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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, July 14th

4:00PM †Marie Laure Rivard (95th Ann).....by fam.
†Rita Gastonguayby fam.

Sunday, July 15th 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00AM †Alfred Landryby M/M Alphonse Pagnotto
11:00AM †Carmelo de Jesus....by the fam.

Monday, July 16

6:00PM †Rev. Charles Dutram & Rev. Ray Messier

Tuesday, July 17

8:00AM †

6:00PM †Rev. Richard Roger

Wednesday, July 18

6:00PM †

Thursday, July 19

8:00AM †

Friday, July 20th

St. Apollinaris

6:00PM †Rose Twiss (15th Ann)....by fam.

Saturday, July 21st

4:00PM †Susan Apperson (10th Ann)by fam.
†Romeo Bernardby Claire Dasireau

Sunday, July 22nd 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00AM †Romeo Bernard (B'day)by fam.
11:00AM †For all people

The Blessed Sacrament lamp is lit for special intention by anonymous.



A candle to Our Blessed Mother is lit for the wellbeing of St. Francis youth & chaperones.
A candle to St. Francis of Assisi is lit for the health of Priscilla Rivard.



Parish Support

June 30/July 1st

Offertory: \$ 1,679.0
Fuel: \$48.00 maintenance:\$103.0
Others:\$486.00

Total: \$2,316.00

Parish Support

July 7/8

Offertory: \$ 1,860.0
Fuel: \$541.00 maintenance:\$325.0

Total: \$2,726.00

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

FLEA MARKET...ST. FRANCIS FESTIVAL

We are NOW collecting NEW / OLD stuffs for our FLEA MARKET at St. FRANCIS FESTIVAL which it will be on SUNDAY, AUGUST 12 at 12:00 noon. Please,



consider setting things aside for our FLEA MARKET. We will be happy collecting NEW or USED (in good condition) ITEMS for the FLEA MARKET; things like mugs, dishes, musical

instruments, tablecloths, ceramic items, toys, medals, religious statues, jewelry. Please, we are NOT able to receive books, computers, monitors, electrical appliances, clothing, shoes, and furniture. All donations could be dropped off at the entrance of the church on weekends. THANKS!

St. Francis YOUTH and chaperones are gone to the Summer Steubenville retreat this weekend. Please, keep them in your prayers and THANKS to all who cooperated with them raising the necessary funds to this wonderful event in their lives.



Share Your Table with Love
The needs for our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry for the month of JULY: beef stew, canned chicken, mustard, ketchup, relish, mayonnaise, canned fruit, Mac & Cheese, Ramen soups, jelly, salad dressing.

THANK YOU for your donations. When I was hungry you gave food ...

CCD REGISTRATION
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We are asking parents/grandparents/mentors to register your children NOW. Registration FORMS may be picked up, completed and place it into the collection baskets on Sunday or mail it to the rectory. Religious Education programs offer classes starting from kindergarten to Confirmation.



"...pour new wine into fresh wineskins."

As each generation comes along, there seems to be new advice offered in books, on televisions, and the internet as to how one should parent his or her child. "We used to do it this way and it worked," is heard from the past generation. "It is psychologically better for a child to do it this way," the new generation retorts, and the age-old argument goes on. Do the ways of the past work better than the ways of the present? New understanding and practices will come and go; one thing is certain, it takes an open mind and a willingness to listen to raise healthy children these days.



Our *faith journey* needs the same open mind and willingness to listen. It is not so much that we need to do things differently; it is more that we have to be open to the Holy Spirit and what the Spirit is trying to tell us. The Lord Jesus came at a time when complacency in the practice of religion was high. There were those who were comfortable with *their way*, and they were concerned when others did not comply. The Lord Jesus made clear; the ways of the past were not to be discarded, but now a new Gospel would enliven their hearts and minds. They had only to open themselves up to the richness of the kingdom of God that the Lord Jesus was proclaiming. He challenged his followers to embrace this new life while preserving the past, because "putting new wine into the old wineskins would cause them to bust and both would be lost." So it is with our faith and the ways we practice our faith. The old ways may indeed be very good, but when we open ourselves up to new forms of prayer and devotion, our faith can grow in new ways. Is that not what we want, for our faith and our relationship with God to grow stronger? If you are feeling somewhat complacent or less attentive in how you practice your faith, new practices may help you to reach a new understanding. An open mind and a willingness to listen is like the "new wineskins" ready to receive the "new wine" – new insights into God's love for you. Welcome this newness, it is a good thing!



Sing & Praise



*Lord, let us see your kindness,
and grant us your salvation!*



Hymns: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Processional #580 "Lord, you have come"

Offertory: #542 "Here I am, Lord"

Communion #48/256 "Gather us in"

Recessional #401 "Lord, you give the great commission"

In Loving Remembrance

In your charity, please pray for all the souls of the faithful departed. May they rest in peace. AMEN.



