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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***

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## Masses

**Saturday Vigil:** 4:00PM

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

*Weekdays: 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. Instructions are held by appointment

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

**Devotions:** Rosary on Tuesday & Thursday morning immediately after Mass.

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

Mass Intentions



Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>

4:00PM †Louis Duval (42<sup>nd</sup> Ann) & Mary Duval (57<sup>th</sup> Ann) ...by the fam.

†Romeo Bernard ...by members of S. V.P.

Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> PENTECOST Sunday

9:00AM †Claire Rocca (3<sup>rd</sup> Ann) ....by the fam

11:00AM † †

Monday, MAY 21<sup>st</sup>

Mary: Mother of the Church

6:00PM †All Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>

8:00AM †For the sick

6:00PM †For all people

Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>

6:00PM †

Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>

8:00AM †

Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup>

6:00PM † Sheila Desmond & Michael Coughlin ....by Tom and Pat Krysiak

Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup>

4:00PM †Romeo Bernard ...by M/M Alphonse Pagnotto

Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup> The Most Holy Trinity

9:00AM † For all people

11:00AM †

The Blessed Sacrament lamp is lit in memory of Carol North and Julia Erickson requested by Cathy North.



A candle to Our Blessed Mother is lit in memory of Ida Crislo & Cesar Rincon & Elvia requested by Kasandra Crislo.

A candle to St. Francis of Assisi is lit for the health of Iria Alvarado & Vicky Torres requested by Jerry & Millie Rivera.

Parish Support



May 12 /13

Offertory: \$2,332.00

Fuel: \$238.0

maintenance: \$63.0

Partners in Charity: \$175.0

Ascension: \$292.0

Total: \$3,100.00

“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

NEWS from RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> we will end our Religious Programs (CCD) for our children. We hope all children will come on September to continue growing on the beautiful gift of faith.

Confirmation Class will meet once a month with their teachers, Ray Gastonguay and Yesenia to continue their formation and activities. On July, they will make a retreat for a weekend.

Last Sunday, 19 children made their First Holy Communion. May our children always remember the joy of their First Holy Communion Day! We hope they will continue their Catholic Christian formation coming and/or serving at our Masses on weekends, English or Spanish.

We Thank You to all Religious Education teachers for their time and gifts at the service of our Religious Education Programs. Thank you all! Cathy North, Evelyn Rivera, Ray Gastonguay, Brian Biglow, Rechel Reinoso, Teresa Crespo, Clara Reynolds and Yesenia Quinones.

THANK YOU

On behalf of Massachusetts Citizens for LIFE, I wish to THANK YOU for your generous support of Mother’s Day “Rose for LIFE” Drive. Special thanks to Father Ortiz, Yesenia Quinones, and to door captains: Tom Krysiak, Louise Morin, Georgette Morin, Barbara Gariepy, Charles Rivera, Jordan Tejada, Sujeiri Casado, Elysia Gonzalez, Brian Biglow, Alejandra Seijo, Norberto Santiago, and Rosa Paduani! We raised \$381.0 to support human life. Ray Gastonguay



“Share Your Table with Love” The needs for our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry for the month of MAY: beef stew, canned chicken, broth, tuna, Mac-Cheese, spaghetti sauce, Ramen soups, jam or jelly, baked beans, soups, THANK YOU for your donations. “When I was hungry you gave food ...”



**PENTECOST**

In his book "I Believe in the Holy Spirit", the great theologian, Fr. Ives Congar, wrote the following about the Holy Spirit: "The Spirit is without a face and almost without a name. [The Spirit] is the wind who is not seen, but who makes things move. [The Spirit] is known by the [Spirit's] effects. [The Spirit] is the one who is given in order to produce everything that can be summarized as the community of the



sons and daughters of God." Simply put: "The Spirit is the agent of the fulfillment of God's plan and work." As this solemnity, this gift of the Spirit encompasses so much, I can only mention a few disconnected ideas that I feel deserve some special mention.

