. Thanks for any help you can give to make our Bake Shop a success this year.

EUCCHARISTIC APOSTLES OF DIVINE MERCY

Meetings are usually held every other Monday. However, the next meeting will be held on **November 27, 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

If you fear that your child may be a victim of bullying via texting or cell phone messages, a good way to find out is to keep the child's cell phone in your bedroom for a night or two and recharge it there. You may be surprised at the texts or calls that come in during the wee hours of the morning. If so, you will certainly want to get help for your child to stop the bullying. (43)

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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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RAFFLE WINNERS

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

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| \$250 | Dorothy Darwin | Osterville |
| \$100 | M&M Robert Silva | Hyannisport |
| \$ 50. | Joe Asiaf | Centerville |
| \$ 50 | Paul Canniff | Centerville |
| \$ 50 | Joan Casey | Centerville |

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.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!"
Sunday, November 26, 2017 - 6PM

SFX Young Adult Group will be hosting their
2nd Annual Amigo Dando.

For more information on venue or to RSVP,
please contact them through
our website or

Facebook: St Francis Xavier Young Adults.

Group meetings are usually held on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays, at 5:30 pm at '357 South Street, Hyannis, MA (Fr. Duffy Pastoral Center).

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest, says the Lord GOD." As we celebrate Christ the King, let us also learn to serve our spouses by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Jan 19-21, 2018 in South Kingstown, RI and Mar 9-11, 2018 in Duxbury, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

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 credit or debit card 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!