FESTIVAL ST. FRANCIS

**BIG RAFFLE at ST. FRANCIS
FESTIVAL SUNDAY, August 12**

BIG RAFFLE TICKETS

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| 1 st Prize: \$2,500 | 2 nd Prize: \$1,000 |
| 3 rd Prize: \$500 | 4 th Prize: \$250 |
| 5 th Prize: \$100 | 6 th Prize: \$100 |
| 7 th Prize: \$100 | |



*Please, help us selling and buying tickets!!! Anyone who sells or buys 10 tickets will get 2 extra for FREE. Raffle Tickets are \$10 each. We recommend to you to buy **ONE BOOK** (or more) or **12 TICKETS (\$100) per FAMILY.** We are in **GREAT NEED** of your **HELP** and cooperation!!! Drawing will be held at the **FESTIVAL on SUNDAY, AUGUST 12.** For more information, please contact Fr. Ortiz*



Happening at St. Francis of Assisi

Sunday, July 15th ..9:00PM....Mass...
 Monday, July 16th 6:00PM Masschapel
 Tuesday, July 17th ...8:00AM....Mass....chapel
 6:00PM....Mass (Spanish) Prayer Group...church
 Wednesday, July 18th6:00PM....Mass...chapel
 Thursday, July 19th8:00AM.... Mass....chapel
 Friday, July 20th ...Food Pantry1:00PM
 Saturday, July 21st 3:00PM Confessions...church
 4:00PM ...Masschurch

**131st Annual Novena to St. Anne (Fiskdale, MA)
 "TRUE PEACE"**

Celebrants and Homilist of the Novena
 1) Wednesday, July 18.... Rev. Peter Precourt, A.A.
 2) Thursday, July 19.... Rev. Peter Joyce
 3)Friday, July 20th Rev. Stanley Rousseau
 4) Saturday, July 21... Rev. Enoch Kyeremateng
 5) Sunday, July 22... Rev. Jonathan Slavinskis
 6) Monday, July 23..... Rev. Tam Bui
 7)Tuesday, July 24..... Rev. Alex Castro
 8) Wednesday, July 25.....Rev. Nicholas Desimone
9) Thursday, July 26 Most Rev. Robert McManus (bishop)
Schedule: 6:00PM...Confessions
 6:30PM...Rosary Procession, 7:00PM....Novena Mass
 Feast of Sts. Joaquin & Anne...Thursday, July 26th

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"This I command you: love one another."
Learn how to love your spouse as Christ asks
by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter
Weekend. The next Weekends are Sept. 15 - 16, 2018
in Medway, MA
and Dec. 7 - 9, 2018 in Duxbury, MA.
For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at
800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for our St. FRANCIS
 FESTIVAL**

How can you HELP us? You can volunteer to HELP at the
FESTIVAL leadership TEAM.
HELP is needed for: set up tables & chairs, clean up and
maintenance during and after the FESTIVAL.
Please sign up TODAY.
SIGN UP sheets are available again after all Masses.
Anything you can DO is greatly appreciated.
Anyone who would like to donate a themed basket, soda,
water, gift cards, gift certificates (gasoline, restaurants,
bookstore), cash...etc...to the FESTIVAL is welcome to do
so. WE NEED HELP to make this YEAR'S FESTIVAL a
GREAT SUCCESS!! Thanks!!

"...vierta el vino nuevo en vasijas nuevas."

A medida que aparece cada generación, parece ser que se ofrecen nuevos consejos en libros, televisores e Internet sobre cómo se debe criar a su hijo. "Solíamos hacerlo de esta manera y funcionó", se escucha desde la generación pasada. "Es psicológicamente mejor para un niño hacerlo de esta manera," responde la nueva generación, y el viejo argumento continúa. ¿Los caminos del pasado funcionan mejor que las formas del presente? Nuevos entendimientos y prácticas llegarán y se irán; una cosa es muy cierta: se requiere una mente abierta y la voluntad de escuchar para criar niños sanos en estos días.

El camino de nuestra fe necesita la misma mente abierta y la buena disposición para escuchar. No es tanto que tengamos que hacer las cosas de manera diferente; es mejor pensar y decir que tenemos que estar abiertos al Espíritu Santo y lo que el Espíritu está tratando de decirnos en nuestro tiempo. El Señor Jesucristo vino en un momento en que la satisfacción en la práctica de la religión era alta. Había quienes se sentían cómodos en su camino de la fe, y estaban preocupados cuando los demás no cumplían. El Señor Jesucristo dijo muy bien, que los "caminos" del pasado no debían descartarse, pero que ahora un nuevo Evangelio animaría los corazones y las mentes de la gente. Solo tenían que abrirse a la riqueza del reino de Dios que el Señor Jesucristo estaba proclamando. Jesucristo desafió a sus seguidores a abrazar esta nueva vida preservando las enseñanzas del pasado, porque "poner vino nuevo en las vasijas viejas haría que se rompieran las vasijas y los dos, el vino y las vasijas se perderían."

