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Masses

Saturday Vigil: 4:00PM

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

Weekends: Monday & Wednesday 6:00 PM (Chapel) English Mass

Tuesday & Thursday 8:00AM (Chapel) English Mass

Friday: 6:00 PM (Church) English Mass **Tuesday:** 6:00PM (Church) Spanish Mass

Holy Days: 4:00PM (Vigil), 8:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 3:00PM or by appointment

Sacrament of Baptism: Please call the rectory in advance for instruction

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

Devotions: Rosary each weekday morning immediately after Mass.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: from September to May from 12:30PM to 3:45PM

Welcome to NEW Parishioners: Please introduce yourself after Mass. We want to know you and serve you. We hope you become an active member of our parish...

**Saint Francis of Assisi
Mass Intentions**



Saturday, August 19th

4:00PM†Henry Perrault (1st Ann)....by Lorraine Perrault and daughters

Sunday, August 20th 20th Sunday Ordinary Time

9:00AM† Leonard & Erene Pagnottoby M/M Alphonse Pagnotto

11:00AM†William Martinez...by fam.

†Jan Gabriel Silvestre....by Ermelinda Rodriguez

Monday, August 21st St. Pius X

6:00PM†

Tuesday, August 22nd Queenship Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 AM†

6:00PM†celebrant's intention

Wednesday, August 23rd

6:00PM†Roland Rivard (40th Ann).....by the fam.

Thursday, August 24th St. Bartholomew, Apostle

8:00AM†

Friday, August 25th

6:00PM†

Saturday, August 26th

4:00PM† Theresa Guillemette ...by the Seniors

Sunday, August 27th 21st Sunday Ordinary Time

9:00AM† For all people

11:00AM† Jan Gabriel Silvestre....by Ermelinda Rodr.

August 19 – 27, 2017

The Blessed Sacrament lamp is lit in memory of Jan Gabril Silvestre requested by Emerlinda & fam. A candle to Our Blessed Mother is lit in memory of William Martinez requested by Rami Martinez. A candle to St. Francis of Assisi is lit in memory of Henry Perrault requested by Lorraine Perrault & daughters.



Parish Support

Aug 12/13

Offertory: \$2,386.00

Fuel: \$40.0

maintenance:\$126.0

Church Europe:\$282.0

Partners Charity: \$300.0

St. Francis Festival Committee Donation..\$22,755.00

Total: \$25,889.00

“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

Thank You

St. Francis FESTIVAL COMMITTEE would like to **THANK YOU** to ALL

volunteers and donors and participants to our Annual St. Francis Festival. We have donated \$22,755.00 to our Parish.

HOLIDAY FAIR

Sponsored by

St. Francis Ladies Guild

Saturday, October 21st, 2017

St. Francis Hall

from 9:00AM to 6:30PM



FOOD

Hamburgers

Cheeseburgers

Hot dogs

Chicken BBQ & rice

chips & soda

Pastry booth

Lottery TREE

Christmas booth

Halloween booth

Pot luck booth

Chinese auction

Thanksgiving booth

flea market

And Much MORE...

EVERYONE is invited!!



“Share Your Table with Love”

The needs for our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry for the month of **AUGUST**:

tuna, jelly, canned meat, canned pasta, cereal, canned fruit, Mac & cheese, rice, potatoes, ketchup, salad

dressing, mayonnaise **THANK YOU** for your donations.

“When I was hungry you gave food ...”

Second Collection: **PARISH MISSION APPEAL**



Great things will be done

for those whose faith is great!

