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Masses

Saturday Vigil: 4:00PM

Sunday: 9:00AM & 11:00AM (Spanish)

Weekdays: Monday & Wednesday (6:00PM-chapel)

Tuesday & Thursday 8:00AM (chapel);

Friday: 6:00PM (English-church)

***** Tuesday :*** 6:00PM (Spanish)

Mass (Spanish) Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday (6:00AM – chapel)

Sacrament of Baptism:: Sunday: Baptism is celebrated the third Sunday of each month at 12:30PM

Instruction for parents and godparents are held by appointment with the pastor.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:: Saturday :: 3:00PM (church) or by appointment

Sacrament of Marriage :: Arrangements should be made at least one year before the wedding.

Please call the rectory and make an appointment.

Devotions:: Rosary each weekday morning immediately after Mass (chapel) (Tuesday & Thursday).

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament :: Saturday from 12:30PM to 3:45PM.

Mass Intentions



Saturday, January 19th
4:00PM Adolph Rocca....by the community
Sunday, January 20th Second Sunday in Ord. Time
9:00AM Bienvenido & Resurreccion Santos (40th wedding Ann)
11:00AM Special intention
Monday, January 21st St. Agnes
6:00PM
Tuesday, January 22nd Prayer legal protection of the unborn
8:00AM For the unborn
6:00PM For the unborn
Wednesday, January 23rd St. Vincent (deacon)
6:00PM
Thursday, January 24th St. Francis de Sales
8:00AM
Friday, January 25th Conversion of St. Paul
6:00PM William Calderon & Amy Nguyen (vocations) by First Communion class
Saturday, January 26th
4:00PM Albert Rochette (B'day)....by the fam.
Sunday, January 27th Third Sunday in Ord. Time
9:00AM For all people
11:00AM Maria Ines & Cristino Riveraby the fam.



The Blessed Sacrament lamp is lit for the healing of Raymond Miguel requested by the family.

Our Blessed Mother lamp is lit in memory of Narciso Duarte.

A candle to St. Francis of Assisi is lit in thanksgiving for a favor received.



Parish Support

Jan. 12/13

Offertory: \$2,172.00

Fuel: \$199.00

Maintenance: \$399.0

Food Sale (Festival) \$439.00

Total: \$3,209.00

Remember when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that you have received, only what you have given St. Francis of Assisi

Adult Confirmation

The Diocese of Worcester offers a retreat to prepare people 18 years of age and older to receive the Holy Sacrament of Confirmation.

The retreat will be on Sunday, January 27th, 2019 from 2:00PM to 8:00PM at the Immaculate Conception Spiritual Renewal Center (600 Liberty Highway), Putnam Connecticut. The sponsor is also invited to attend. Cost \$35 per candidate & \$15 per sponsor including the evening meal. The celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Sunday, February 3rd, 2019 at 3:00PM at the Cathedral of St. Paul, Worcester. Applications are available at the rectory. Baptismal certificate is required.



2018 TAX Statements

If you would like to receive a copy of your donations to St. Francis of Assisi for tax purposes, let us know. Please, write a note and put it into the collection basket. We will make you a copy by the end of January. Thanks!

NO CCD (Religious Education) on Sunday, January 20th

Share Your Table with Love

The needs for our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry for the month of JANUARY: tuna, canned meat (spam), beef stew, canned chicken, canned fruit, Mac & Cheese, Jelly, boxed potatoes, salad dressing. Ramen soup. Thank YOU for your donations. When I was hungry you gave food ...



Next Second Collection: Catholic Home Missions January 27/ 28

Winter Retreat Day for 7th & 8th GRADERS... FREE Sunday January 27th 1:30-5:30PM St. Bernard's High School (Fitchburg)...Games, music, food..Mass with Bishop McManus at 4:00PM. For further information, please contact Yesenia. (978)342-3521



The miracle at the Wedding in Cana

Our Gospel today is about marriage and the Lord Jesus' first miracle at a wedding celebration in Cana.

Last Sunday, the solemnity of the Baptism of our Lord, God manifested his beloved Son at Jesus' baptism when the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus and a voice came from the heavens that said "You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased." Today's miracle of changing water into wine fits into this theme. The Lord Jesus is manifest as a wonder worker in his first miracle, and his disciples began to believe in Him. This one theme we can see in today's gospel.

