

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, HYANNIS, MA

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DIOCESE OF FALL RIVER

DECEMBER 17, 2017

STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER

HEART OF THE WORLD LII

~ ST. FRANCIS XAVIER ~

We started this series as last year's Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy was concluding. The idea was twofold: to initiate a plan to carry forward the Grace of that time into the rest of our lives, and to look at how we can better cooperate with this Grace in our day-to-day lives. We began with the Eucharist.

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 Eucharist is the very physical Presence of the Living God among us. All of the other Sacraments and the whole life of the Church in the world flow from it and lead back to it. It is therefore not a stretch to think of the Eucharist as the Heart of the World.

This is why, as Catholics, the very best (practical) gauge of our spiritual life is how intently, intentionally, and intensely we are devoted to Christ in the Eucharist—both at Mass and praying in His Presence either exposed on the Altar or contained in the Tabernacle. As we looked at the Eucharist in terms of our cooperative work of giving thanks to God we considered how we treat and attend to Our Lord in the Eucharist. This was a segue to Fatima.

This year (2017) also marked the 100th Anniversary of the appearance of Our Lady to the three children (Lucia, Jacinta, and Francisco) at Fatima. We discussed how an Angel was sent to them three times in order to prepare them to meet Our Lady. In his third apparition, he was holding a consecrated Host and Chalice filled with the precious Blood of Our Lord. He taught them a prayer and how they are to comport themselves in the Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. The prayer is:

Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, I adore You profoundly. I offer You the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges, and indifference, by which He is offended. By the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I pray for the conversion of poor sinners.

After looking at this prayer phrase by phrase, beginning in August, we also considered how reverently (or not) we engage with Christ in receiving Holy Communion in the hand or on the tongue as we considered the history of the practice.

Finally, we returned to our Lady's call and requests as expressed at Fatima and how we can answer them with her practical (and beautifully simple) image given at Medjugorje. The five stones of Prayer, Fasting, Mass, reading/praying with the Bible, and Confession are a template for holiness that we can all easily follow.

Hopefully, you have benefitted from all of this. May God bless your efforts!

Saturday		Dec 16
8:30 AM	Steve Cahoon	
4:00 PM	Melden Smith	
Sunday		Dec 17
9 AM	Richard Viens Lucier	
11AM	Members of the Parish	
Monday:		Dec 18
8:30 AM	Special Intention	
Tuesday:		Dec 19
8:30 AM	Robert Darling	
Wednesday:		Dec 20
8:30 AM	Special Intention	
Thursday		Dec 21
8:30 AM	David Dalton	
Friday		Dec 22
8:30 PM	Teresa Ohnemus	
Saturday		Dec 23
8:30 AM	Eleanor Watt	
4:00 PM	Cristopher King	
Sunday		Dec 24
9 AM	Deacon Manuel and Mary Jane Camara	
11AM	Al Makkay	

~ SACRED HEART CHAPEL ~

Saturday		Dec 16
4 PM	Cleo and Lottie Bettez	
Sunday		Dec 17
8 AM	Greg Smith	
Saturday		Dec 23
4 PM	Deborah Bellis	
Sunday		Dec 24
8 AM	Members of the Parish	



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CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH

DECEMBER 24

CHRISTMAS EVE – 5 PM (ENGLISH)
– 7 PM (PORTUGUESE)
– MIDNIGHT (ENGLISH)

DECEMBER 25

CHRISTMAS DAY – 7 AM (LATIN)
– 9 AM (ENGLISH)
– 11 PM (ENGLISH)



SACRED HEART CHAPEL

DECEMBER 24

CHRISTMAS EVE – 4 PM (ENGLISH)

DECEMBER 25

CHRISTMAS DAY – 8 AM (ENGLISH)

Please clip for reference, so you will not need to call the Parish Office for Mass times. Thank You.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Saturday, December 9, 2017 - 6PM

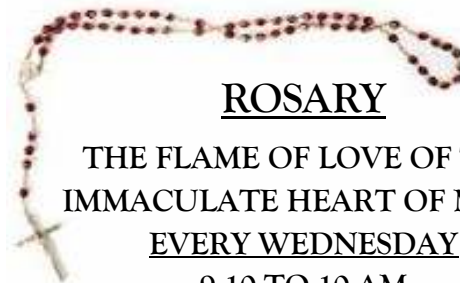
SFX Young Adult Group will be hosting a
MOVIE NIGHT

At

Fr. Duffy Pastoral Center
357 South Street
Hyannis, MA

For more information on future events, please
contact them through
our website stfrancishyannis.org or
Facebook: St Francis Xavier Young Adults.