The Lord Jesus often rewarded people for their persistence based on faith. One can look to the Gospels and find many examples of those who were persistent in approaching Jesus and had their request granted. Whether it was a healing for themselves or for someone else, if the seeker possessed true faith, Jesus would grant their request. In looking at today's Gospel, at first glance the Lord Jesus might be perceived as rather cold and uncaring to the Canaanite woman. She goes outside her cultural and religious community in order to approach the Lord Jesus and beg healing for her daughter who was tormented by a demon. Her faith tells her Jesus is the LORD and has the power to heal. She is determined to secure a healing for her daughter and goes to whatever lengths needed in order to get Jesus' attention. He tells her that it is not fair to take the food of the children and give it to the dogs. He wasn't calling her a dog, but making the point that his mission was to the Chosen People, the children of Israel. This woman does not give up. She humbles herself and compares herself to the dogs that eat the scraps off the master's table. We need to learn from this woman what it means to humble ourselves before the God who loves us with a love that never ends.

In the reading from the letter to the Romans, Saint Paul is addressing himself to the Gentiles. He teaches that the grace of God is not limited to the Jewish people, but is open to all who are willing to receive God's grace in their lives. Saint Paul tells the Romans that there is mercy and redemption for all who are willing to open themselves to the love of God without conditions.

We cannot put limits on God's love; it is there for everyone. It was there for the Canaanite woman who needed the cure for her daughter. It was there for the foreigners who became servants of the Lord. It is here for us today. All we need to do is humble ourselves before the Lord. To do so takes great faith, but it holds great rewards!

**St. Francis School Class 1952
Class REUNION**

The St. Francis School Class 1952 will be celebrating their **65th Anniversary** with a Mass of Thanksgiving on **Tuesday, September 19th at 4:00PM**.



Fr. Romeo Lamothe will be the celebrant and Msgr. **Richard Collette** will be concelebrating this happy Class Reunion. After Mass you are

invited to the Bootlegger Restaurant (50 Massachusetts Ave., Lunenburg) for dinner. For more information, please contact Ray Raboin at peperer@charter.net

Sing & Praise



Lord,

let all the nations praise you!



Hymns: 20th Sunday of the Ordinary Time

Processional: #622 "Lord of all hopefulness"

Offertory: #632 "The King of love my shepherd is"

Communion #506 "To be your bread"

Processional #639 There's a wideness in God's

Mercy"

In Loving Remembrance

In your charity, please pray for the soul of William Martinez, Jan Gabriel Silvestre, Pamela Bolduc and the souls of all the faithful departed. May they rest in peace. AMEN.



**CCD REGISTRATION
for the year 2017-18**

During the month of August we will be doing Registration for RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2017-18. Registration forms are available in church. We will begin CCD Classes on **Sunday, Sept. 10 at 10:00AM.**



RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

RCIA is a process to discern to become a member of our Catholic Church.

Who is eligible to participate in the RCIA process?

- Children 7 years and older who have not been baptized.
- Adults 16-18 years or older who have not been baptized nor received Christian initiation sacraments such as First Communion or Confirmation.

If someone you know is interested in becoming a Catholic or being confirmed, please call for more information to Fr. Ortiz.

Happening at St. Francis of Assisi

Sunday, Aug. 20th9:00AM....Mass

Monday, Aug. 21st ... Masschurch....4:00PM

Tuesday, Aug. 22nd ...Mass....church...8:00AM

Wednesday, Aug. 23rd ... Mass...CCD center....6:00PM

Thursday, Aug. 24th ...Mass....CCD center....8:00AM
Hispanic choir....church...7:00PM

Friday, Aug. 25th Food Pantry...church hall 12:00PM
...Mass....church.....6:00PM

Saturday, Aug. 26th ... Adoration Blessed Sacrament
12:30PM....church
3:00PM.. Confessions...church

Religious Formation Grades k – 10 (Confirmation)

Our parish Religious Formation (CCD) program is seeking faith filled and enthusiastic people to share the faith with the youth of our parish. We would like to have one catechist and one assistant per class. High School students who have received Confirmation can help as well. It is not necessary to have a child in the program. Training and materials will be provided. Classes will be held on Sundays from 10:00 – 11:00AM beginning on September 10th. For more information: Yesenia at (978) 342-3521 (you may leave a message) or e-mail: pastor-@saintfrancis-fitchburg.com



Winners of the Big Money Raffle

- 1st Prize.....#2404.....Pedro Urbina
- 2nd Prize.....#0625...Richard Lamarine
- 3rd Prize.....#2989...David Langton
- 4th Prize....#1156.....Kevin Diaz
- 5th Prize....#1083....Alma Duarte
- 6th Prize....#2144....Jean Lawler
- 7th Prize....#1271Garybaldi

Thank YOU ALL!