We would like to reflect on another theme that is central to today's gospel: the idea of "change." The Lord Jesus' life was all about change. He came to change the world, to teach us how to do a better job of loving God and loving one another. He changed people who were sick and made them well. He changed sinners by forgiving them and telling them to live good lives (sin no more). He changed people who were possessed and set them free from the demons that controlled them. In his first miracle, he changed water into wine and changed what would have been a failed celebration into a great party.

He continues to call us to change. When he began to preach, he called people to change their lives, to get their priorities straight, and to put God first. He continues to work miracles of changed in the special meal he gave us the night before he died. He took bread and turned it into his Body and change wine into his Blood.

When the Lord Jesus called people to change their lives, it didn't always happen. We have a free will to accept what God has spoken to us or reject it. Every other time the Lord told something to change, however, it always happened, whether he was changing a blind person into a person with sight, or a lame person into one who was ambulatory, or whether it was a storm on the sea that he told to calm down. Why do many people then not believe in the Eucharist? Because he said at the Last Supper as he handed the Apostles bread: "this is my Body," and likewise with the chalice of wine: "this is my Blood." We can believe that the bread and wine were truly changed when He said those sacred words. We just can't see it. We might add, we can't always believe what we see, but we can always believe what the Lord Jesus said. This change of bread and wine that becomes Jesus' Body and Blood will change us. We will become more like Him and grow closer to Him. Our faith is not a static thing, it is dynamic because the power of the Lord Jesus is at work. Adding one more thing, Jesus also said: "I came that they may have life, and have it to the full". Rev. Joe Robinson

Sing & Praise



*Proclaim his marvelous deeds
to all the nations!*



Hymns: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Processional #668 "I sing the mighty power of God"

Offertory: #632 "The King of love"

Communion #528 "Bread for the world"

Recessional #633 "I heard the voice of Jesus"

MARCH for LIFE 2019

The 2019 March for Life will be held on Friday, January 18, 2019 in Washington, DC.

Registration for the Diocese of Worcester's 2019 bus trip is now open! Cost is \$80 per seat for registrations postmarked by 12/31. After 12/31 cost is \$95 per seat. Registrations will be accepted until Jan. 11 or until buses are full, whichever comes first. Can't attend this year? Consider a donation to help defray expenses for students and others with financial challenges.

Donations can be made payable to Respect Life Office - Diocese of Worcester (mark "March for Life donation" in the memo), and mailed to 49 Elm St., Worcester, MA 01609. Thank you for your support! To learn more about March for Life, visit www.marchforlife.org



National Day of Prayer

Did you know that in Dioceses throughout the United States, Jan. 22 is designated as a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Human Life? As individuals, we are called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or giving alms, in a way similar to our Lenten practices. Learn more about how you can participate at

<https://www.worcesterdiocese.org/jan-22-day-of-prayer>.

Happening at St. Francis of Assisi

*Sunday, January 20th ..9:00PM...Mass....
10:00AM NO CCD classes*
Monday, January 21st 6:00PM... Mass.... chapel
Tuesday, January 22nd ...8:00AM....chapel
Wednesday, January 23rd 6:00PM. Mass ...chapel
Thursday, January 24th8:00AM.... Mass....church
Friday, January 25th ...Food Pantry1:00PM
*Saturday, January 26th 12:30...Adoration Holy Eucharist
4:00PM ...Mass... church*

***Religious Education...Parents, please, be advised:
Storm Watch Classes Closing-***

*If there is a snow (ice) storm and we don't have classes,
please check the Fox new 25 and expect a call from
teachers or the coordinator.*

*The Mass Book for the 2019 is open. You may request a
Mass intention by writing a note (name & date) and
place it into the collection basket.*

*If you wish to light a candle (\$10) for a loved one
(deceased, sick, etc ...) Please write a note and place it
into the collection basket. Thanks!*