With the coming of the Spirit the liturgy brings the Easter season to a close. Although there are two special Sundays after today: the *Solemnity of the Holy Trinity* and the *Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ*. The liturgical season of Ordinary Time begins on Monday. When God's Spirit came upon the Apostles and disciples, then the Church was *born*. God's Spirit got things moving like a strong wind, or a fire that could not be stopped, and the Apostles began to preach, starting at Jerusalem and carrying the message of the Lord Jesus to the ends of the earth. This last statement, the growth of the Church under the direction of the Holy Spirit, describes the basic theme of the Acts of the Apostles.

The Holy Spirit continues to try to keep the Church united and faithful to its mission. This is the one of the things the Lord Jesus especially prayed for at the Last Supper – that "we all will be one" as He and the Father are one. It's a point Saint Paul made in his letter to the Corinthians – "in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body..." Yet we are divided into so many different versions of Christianity.

Also, Saint Paul has spoken at great length about the activity of the Holy Spirit. He has told us how the Holy Spirit calls individuals to different forms of service or ministry.

Finally, I am convinced that everyone here at Mass today is here today because they have been moved by the Holy Spirit to be here. Saint Paul said, "no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit." (1 Corinthians 12:3). The Holy Spirit helps us to believe. "Come, Holy Spirit come, and renew the face of the face of the earth."

Rev. Joe Robinson

**Sing & Praise**



*Lord, send out your Spirit,  
and renew the face of the earth!*



**Hymns: Solemnity of Pentecost**

*Processional: 410 "Send us your Spirit"*

*Offertory: #648 "Peace is flowing like a river"*

*Communion #56 (292) "Eat this bread"*

*Recessional #633 "I heard the voice of Jesus"*

**In Loving Remembrance**

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

**PARTNERS in CHARITY 2018**

*Thank YOU to those who have made a gift to the 2018 Partners in Charity Appeal.*

**St. Francis has raised \$8,545.00 (43.00%) to date.** *Your gift will help us in reaching our parish goal of \$20,000.00.*

*We need the support of our all members and friends if we are to be successful in reaching our parish goal of \$20,000.00. If you have NOT yet completed your pledge, please prayerful do so, and return it to the parish office or put into the collection basket. With your support, **Faith in Action**, is visible every day in the compassionate outreach of: **Catholic Charities** to the least among us; in the prayerful witness of **Retired Priests** and the joy of **NEW** ordinations to the Priesthood. Please, make a commitment today to this wonderful **Work of Mercy Appeal**.*

**PARTNERS in CHARITY 2018**

**St. Francis of Assisi GOAL is: \$20,000**

**We have raised \$8,545.00 (43.00%)**

**Faith in Action "Loving God by serving others"**

**Happening at St. Francis of Assisi**

Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> ..9:00PM....Mass...CCD classes resume

Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup> .... 6:00PM .... Mass ....chapel

Tuesday, MAY 22<sup>nd</sup> ...8:00AM....Mass....chapel  
6:00PM....Mass (Spanish) Prayer Group...church

Wednesday, MAY 23<sup>rd</sup> .....6:00PM....Mass...chapel

Thursday, MAY 24<sup>th</sup> ....8:00AM.... Mass....chapel

Friday, MAY 25<sup>th</sup> ...Food Pantry .....1:00PM

Saturday, MAY 26<sup>th</sup> 3:00PM ....Confessions...church  
4:00PM ...Mass ....church

**25<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament**

*Benefit for St. Bernard High School*

*The Bernardian Foundation will host its 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament to benefit the students of St. Bernard CCHS.*

*The event will be at Oak Hill Country Club on Monday, June 25 at 1PM. Registration is open!*

**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 May 19-20, 2018 in WARNER, NH*

*and Jun 9-10, 2018 in Medway, MA.*

*For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.*

**CUB SCOUTS PACK 17**

*Cub Scout Pack 17 will be hosting an information session on Tuesday May 22nd at St Bernard's Elementary School beginning at 7PM. They are welcoming both boys and girls grades K-5 and adults interested in volunteering to be leaders.*

