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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 13th

4:00PM†Robert Wise (42nd Ann)... ..by the family
†Alice Therrien.....by the Seniors
†Gordon North.....by Serra Club

Sunday, JANUARY 14th

9:00AM† Rev. Richard Rogers
11:00AM†Carmen Lourdes Garcia & Maria Mass.....
by Evelyn Rivera
†In thanksgiving to the Lord...by Francisca Contreras

Monday, January 15th

6:00PM †

Tuesday, January 16th

8:00AM†Eunice Houleby Paul, Angie, & Jeffrey
6:00PM†For all people

Wednesday, January 17th St. Anthony (abbot)

6:00PM† Mary A. Twiss (28th Ann)....by family

Thursday, January 18th

8:00AM†

Friday, January 19th

6:00PM†For Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, January 20th

4:00PM†George J. Guilmette (B'day)... ..by Denise, Janet, David

Sunday, January 21st 3rd Sunday Ordinary Time

9:00AM† For all people

11:00AM†For all Dominicans

“Share Your Table with Love”



food ...”

The needs for our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry for the month of JANUARY: tuna, canned meat, Mac-Cheese, spaghetti sauce, canned pasta, baked beans, potatoes, Ramen soups, THANK YOU for your donations. “When I was hungry you gave

Thank you



2017 TAX Statements

If you would like to receive a copy of your donations to St. Francis of Assisi Parish for TAX purposes, let us know. In your envelope, please place a note saying you want to receive it and we will make a copy by the end of January.

The Blessed Sacrament lamp is lit for the Souls in Purgatory.



A candle to Our Blessed Mother is lit in memory of Father Richard Rogers.
A candle to St. Francis of Assisi is lit for PEACE in the world.



Parish Support

Jan. 6/7

Offertory: \$1,858.00
Fuel: \$77.0 maintenance:\$105.0
Cath. University \$187.00
Total: \$2,227.00

“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

Monday, January 22nd

Day of Prayer & Penance

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

Please consider joining the Diocese of Worcester on this solemn day of PRAYER and Penance for the Legal Protection of the Unborn Children
We can observe this day through special prayers, fasting, sacrifices, and acts of charity (similar to our Lenten practices).

You can: spend one holy hour of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; pray the Rosary; attend and offer the Holy Mass for the respect of all human life.



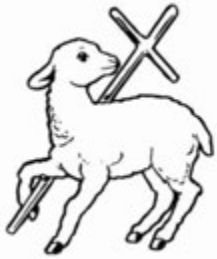
Mass Intention on Monday, January 22nd will be

for the Legal Protection of the Unborn Children at 6:00PM in the chapel.

January 22, 2018 ... Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. The Rosary of the Unborn will be prayed following the 8:00 AM Mass at at St. Camillus Church at 333 Mechanic St. in Fitchburg. Ray and Joyce Aucoin will then go to pray on Main Street in Fitchburg, across from the Planned Parenthood Office. They will continue to pray throughout the day until 6:00 p.m. For further information Joyce Aucoin at aucoinjoyce@gmail.com or 978-345-0129

“Behold, the Lamb of God”

These familiar words of Saint John the Baptist offer us a beautiful meditation. They are spoken every



time we attend Mass when the priest holds up the Sacred Host and says “Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.” These words, spoken first by John as Jesus came to Him to be baptized, are words that can be

prayerfully meditated upon throughout our lives. Think about that statement: “Behold the Lamb of God...” It’s good to start by imagining John speaking these words of Jesus. But from there, we apply them to the Eucharist.

When John first spoke these words, the “Lamb of God” was seen in a very ordinary way. The eyes of all present saw only an ordinary man approaching the scene. But the eyes of faith saw He who would give His life for the salvation of the world as the Sacrificial Lamb.

And when we look at the Sacred Host, as it is held up at Mass for all to see, we see Jesus, the Sacrificial Lamb. We see, with our eyes, a piece of bread. But with the eyes of faith, once again we behold the Savior.

Pope Benedict gives a testimony about the Lamb of God saying “This sight of the Lamb of God – the crucified Christ – is in fact our glimpse of heaven, of what God has eternally provided for us. In this Lamb we actually do glimpse heaven, and we see God’s gentleness, which is neither indifference nor weakness but power of the highest order”.

(Benedictus, Magnificat, p. 42)

If you wish to light a candle (\$10) for a loved one (deceased, sick, etc.), please write your petition and place it into the collection basket.

*The **Mass BOOK for the 2018** is open. You may request your Mass intention writing a note and placing it into the collection basket. Thanks!*



Sing & Praise



Here am I, Lord,

I come to do your will!