EWTN FAMILY CELEBRATION in Worcester, MA

You're invited! EWTN Global Catholic Network invites you to our Family Celebration at the DCU Convention Center in Worcester on Saturday, Sept. 9 and Sunday, Sept. 10. Inspiring weekend for your entire family! The theme will be "Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Fatima". Be renewed in your faith with inspirational talks by your favorite EWTN hosts, Fr. Mitch Pacwa, Marcus Grodi, Susan Conroy, Fr. Maurice Emelu and Donna Marie Cooper. Bishop Robert McManus of the Diocese of Worcester, will serve as the celebrant and homilist at Sunday's Holy Mass. Free admission. No tickets require~ Log onto ewtn.com/family-celebration for more information.



Grandes cosas se harán

para aquellos cuya fe es grande!

El Señor Jesucristo a menudo recompensaba a la gente por su insistencia basada en la fe. Podemos buscar en los Evangelios y encontrar muchos ejemplos de aquellas personas que fueron insistentes acercándose a Jesucristo y tuvieron su petición concedida. Si era una curación para sí mismos o para otra persona, y el intermediario poseía una verdadera fe, Jesucristo le concedería su petición. Mirando al Evangelio de hoy, a primera vista, parece ser que el Señor Jesucristo es percibido como algo frío e indiferente a la mujer cananea. Ella escuchó hablar de Jesucristo y salió de su comunidad cultural y religiosa para acercarse al Señor y pedirle la sanación a su hija quien era atormentada por un demonio. Su fe le dice que Jesucristo es el SEÑOR y que tiene el poder de sanar. Ella está determinada a asegurar la sanación de su hija y hace lo que sea necesario para llamar la atención de Jesucristo. Él le dice que no es justo tomar la comida de los hijos de Israel y dársela a los perros. Él no la llamaba "perro", pero le deja ver que su misión era para el pueblo escogido, los hijos de Israel. Esta mujer no se rinde. Se humilla y se compara con los "perritos" que comen las sobras de la mesa del maestro. Nosotros necesitamos aprender de esta mujer sobre lo que significa humillarnos ante el Dios que nos ama con un amor que nunca se termina. En la lectura de la carta a los Romanos, San Pablo se dirige a los gentiles. Él nos enseña que la gracia de Dios no se limita al pueblo judío, sino que está abierta a todos los que están dispuestos a recibir la gracia de Dios en sus vidas. San Pablo dice a los romanos que hay misericordia y redención para todos los que están dispuestos a abrirse al amor de Dios sin condiciones. No podemos poner límites al amor de Dios; está ahí para todos. Estaba allí para la mujer cananea que necesitaba la cura para su hija. Estaba allí para los extranjeros que se convirtieron en siervos del Señor. Está aquí para nosotros hoy. Todo lo que necesitamos hacer es humillarnos ante el Señor. Humillarnos cuesta mucho a nuestra fe, pero eso tiene grandes recompensas!

MAESTROS y Voluntarios de

CATECISMO

Clases de catecismo están abiertas a todos los niños desde kínder hasta 10^o grado. Comenzaremos el Domingo 10 de septiembre y terminamos en mayo. Los grados son: desde Kindergarten a 10 grado. Incluyen clases, talleres, servicios de oración, reuniones de padres para la Primera CONFESION y la PRIMERA COMUNION. Por favor llame a Yesenia, nuestra Coordinadora del Catecismo al 978-342-3521 o al correo electrónico pastor-@saintfrancis-fitchburg.com

FIESTA PATRONAL en WORCESTER

Las COMUNIDADES HISPANAS celebraran la FIESTA PATRONAL ANUAL El SABADO 9 de Septiembre a las 10:00AM. CONTAMOS con la presencia de todos!!