*Bob Gynnor, Cubmaster*

*Pack 17 Fitchburg.... 978-621-4117*

*"Rivers of living water will flow from within him who believes in me." St. John 7: 37*



**PENTECOSTES ... la Venida del Espíritu Santo**

En su libro "Creo en el Espíritu Santo", el gran teólogo, el Padre Ives Congar, escribió lo siguiente sobre el Espíritu Santo: "El Espíritu no tiene rostro y casi no tiene nombre.



[El Espíritu] es como el viento que no se ve, pero que hace que las cosas se muevan. [El Espíritu] es conocido por los efectos [del Espíritu]. [El Espíritu] es quien se da para producir todo lo que se puede resumir como la comunidad de los hijos e hijas de Dios ". En pocas palabras:" El Espíritu es el agente del

cumplimiento del plan y la obra de Dios."

Con esta solemnidad, en donde el don del Espíritu abarca tanto, solo puedo mencionar algunas ideas interrelacionadas que creo que merecen una mención especial. Con la venida del Espíritu, la liturgia cierra el tiempo de Pascua. Aunque hay dos domingos especiales después de hoy, la solemnidad de la Santísima Trinidad y la solemnidad del Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo, el tiempo litúrgico del Tiempo Ordinario comienza el lunes.

Cuando el Espíritu de Dios vino sobre los Apóstoles y los discípulos, entonces nació la Iglesia. El Espíritu de Dios hizo que las cosas se movieran como un fuerte viento o un fuego que no se podía detener, y los Apóstoles comenzaron a predicar, comenzando en Jerusalén y llevando el mensaje del Señor Jesucristo hasta los confines de la tierra. Así, llevando el mensaje de salvación hasta los confines de la tierra se debe el crecimiento de la Iglesia bajo la dirección del Espíritu Santo, y el cual es el tema principal del Libro de los Hechos de los Apóstoles. El Espíritu Santo continúa tratando de mantener a la Iglesia unida y fiel a su misión. Esta es una de las cosas por las cuales el Señor Jesucristo oró especialmente en la Última Cena: que "todos seamos uno," tal como Él y el Padre son uno. Es un punto en el cual San Pablo escribió en su carta a los Corintios: "en un Espíritu todos fuimos bautizados en un solo cuerpo..." Sin embargo, estamos divididos en tantas versiones diferentes del cristianismo. Además, San Pablo ha hablado extensamente sobre la actividad del Espíritu Santo. San Pablo nos ha dicho cómo el Espíritu Santo llama a las personas a diferentes formas de servicio o ministerio.

Finalmente, estoy convencido de que todos aquí en la Misa de hoy están aquí hoy porque han sido movidos por el Espíritu Santo para estar aquí. San Pablo dijo: "nadie puede decir que 'Jesús es el Señor' sino es dirigido por el Espíritu Santo "" (1 Corintios 12: 3). El Espíritu Santo nos ayuda a tener fe.

"Ven, Espíritu Santo ven y renueva la faz de la tierra".

*Padre José Robinson*

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

**HORA SANTA....** Todos los sábados a 6:00PM en el Centro

¡GRACIAS!

En nombre de Massachusetts Citizens for Life, yo quiero agradecer a todas las personas que nos apoyaron en el Día de las Madres por la venta y compra de la "Rosa para la Vida." Muchas gracias, especialmente a Padre Ortiz, Yesenia Quinones, las personas que nos ayudaron en la venta de rosa en las puertas: Tom Krysiak, Louise Morin, Georgette Morin, Barbara Garipey, Charles Rivera, Jordan Tejeda, Sujeiri Casado, Elysia González, Brian Biglow, Alejandra Seijo, Norberto Santiago, y Rosa Paduani! Pudimos vender \$381 para apoyar el programa de Pro vida. Gracias, Ray Gastonguay