Hymns: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Processional: #542 “Here I am Lord”

Offertory: #615 “Amazing Grace”

Communion # “Servant Son”

Recessional #668 “I sing the mighty power of God”

In Loving Remembrance

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



March for Life

Friday, January 19, 2018

Location: Washington, DC

Plan now to join the diocesan bus trip to the 45th annual March for Life in Washington, DC this January. Buses leave on Thurs. Jan. 18 after the 7:30 PM Mass at St. Paul’s Cathedral, travel to Washington for the March for Life on Jan. 19th, followed by the return trip to Worcester.

Cost \$90 For more information, and to download registration, www.worcesterdiocese.org/respect-life.



ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Saturday from 12:30PM to 3:45PM in church.



Happening at St. Francis of Assisi

Sunday, JAN. 13th9:00PM....Mass.
 CCD classes resume
 Monday, JANUARY 14th 6:00PM Masschapel
 Tuesday, Jan. 15th ...8:00AM....Mass....chapel
 Wednesday, Jan. 16th6:00PM ...Mass...chapel
 Thursday, Jan. 17th8:00AM.... Mass....chapel
 Friday, Jan. 18th1:00PM....Food Pantry.....
 ...6:00PM....Mass....church
 Saturday, Jan. 19th Adoration Blessed Sacrament ...
 12:30PM ...3:45PM

FUEL FUND Winter!!

We encourage you to consider a donation to our
FUELFUND FUEL FUND to help us to
 defray the bills for fuel during
 the winter season. **THANK YOU!**

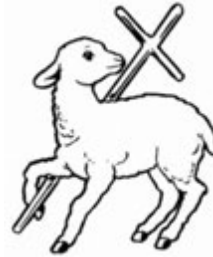
The St. Boniface Knights of Columbus Council #16480 in Lunenburg is holding a Cribbage Tournament on Sunday, January 28, 2018 at 1pm in the St. Boniface Church's Parish Hall at 817 Massachusetts Avenue, Lunenburg. This is a double elimination tournament with a \$10 entry fee and there will be prizes for 1st and 2nd place. Preregistration is required. For more information or to register for the tournament contact the Knights at kofc16480@gmail.com or by calling 978-430-7600.

18th Annual Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference at Assumption College

All men are invited to this important annual Lenten Retreat, scheduled for Assumption College on **Saturday, March 17**. ticket prices increase on Thursday, March 1st Hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders: **Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Father David Cavanagh, Robert Rogers, Ryan Tremblay, and Elvis Grbac**. Bishops and diocesan and religious priests will hear those confessions. Bishop McManus will offer Mass. For a Conference brochure, further information, or registration, call 508-929-4345. Visit our website - www.firstmensconf.org - for information and ticket purchases.

"He aquí el Cordero de Dios"

Estas palabras familiares de San Juan Bautista nos ofrecen una hermosa meditación. Esta frase se dice cada vez que asistimos a Misa cuando el sacerdote sostiene la Hostia Sagrada y dice: "He aquí el Cordero de Dios, he aquí el que quita los pecados del mundo". Estas palabras, pronunciadas



primero por Juan cuando Jesucristo fue a él para ser bautizado, son palabras que se pueden meditar en oración a lo largo de nuestras vidas. Piense en esa afirmación: "He aquí el Cordero de Dios ...". Es bueno comenzar imaginando a Juan

hablando estas palabras de Jesús. Pero a partir de desde ese momento lo aplicamos a la Santa Misa cuando vamos a recibir la comunión.

Cuando Juan primero dijo estas palabras, el "Cordero de Dios," la frase fue tomada de una manera muy ordinaria. Los ojos de todos los presentes vieron solo a un hombre común aproximándose al Rio Jordán, donde Juan bautizaba con agua. Pero los ojos de la fe vieron a Aquel que daría su vida por la salvación del mundo como el Cordero del sacrificio.

Y cuando miramos a la Hostia Sagrada, cuando es presentada en la Misa para que todos la vean, vemos a Jesucristo, el Cordero del Sacrificio.

Vemos, con nuestros ojos, un pedazo de pan. Pero con los ojos de la fe, una vez más contemplamos al Salvador.

El Papa Benedicto da un testimonio sobre el Cordero de Dios diciendo: "Esta visión del Cordero de Dios, el Cristo crucificado, es de hecho nuestra visión del cielo, de lo que Dios nos ha provisto eternamente. En este Cordero realmente vislumbramos el cielo, y vemos la ternura de Dios, que no es ni indiferencia ni debilidad sino poder de primer orden ". (Benedictus, Magnificat, p.42)

CLASES para hacerse Ciudadano de Estados Unidos de América. CLASES en: Worcester: comenzando en Enero 27, en Santa Juana de Arco, 570 Lincoln Street, Lunes, 6 -8 PM, y en Caridades Católicas, 10 Hammond Street, los Jueves, from 6 - 8 pm o Viernes de 9 - 11 am. Para más información: llame a Maddy Hennessy at 508-860-2261 or email at mhennessy@ccworc.org.