Group meetings will be held once a month, at
5:30 PM on Saturday, at the Duffy Pastoral
Center. Please check the website (above) or the
Facebook page, for further details as to the next
meeting date.



ROSARY

THE FLAME OF LOVE OF THE
IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
EVERY WEDNESDAY

9:10 TO 10 AM

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER - HYANNIS



CHRISTMAS DINNER AT OUR LADY OF THE CAPE - BREWSTER

Our Lady of the Cape Parish on Stony Brook Road in Brewster invites all who want to join with others for Christmas Dinner and celebrate the Birth of Jesus. Dinner will be served at 12:00 Noon on Christmas Day in the Parish Center, located behind the church. All are welcome! Meals-on-Wheels are also available and will be delivered to people living within a reasonable distance of the Church. For more information and if you wish to make a reservation for dinner, please call Dave Danish at 508-896-7613 or email him at: Ddanish@comcast.net.

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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:

SMITH FAMILY

COLLECTIONS

St. Francis Xavier Church
Sacred Heart Chapel

December 10, 2017 - \$ 6,051
Immaculate Conception - \$1,186
St. Vincent DePaul - \$ 921

EUCCHARISTIC APOSTLES OF DIVINE MERCY

Meetings are usually held every other Monday. However, the next meeting will be held on **January 8, 2018**. For further information, call the office at 508.775.0818.

COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP...

Coffee and Fellowship gatherings have been suspended but will resume **January 7, 2018**. Do join us each Sunday morning after 9 and 11AM Masses, in the Lower Church Hall, at St. Francis, for coffee and fellowship.



SVDP CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS

For \$25.00, to the St. Vincent DePaul society, here at the Parish, you can make a donation of a 'Christmas Dinner Basket', to be given to a needy family, in the name of that 'difficult-to-buy-for' person on your gift list. Purchase your gift cards at the Parish Office, 21 Cross Street. Monday - Friday from 9 AM to 12:00 Noon, or at the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, behind the Church Office on Cross Street, on Tuesday or Friday, during Pantry hours. Cards will also be available this weekend, in the Lower Church Hall, at Coffee and Fellowship, after 9 and 11AM Masses. Phone the St. Vincent de Paul Society office at 508.775.3073 if you have need for further information.

CAPE COD HOSPITAL - CHAPLAINS' OFFICE

The Pastoral Care office at CCH wants to encourage parishioners to feel free to call the Chaplains office if they or a loved one are in the hospital. Although your desire for Pastoral Care is recorded at admissions occasionally data entry mistakes do happen. The Chaplain tries to visit every Catholic patient within 24 hours on the weekdays and within 48 hours on the weekend, but if you would like communion brought to you or a loved one and have not seen someone from the Chaplain's office please feel free to call 508.862.5287 and ask the hospital operator to connect you with Pastoral Care.

In case of emergencies a priest is always available to be paged if you ask your nurse!

OFFICE FOR CHILD PROTECTION

Substance abuse is a growing problem that can start as early as grade school. Warning signs can be sudden changes in behavior or moods, significant changes in eating or sleeping habits, and increased secrecy and hostility. If you believe that your child may be involved with drugs or alcohol, contact the school's social worker and/or your child's physician. Early detection and treatment are crucial to long-term physical and emotional health. For more information, please contact the Office for Child Protection at (508) 997-7337. (46)

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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.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – CATHOLIC FOUNDATION - DIOCESE OF FALL RIVER

The Diocese of Fall River is standing on the threshold of a life-changing chapter in its 113-year history, and is currently seeking to fill its newly created full-time position of **Executive Director for The Catholic Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts**. This fundraising leader will broaden, deepen and expand the relationships with current and future donors, and will work closely with Bishop da Cunha and the Board of Directors to ensure the appropriate strategies are developed and implemented. This once in a lifetime opportunity will be both challenging and rewarding. For a full description of the position, please go to www.fallriverdiocese.org and click on "Employment Opportunities", or contact Peter Powers, Executive Director of Human Resources and Administration, at (508)985-6507, or by e-mail at ppowers@dioc-fr.org.

CALIX - DEC 22

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 on the fourth Friday of the month, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. For information, call: Deacon Steve [508.237.1154](tel:508.237.1154)



A WOMENS BIBLE STUDY – CHRIST THE KING PARISH, MASHPEE

You are invited to the Advent Gathering to reflect and prepare for the celebration of Christ's birth. Enjoy a lovely meal and exchange gifts for re-giving on Tuesday morning December 12 from 9 to 11AM or Thursday evening December 14 from 7 to 9PM. They are scheduled to meet at Christ The King Parish, Classroom B. For reservations, please call 508-420-0443 or visit the website at WWPMashpee@aol.com.