*Come join us for a night full of laughs and for a cause
at the Fitchburg Knights of Columbus, 165 Electric Ave
on Friday, January 25th. Doors open at 6:30 PM
starting with a Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner served w/
salad & bread for only \$7.00 pp. Show starts promptly
at 8:00 PM. And as the old saying goes, "Laughter is
the best Medicine for the Winter Blues" so settle in and
enjoy a night with some Stand Up Comedians. Jerry
Caruso, whom many of you know with many talents and
Co-Founder of Comedy for a Cure, a Celebrity
Impressionist and Songwriter! Standing alongside of
Jerry will be Bill Campbell, who has done it all... from
comedy clubs to cruise ships to private events to
national TV appearances. He hosts his own cable show
"Campbell's Comedy Corner" and has developed an
acclaimed 90 minute one-man show. All Proceeds will
be benefiting the Sam Pawlak Community Playground
being developed at the Coolidge Park.. Donations can
be made directly to Community Foundation of North
Central Massachusetts <http://www.cfncm.org/>. For
online donations, please find The Sam Pawlak
Community Playground specifically. Checks made out
to the playground and sent directly to Community
Foundation of Central Massachusetts at 649 John Fitch
Hwy, Fitchburg, MA 01420.
Tickets will be sold in advance & at Door for \$20.00.*

TUNE in our local Catholic Radio Station WQPH 89.3

El milagro en la boda en cana

Nuestro Evangelio de hoy trata sobre el matrimonio y el primer milagro del Señor Jesús en una boda en Caná de Galilea. El domingo pasado, en la solemnidad del Bautismo de nuestro Señor, Dios manifestó a su Hijo amado en el bautismo de Jesús cuando el Espíritu Santo descendió sobre Jesús y una voz vino de los cielos que decía: "Tú eres mi Hijo amado, en quien tengo mis complacencias". El milagro de hoy de cambiar el agua en vino encaja en este tema de la manifestación del Señor. El Señor Jesucristo se manifiesta como un obrador de maravillas en su primer milagro, y sus discípulos comenzaron a creer en él. Este es un tema que podemos ver en el evangelio de hoy. Nos gustaría reflexionar sobre otro tema que es fundamental para el evangelio de hoy, es decir la idea de "cambio". La vida del Señor Jesucristo fue todo sobre el cambio. Él vino a cambiar el mundo, a enseñarnos cómo hacer un mejor trabajo de amar a Dios y amarnos unos a otros. Cambió a las personas que estaban enfermas y las sanó. Él cambió a los pecadores perdonándolos y diciéndoles que vivan vidas buenas (no peques más). Cambió a las personas que estaban poseídas y las liberó de los demonios que las controlaban. En su primer milagro, convirtió el agua en vino y transformó lo que habría sido una celebración fracasada en una gran fiesta. Él nos sigue llamando a cambiar. Cuando Jesucristo comenzó a predicar, llamó a las personas a cambiar sus vidas, a aclarar sus prioridades y a poner a Dios en primer lugar. Él continúa haciendo milagros de cambio en la cena especial que nos dio la noche antes de morir. Tomó pan y lo convirtió en su Cuerpo y cambió el vino en su Sangre. Cuando el Señor Jesucristo llamó a la gente a cambiar sus vidas, no siempre sucedió. Tenemos la libertad para aceptar lo que Dios nos ha hablado o rechazarlo. Sin embargo, cada vez que el Señor decía algo para cambiar, siempre sucedía, ya sea que cambiara a una persona ciega en una persona con visión, o una persona coja a una que fuera ambulatoria, o si era una tormenta en el mar que él Dijo que se calme. ¿Por qué mucha gente no cree en la Eucaristía? Porque Él dijo en la Última Cena mientras les daba a los apóstoles el pan: "este es mi cuerpo", y lo mismo ocurre con el cáliz de vino: "esta es mi sangre". Podemos creer que el pan y el vino realmente cambiaron cuando dijo esas sagradas palabras. Simplemente no podemos verlo en la Eucaristía. Podríamos añadir, no siempre podemos creer lo que vemos, pero siempre podemos creer lo que el Señor Jesucristo dijo. Este cambio de pan y vino que se

convierte en el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Jesús nos cambiará. Nos volveremos más como Él y nos acercaremos más a Él. Nuestra fe no es una cosa estática, es dinámica porque el poder del Señor Jesús está en acción. Añadiendo una cosa más, Jesucristo también dijo: "Vine para que tengan vida y la tengan en abundancia."

