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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

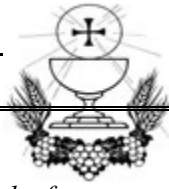
Sacrament of Marriage :: Arrangements should be made at least one year before the wedding.

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, JUNE 23rd

4:00PM †Donald Valliere (15th Ann).... by fam.
† Romeo Bernardby Yvonne Miller

Sunday, JUNE 24th Solemnity: St. John the Baptist

9:00AM†For all people
11:00AM†Raymond Miguel Velez Rivera (sick)
Monday, June 25th

6:00PM†
Tuesday, June 26th
8:00AM†Aimee Plastridge (20th Ann).....by fam.

6:00PM †
Wednesday, June 27th
6:00PM†
Thursday, June 28th St. Irenaeus
8:00AM†
Friday, JUNE 29th Sts. Peter & Paul

6:00PM†
Saturday, JUNE 30th
4:00PM †Romeo Bernardby Claire Dasireau
Sunday, JULY 1st 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00AM†For all people
11:00AM†For the sick

The Blessed Sacrament lamp is lit in memory of Francisca Perez requested by Sara Sanchez



A candle to Our Blessed Mother is lit for the health of Mike requested by the family.

A candle to St. Francis of Assisi is lit for the health of Ramon Perez requested by Sara Sanchez.



Parish Support

June 16 /17

Offertory: \$2,241.00
Fuel: \$60.0 maintenance:\$380.0
Xaverian Mission Appeal:\$693.0

Total: \$3,374.00

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, musical instruments, dishes, 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!



Share Your Table with Love The needs for our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry for the month of JUNE: beef stew, canned chicken, mustard, ketchup, relish, mayonnaise, canned fruit, Mac & Cheese, Ramen soups, jelly, salad dressing, suddenly salad. THANK YOU for your donations. When I was hungry you gave food ...



This Weekend Second Collection: June 23/ 24 Peter's Pence or for the Holy Father A little mercy makes the world less cold and more just. -Pope Francis

Welcome Fr. Louis Villarreal

Fr. Louis is a priest of the Food for the Poor, an organization dedicated to raise funds for the poorest of the Poor. He will be celebrating the Mass and preaching about this important ministry. Fr. Louis is a fully bi-lingual priest and will be at St. Francis on the weekend of Saturday, June 30th and Sunday, July 1st.

Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of Mine, you did for Me.



Saint John the Baptist

“You, child, will be called prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way.”

Saint Luke 1: 76

John, better known as John the Baptist, was the son of the elderly couple Zechariah and Elizabeth. They were childless and were faithful servants in the Temple of the Lord. John the Baptist had a special role in God’s plan of salvation for humankind. The circumstances of the birth of John the Baptist came about through the power of God acting upon in the elderly, barren Elizabeth. God showed great mercy toward Elizabeth and brought joy and blessing into the marriage of Elizabeth and Zechariah. God gave them this son who was destined for a great mission. Zechariah, his tongue now loosened, sings out his praise of God and his goodness. John would have a special place in God’s plan to save humankind. John would usher in a new era of salvation history. He would prepare the way of the Messiah by proclaiming a baptism of repentance. He would make the rough ways smooth. He would challenge who listened to undergo a genuine and radical change of mind and heart.

The early Church saw in John the Baptist the fulfillment of the prophecy of Isaiah. God had brought Israel back from exile and now he was leading them into a new experience of forgiveness and new life. The servant of Yahweh is not discouraged in his work. The servant is renewed in his call and cries out: “I am made glorious in the sight of the Lord and my God is my strength.” The Servant was a chosen person, an instrument in the Lord’s hand, “a polished arrow” which the Lord placed in his quiver, to be taken out and used at the appropriate time.

John the Baptist was a child on whom the Lord’s hand rested and he grew into a faithful servant and a fearless proclaimer of the One (Jesus) who was to bring salvation to the world. John was not the Messiah; he was not the light that would come into the world; he was the messenger who would declare to the people that the salvation that they had anticipated for so many centuries would be present in the Lord Jesus, the Messiah. John would be made glorious in the sight of the Lord and God would remain the source of his strength.

By his person and his message, John remains inseparable from Jesus and from the announcement of the Good News the Lord Jesus would address to the world. John reminds the Church and all the preachers that they must make way for the one whom they announce. Jesus is the Light come into the world, it is his word which is the Good News. For all of us who seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, we give witness to the Lord when we live as faithful servants to his teachings. Our vocation, our call as we live in the world, is to share the light of Christ with others by our actions.