Clases BIBLIA

Miércoles.... 7:00PM...centro

Circulo de Oración....viernes.... 7:00PM centro

HORA SANTA... Sábados....6:00PM centro

ATENCION: CLASES para BAUTISMO

Para Padres y Padrinos

SABADO, FEBRERO 3 /// 2018 1:00PM

(Centro)



NOVENA y FIESTA

a Nuestra Señora de Altagracia

Programa de la Novena de Nuestra Señora de Altagracia. La Novena comenzara a 7:00PM todas las noches.

1. *Viernes, 12/enero...Dellanira de la Paz..Capilla centro)*
2. *sábado, 13/enero...Yanet/Fernando...153 Clarendon St....Fitch.*
3. *domingo, 14/enero....Betania Toro...560 N. Main St. Leominster*
4. *lunes, 15/enero...Venecia Vicioso..14 Waverly St. (2 piso), Fitchburg*
5. *martes, 16/enero...Ada Coss/Danny Hernandez ...21 Hammond St., Leominster*
6. *miércoles, 17/enero....Roberto Arevalo...21 Thorndike St., Fitchburg, MA*
7. *jueves, Zoraida Brown29 Garnet St. (1 piso).. Fitch*
8. *viernes, 19/enero...Libertad Núñez...810 Water St. Fitc*
9. *sábado, 20/enero...Richard/Sara...17 Boutelle St. Fit.*

FIESTA de la VIRGEN ALTAGRACIA....

DOMINGO 21/ENERO...hall St. Francis después de la Santa Misa (11:00AM).

Necesitamos ayuda: arroz, pollo, platanos maduros, dinero en efectivo. Para más información: hablar con Garibaldy Florian (coordinador)

Adoración del Santísimo
Todos los sábados de 12:30PM a 3:45PM en la Iglesia

Circulo de Oración
Todos los Viernes a las 7:00PM



Lecturas Bíblicas de la Semana

Lunes 15 /ENERO

*1 Samuel // 1 Samuel 15: 16 – 23
 San Marcos // Mark 2: 18 - 22*

Monday, January 15

Salmo//Psalm 50

Martes 16// ENERO

*1 Samuel // 1 Samuel 16: 1 - 13
 San Marcos // Mark 3: 1 - 6*

Tuesday, JAN. 16

Salmo//Psalm 89

Miércoles, 17/ ENERO

*1 Samuel // 1 Samuel 17: 32 – 37
 San Marcos // Mark 3: 1 - 6*

Wednesday, JAN. 17

Salmo//Psalm 144

Jueves 18// ENERO

*1 Samuel // 1 Samuel 18: 6 – 19:7
 San Marcos // Mark 3: 7 – 12*

Thursday, JAN. 18

Salmo//Psalm 56

Viernes 19// ENERO

*1 Samuel // 1 Samuel 24: 3 – 21
 San Marcos // Mark 3: 13 – 19*

Friday, JAN. 19

Salmo// Psalm 57

Saturday, 20// ENERO

*2 Samuel // 2 Samuel 1: 1 – 27
 San Marcos // Mark 3: 20 – 21*

Saturday, JAN. 20

Salmo//Psalm 80

Domingo 21// ENERO

Profeta Jonas // Jonah 3: 1 - 10

SUNDAY, JAN. 21

Salmo//Psalm 25

1 Corintios // 1 Corinthians 7: 29 - 31

San Marcos // Mark 1: 14 – 20

COPIA de sus Donaciones para los TAXES 2017

Si usted desea recibir una copia de sus donaciones a la Parroquia de San Francisco de Asís, déjenos saber. Escriba una nota con su nombre y número de teléfono y póngala en la canasta de las ofrendas en el día domingo.

LUNES, 22 // Enero

Día de Oración & Penitencia

EL LUNES 22 DE ENERO ES DE ORACION POR LA PROTECCION LEGAL DE TODOS LOS NINOS NO NACIDOS

Por favor considera unirte a la Diócesis de Worcester en este Día Solemne de Oración y Penitencia por los Niños no nacidos.

Usted puede: ofrecer una hora de adoración del Santísimo Sacramento, rezar el Rosario, ofrecer una Misa por el derecho a la vida.

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