**Compañeros en la CARIDAD 2018**

GRACIAS a todas las familias que han donado a la Compañía de Compañeros en la Caridad. **Hemos recolectado \$8,545.00 (43.00%) de la meta de \$20,000.00** Si usted ha recibido su sobre de la Oficina de Compañeros en la Caridad en el correo, usted puede traerlo y depositarlo en la canasta de los domingos. La meta de nuestra Parroquia es: \$20,000. Necesitamos que todas las familias se comprometan a esta petición del Obispo Roberto McManus. Hemos recolectado \$8,545.00 de los \$20,000.00 que nos fueron asignados. "Amando a Dios es sirviendo a los demás"

**NUEVO HORARIO CIRCULO Oración San Francisco de Asís**

TODOS los Martes después de la SANTA MISA ... MISA..... 6:00PM **Rosario de la Divina Misericordia (cantado) CIRCULO de ORACION**

**MISA de SANACION**

**Martes, 16 de JUNIO 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



**LECTURAS BIBLICAS de la SEMANA**

<b>Lunes, 21 //MAYO</b>	<b>Monday, MAY 21</b>
Genesis // Genesis 3: 9 - 20	Salmo//Psalm 87
San Juan //John 19: 25 – 34	
<b>Martes, 22 // MAYO</b>	<b>Tuesday, MAY 22</b>
Santiago // James 4: 1 – 10	Salmo//Psalm 55
San Marcos // Mark 9: 30 - 37	
<b>Miércoles 23 // MAYO</b>	<b>Wednesday, MAY 23</b>
Santiago // James 4: 13 – 17	Salmo//Psalm 49
San Marcos // Mark 9: 38 - 40	
<b>Jueves, 24 // MAYO</b>	<b>Thursday, MAY 24</b>
Santiago // James 5: 1: - 6	Salmo//Psalm 49
San Marcos // Mark 9: 41 – 50	
<b>Viernes, 25 //MAYO</b>	<b>Friday, MAY 25</b>
Santiago // James 5: 9 – 12	Salmo//Psalm 103
San Marcos //Mark 10: 1 – 12	
<b>Sábado, 26 //MAYO</b>	<b>Saturday, MAY 26</b>
Santiago // James 5: 13 – 31 20	Salmo//Psalm 141
San Marcos // Mark 10: 13 – 16	
<b>Domingo 27 //MAYO ...Solemnidad Santísima Trinidad</b>	
<b>The Most Holy Trinity , MAY 27</b>	
Deuteronomios // Deuteronomy 4: 32 - 40	
Salmo //Psalm 33	
Romanos // Romans 8: 14 – 17	
San Mateo // Matthew 28: 16 – 20	



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

**CALENDARIO de la PRIMERA COMUNION**

1. Domingo, Mayo 20 ....ultimo día de Catecismo  
 \*\* Los JOVENES de la Clase de Confirmación se reunirán una VEZ al MES con Yesenia y Ray para coordinar las actividades y el retiro de Julio.

**TALLER de MINISTERIOS**

**DOMINGO, 27 // MAYO en el hall,** después de la Santa Misa de las 11:00AM. Este taller está diseñado especialmente para TODOS los SERVIDORES de la COMUNIDAD --- ministros de la Comunión, lectores, servidores altar, coro, catequistas, grupo de oración, comité festival, y todo el que desee llegar a escuchar. Anibal & Ivy González serán los presentadores.



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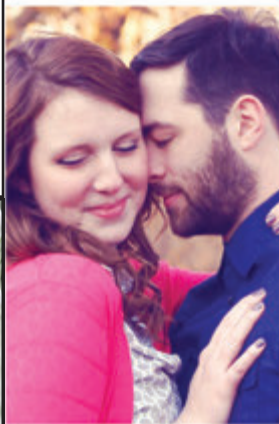


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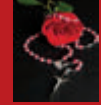
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