Sing & Praise



*I praise you,
for I am wonderfully made!*



Hymns: Solemnity of St. John the Baptist

Processional: #615 “Amazing Grace”

Offertory: #542 “Here I am, Lord”

Communion #525 “Gift of finest wheat”

Recessional #401 Lord, you give the great commission”

In Loving Remembrance

In your charity, please pray for the soul of Robert Mackey, Therese Morin and 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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| <i>1st Prize: \$2,500</i> | <i>2nd Prize: \$1,000</i> |
| <i>3rd Prize: \$500</i> | <i>4th Prize: \$250</i> |
| <i>5th Prize: \$100</i> | <i>6th Prize \$100</i> |
| <i>7th Prize \$100</i> | |



*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*

“Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you; before you were born I sanctified you.” Jeremiah 1:5

Happening at St. Francis of Assisi

Sunday, June 25th ..9:00PM...Mass...

Monday, June 26th 6:00PM Masschapel

Tuesday, June 26th ...8:00AM....Mass....chapel
6:00PM....Mass (Spanish) Prayer Group...church

Wednesday, June 27thNO....Mass...l

Thursday, June 28thNO.... Mass....chapel

Friday, JUNE 29th ...Food Pantry1:00PM

Saturday, JUNE 30th 3:00PMConfessions...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

Safe Environment
Creating a safe environment is part of our Christian responsibility according to what Christ himself taught by helping those who suffer and calling to love one another.
Office of Healing and Prevention (508) 929-4363
Judith Audette, LICW jaudete@worcester.org

FATAL FLAWS: LEGALIZING ASSISTED DEATH
Annunciation parish will be hosting a showing at Holy Spirit Chapel, 50 Lovewell St. , Gardner on Wednesday, June 27th from 7 - 9 PM with a discussion led by Kris Correira, physician assistant, bioethicist, and co-chair of Witness for Life. His documentary explores the consequences of Physician Assisted Suicide laws a decade after they were first enacted in parts of North America. The event is free and open to the public, sponsored by Witness for Life and Emmanuel Radio. Please register at witnessforlife.com/ or by calling Maura Sweeney at 978-632-0253.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter
Marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are:

1) Sept. 15-16, 2018 in Medway, MA

2) 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/>.

San Juan Bautista

"Tú, niño, serás llamado profeta del Altísimo, porque irás delante del Señor para preparar su camino." San Lucas 1: 76

Juan, mejor conocido como Juan el Bautista, era el hijo de la pareja de ancianos Zacarías e Isabel. Ellos no tenían hijos y eran siervos fieles en el Templo del Señor. Juan el Bautista tendría un papel especial en el plan de salvación de Dios para la humanidad. Las circunstancias del nacimiento de Juan el Bautista surgieron a través del poder de Dios actuando en la anciana estéril Isabel. Dios mostró gran misericordia hacia Isabel y la alegría y la bendición en el matrimonio de Isabel y Zacarías. Dios les dio a este hijo que estaba destinado a una gran misión en el pueblo de Dios. Zacarías, su lengua ahora liberada, canta nuestra alabanza a Dios y su bondad. Juan tendría un lugar especial en el plan de Dios para salvar a la humanidad. Juan marcaría el comienzo de una nueva era de historia de salvación. Él prepararía el camino del Mesías al proclamar un bautismo de arrepentimiento. Él haría las cosas ásperas sin problemas. Él desafiaría a quienes le escuchaban para que experimentaran un cambio radical y genuino en su pensamiento y en su corazón. La Iglesia primitiva vio en Juan el Bautista el cumplimiento de la profecía de Isaías. Dios había regresado del exilio a su pueblo Israel y ahora los estaba guiando a una nueva experiencia de perdón y nueva vida. El siervo de Yave no se desanima en su trabajo. El siervo se renueva en su llamado y clama: "Soy glorioso ante los ojos del Señor y mi Dios es mi fortaleza". El Siervo era una persona elegida, un instrumento en la mano del Señor, "una flecha afilada" que el Señor tenía reservada para ser sacada y usada en el momento apropiado.