CLASES para BAUTISMO

SABADO SEPTIEMBRE 2 /// 2017

1:00PM en el Centro. **Para Padres y Padrinos**

REGISTRACION del CATECISMO

Todos los domingos la oficina de la Catequesis estará abierta para hacer las registraciones para las clases de Catecismo para el año 2017 - 2018



En la iglesia hay blancos de registración. Puede tomar los que necesite y llenarlo y traerlo lo más pronto posible.

FERIA de NAVIDAD



auspiciada por St. Francis Ladies Guild **Sabado, 21 de Octubre** St. Francis Hall

De **9:00AM - 6:30PM**

COMIDAS **Arbol de PREMIOS**

- Hamburgers
- Cheeseburgers
- Hot dogs
- Arroz & pollo asado
- sodas & papitas fritas
- Pastry booth
- Mesa articulos navidad
- Mesa articulos Halloween
- Mesa Tesoro de suerte
- Chinese auction
- Thanksgiving booth
- flea market

Y Muchas cosas MAS

Todos estan invitados!!



CIRCULO ORACION: Todos los Viernes a las 7:00PM en la Capilla

Lecturas Bíblicas de la Semana

- Lunes 21/ AGOSTO** **Monday, AUGUST 21**
Libro Jueces // Judges 2: 11 - 19 Salmo//Psalm 106
San Mateo // Matthew 19: 16 – 22
- Martes 22// AGOSTO** **Tuesday, AUGUST 22**
Libro Jueces // Judges 6: 11 -24 Salmo//Psalm 85
San Mateo// Matthew 19: 23 - 30
- Miércoles, 23/AGOSTO** **Wednesday, August 23**
Jueces // Judges 9: 6 – 15 Salmo//Psalm 21
San Mateo //Matthew 20: 1 - 16
- Jueves 24// AGOSTO** **Thursday, AUGUST 24**
Apolipsis // Revelation 21: 9 –14 Salmo//Psalm 145
San Juan // John 1: 45 – 51
- Viernes 25//AGOSTO** **Friday, AUGUST 25**
Libro Ruth // Ruth 1: 1 – 22 Salmo// Psalm 146
San Mateo//Matthew 22: 34 – 40
- Saturday, 26// AGOSTO** **Saturday, AUGUST 26**
Libro Ruth // Ruth 2: 1 – 17 Salmo// Psalm 128
San Mateo//Matthew 23: 1 – 12
- Domingo 27// AGOSTO** **SUNDAY, AUGUST 27**
Profeta Isaias // Isaiah 22: 19 – 23
Salmo//Psalm 138
Romanos // Romans 11: 33- 36
San Mateo // Matthew 16: 13 - 20

RICA (Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos)

RICA es un proceso para descubrir si nos queremos hacer miembros de la Iglesia Católica. Quienes son elegibles para participar de este proceso de RICA?

- Niños de 7 y mayores que no han sido bautizados.
 - Adultos 16-18 o mayores que **no** han sido bautizados, o **no** han recibido el Sacramento de la Confirmación.
- Para más información ver a Fr. Ortiz.

GANADORES de la RIFA del FESTIVAL

- 1^{er} Premio.....#2404.....Pedro Urbina
- 2^{od} Premio.....#0625...Richard Lamarine
- 3^{er} Premio.....#2989...David Langton
- 4^{to} Premio....#1156.....Kevin Diaz
- 5^{to} Premio....#1083....Alma Duarte
- 6^{to} Premio....#2144.....Jean Lawler
- 7^o Premio....#1271....Garybaldi

GRACIAS a TODOS!

COMITE FESTIVAL St. Francis

Les da las GRACIAS a todos los voluntarios, donantes y participantes del FESTIVAL de St. Francis. Donamos \$22,755.00 a la Parroquia de Saint Francis

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