MISA de SANACION

Martes, 19 de febrero, 2019

6:00PM en la Iglesia

Todos los **TERCEROS MARTES** de **CADA MES**, tendremos la **MISA de SANACION**...



NOVENA a la VIRGEN de ALTAGRACIA
Patrona SANTO DOMINGO... 7:00PM

- 1) **Viernes 18/ Enero** ..Garibaldy/Dell...82Blossom St... Fitch
- 2) **Sábado, 19/Enero** ...María Dessus...175 East St. Fitch.
- 3) **Domingo, 20/Enero**....Sonia/Eddie Campos....25 Pepper Rd.Fitch.
- 4) **Lunes, 21/Enero**.....Sara/Richard....173 Boutelle St....Fitch
- 5) **Martes, 22/Enero**....Roberto/Sonia....21 Thorndike St....Fitch.
- 6) **Miercoles, 23 Enero**...Maria Pichardo...159 Heywood St.Fitch.
- 7) **Jueves, 24 Enero**.....Eddie/Tania...204 Bayberry HillLeominster
- 8) **Viernes, 25Enero** ...Teresa Santana....183Pine St....Fitch
- 9) **Sábado, 26 Enero**....Luz Genao...125 Wanoosnoc St..Fitch.

GRAN CELEBRACION

Domingo, 27 de ENERO

Hall de Saint Francis

Después de la Santa Misa 11:00AM

Las personas que deseen cooperar con la Novena o la Celebración, por favor habla con Garybaldi, Maria Paulino, Yari.



Seminario "Felipe"

Seminario de seguimiento

para aquellas personas que hayan hecho el seminario "Vida en el Espíritu"

FECHA: sábado 2 de febrero (8:00AM)

Domingo 3 de febrero

Lugar: Hall de Saint Francis **Costo:** \$20.00

Debe registrarse anticipadamente. Pregunte a: Isabel Becerril, María Andino, Roberto/Sonia, Anibal & Ivy.... Circulo de Oración de Saint Francis

LECTURAS BIBLICAS de la SEMANA

Lunes, 21 /Enero Hebreos // Hebrew 5: 1 – 10 San Marcos // Mark 2: 18 – 22	Monday, January 21 Salmo//Psalm 110
Martes, 22 // Enero Hebreos // Hebrew 6: 10 – 20 San Marcos // Mark 2: 23 - 28	Tuesday, January 22 Salmo//Psalm 111
Miércoles 23// Enero Hebreos // Hebrew 7: 1 – 17 San Marcos // Mark 3: 1 - 6	Wednesday, January 23 Salmo//Psalm 110
Jueves 24 // Enero Hebreos // Hebreos 7: 25 – 8:6 San Marcos // Mark 3: 7 µ 12	Thursday, January 24 Salmo//Psalm 40
Viernes, 25 // Enero Hechos // Acts 22: 3 – 16 San Marcos // Mark 16: 15 µ 18	Friday, January 25 Salmo//Psalm 117
Sábado, 26//Enero 2 Timoteo // 2 Timothy 1: 1 – 8 San Marcos // Mark 3: 20 - 21	Saturday, January 26 Salmo//Psalm 96
Domingo 27 // Enero ... Tercer Domingo T. Ord.	
Third Sunday in Ord. Time, January 27	
Profeta Nehemias // Nehemiah 8: 2 - 10	
Salmo //Psalm 19	
1 Corintios // 1 Corinthians 12: 12 – 30	
San Lucas // Luke 1: 1 – 21	

ATENCION: CLASES para BAUTISMO
Para Padres y Padrinos SABADO, Febrero 2
1:00PM (Centro)

La Tiendita estará abierta todos los **DOMINGOS** después de la Santa Misa.

Pregunte por Isabel.

Carta para los Taxes 2018

Durante el mes de enero estaremos haciendo una copia de sus donaciones a la Iglesia de San Francisco durante el año 2018 para ser utilizada con el propósito de los TAXES. Si quieres recibir una carta, por favor, déjenos saber lo más pronto posible. Escribe una nota con tu nombre y dirección, deposítala en la canasta de las ofrendas y le haremos llegar una copia lo más pronto posible. Gracias!

NO HAY CATECISMO HOY DOMINGO
20 de ENERO





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- Tacos de Pescado
- Pollo Azado
- Arros Camaron
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