Juan el Bautista era un niño en quien descansaba la mano del Señor y creció hasta convertirse en un siervo fiel y un valiente proclamador de Aquel (Jesús) que debía traer la salvación al mundo. Juan no era el Mesías; él no era la luz que vendría al mundo; él era el mensajero que declararía a la gente que la salvación que habían anticipado durante tantos siglos estaría presente en el Señor Jesús, el Mesías. Juan se haría glorioso ante los ojos del Señor y Dios seguiría siendo la fuente de su fortaleza. Por su persona y su mensaje, Juan permanece inseparable de Jesús y del anuncio de las Buenas Nuevas que el Señor Jesús dirigirá al mundo. Juan le recuerda a la Iglesia y a todos los predicadores que deben dejar paso a aquel a quien anuncian. Jesús es la Luz que viene al mundo, es su palabra la que es la Buena Nueva. Para todos los que buscamos seguir al Señor Jesucristo, damos testimonio del Señor cuando vivimos como fieles servidores de sus enseñanzas. Nuestra vocación o nuestro llamado para los que vivimos en el mundo, es compartir la luz de Cristo con otros por medio de nuestras obras.



GRAN ASAMBLEA de ORACION

MARTES 3 de JULIO

Iglesia San Francisco de Asís

6:00PM



Comenzaremos con el **ROSARIO de la DIVINA**

MISERICORDIA (Cantado)

Predicador Invitado: TONY ROSARIO

Tema: "Echar las redes mar adentro."

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

Compañeros en la CARIDAD 2018
GRACIAS a todas las familias que han donado a la Compañía de Compañeros en la Caridad. **Hemos recolectado \$8,945.00 (45.00%) de la meta de \$20,000.00**

NUEVO HORARIO CIRCULO Oración

San Francisco de Asís: Martes

después de la SANTA MISA

.....6:00PM **Rosario de la**

Divina Misericordia (cantado)



MISA de SANACION

Martes, 17 // 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 las enfermedades físicas, o emocionales o espirituales



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!



LECTURAS BIBLICAS de la SEMANA

| | |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Lunes, 25 // JUNIO | Monday, JUNE 25 |
| 2 Reyes // 2 Kings 17: 5 – 18 | Salmo//Psalm 60 |
| San Mateo // Matthew 7: 1 – 5 | |
| Martes, 26 // JUNIO | Tuesday, JUNE 26 |
| 2 Reyes // 2 Kings 19: 9 – 36 | Salmo//Psalm 48 |
| San Mateo // Matthew 7: 6 - 14 | |
| Miércoles 27 // JUNIO | Wednesday, JUNE 27 |
| 2 Reyes // 2 Kings 22: 8 – 23: 1 3 | |
| Salmo//Psalm 119 San Mateo // Matthew 7: 15 - 20 | |
| Jueves, 28 // JUNIO | Thursday, JUNE 28 |
| 2 Rees // 2 Kings 24: 6: - 17 | Salmo//Psalm 79 |
| San Mateo // Matthew 7: 21 – 29 | |
| Viernes, 29 // JUNIO | Friday, JUNE 29 |
| Hechos // Acts 12: 1 – 11 | Salmo//Psalm 34 |
| 2 Timoteo //2 Timothy | |
| San Mateo // Matthew 16: 13 – 19 | |
| Sábado, 30 // JUNIO | Saturday, JUNE 30 |
| Lamentaciones// Lamentations 2: 2 – 19 | |
| Salmo//Psalm 74 | |
| San Mateo // Matthew 8: 5 – 17 | |
| Domingo 1 // JULIO// | 13 DOMINGO T. Ord. |
| JULY 1 | 13 Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| Sabiduria /// Wisdom 1: 13 - 24 | |
| Salmo //Psalm 309 | |
| 2 Corintios // 2 Corinthians 8: 7 – 15 | |
| San Marcos // Mark 5: 21 – 43 | |

ATENCION: CLASES para BAUTISMO
Para Padres y Padrinos SABADO, JULIO 7
1:00PM (Centro)

FESTIVAL ST. FRANCIS

DOMINGO, 12 // AGOSTO

Boletos de la RIFA del FESTIVAL ST. FRANCIS

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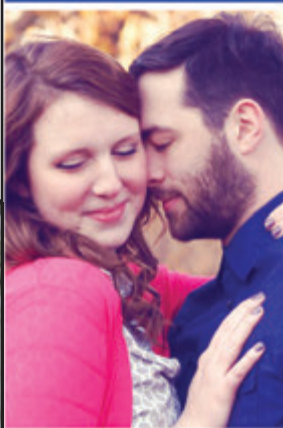
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