Lo mismo ocurre con nuestra fe y las formas en que practicamos nuestra fe. Las viejas maneras de hecho pueden ser muy buenas, pero cuando nos abrimos a nuevas formas de oración y devoción, nuestra fe puede crecer de maneras nuevas. ¿No es eso lo que queremos, que nuestra fe y nuestra relación con Dios estén fortalecidas? Si te sientes algo de satisfecho o menos atento con la práctica de tu fe, las nuevas prácticas pueden ayudarte a alcanzar un nuevo entendimiento. Una mente abierta y la voluntad de escuchar son como las "vasijas nuevas" listos para recibir el "vino nuevo": nuevos conocimientos sobre el amor de Dios por ti. ¡Bienvenida sea esta novedad, es algo bueno para todos!



LA TIENDITA

Abierta todos los Domingos después de la Misa. Rosarios, medallas, Libros, imágenes de los santos, la Virgen María. Pregunte por Isabel.

Por favor, mantenga en ORACION a los Jóvenes y chaperones de St. Francis que están de retiro de verano este fin de semana. ¡GRACIAS!



HORA SANTA...SABADOS a 6:00PM en el Centro

ENCUENTRO MATRIMONIAL 2018



Fecha: 24, 25, 26 de AGOSTO
(viernes, sábado, domingo)

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DONACIONES para el FESTIVAL



Estamos recogiendo donaciones de
objetos en buenas condiciones y/o
nuevos para la venta del pulguero el día
del FESTIVAL. Las donaciones pueden
ser traídas a la iglesia y dejadas en las
salidas... Gracias!

MISA de SANACION
Martes, 17 de JULIO a las
6:00PM en la Iglesia



Todos los **TERCEROS MARTES** de
CADA MES, tendremos la **SANTA MISA de**
SANACION Invita tu familia y amigos, vecinos. Es
muy necesario **CREER** que el Señor nos sana de todas
las enfermedades.

NECESITAMOS VOLUNTARIOS para nuestro FESTIVAL

¿Cómo puedes ayudarnos? Puede ofrecerse como
voluntario para el EQUIPO de AYUDA a organizar el
FESTIVAL.
NECESITAMOS AYUDA para: cargar y arreglas mesas y
sillas, la limpieza y mantenimiento durante y después
del FESTIVAL.
Por favor, regístrate HOY. Las hojas de SUSCRIPCIÓN
están disponibles después de todas las Misas. Todo lo
que puedas HACER estaremos muy agradecidos.
Cualquier persona que desee donar una canasta con
objetos, regalos o alimentos, también necesitamos
SODAS, agua, tarjetas de regalo, certificados de regalo
(gasolina, restaurantes, librería), dinero en efectivo ...
etc. ... ¡NECESITAMOS AYUDA para hacer del FESTIVAL
DE este AÑO un GRAN ÉXITO! ¡¡Gracias!!

LECTURAS BIBLICAS de la SEMANA

Lunes, 16 //Julio	Monday, July 16
Profeta Isaías // Isaiah 1: 10 - 17	Salmo//Psalm 50
San Mateo // Matthew 10: 34 – 11:1	
Martes, 17 // Julio	Tuesday, July 17
Profeta Isaías // Isaiah 7: 1 – 9	Salmo//Psalm 48
San Mateo // Matthew 11: 20 - 24	
Miércoles 18// Julio	Wednesday, July 18
Profeta Isaías // Isaiah 10: 5 – 16	Salmo//Psalm 94
San Mateo // Matthew 11: 25 - 27	
Jueves, 19 //Julio	Thursday, July 19
Profeta Isaías // Isiah 26: 7 - 19	Salmo//Psalm 102
San Mateo // Matthew 11: 28 – 30	
Viernes, 20 // Julio	Friday, July 20
Profeta Isaías // Isiah 38: 1 – 22	Salmo//Psalm 38
San Mateo //Matthew 12: 1 – 8	
Sábado, 21 //Julio	Saturday, July 21
Profeta Miqueas // Micah 2: 1 – 5	Salmo//Psalm 10
San Mateo // Matthew 12: 14 – 21	
Domingo 22 // JULIO ...Domingo 16.Tiempo Ordinario.	
Sunday 16th Ordinary Time, July 22	
Profeta Jeremías // Jeremiah 23: 1 - 6	
Salmo //Psalm 23	
Efesios // Ephesians 2: 13 – 18	
San Marcos // Mark 6: 30 – 34	

ATENCION: CLASES para BAUTISMO
Para Padres y Padrinos SABADO, Agosto 4
1:00PM (Centro)

FESTIVAL ST. FRANCIS

DOMINGO, 12 // AGOSTO

Boletos de la RIFA del FESTIVAL ST. FRANCIS

1 ^{er} Premio: \$2,500.	2 ^{do} Premio: \$1,000.
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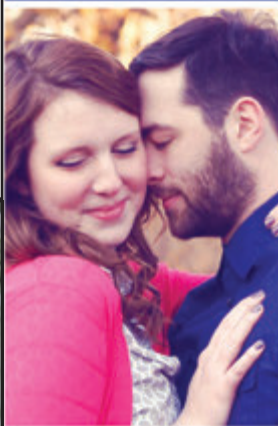


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