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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...

Mass Intentions



Saturday, September 23rd

4:00PM†William Landry Painter...by M/M Alphonse Pagnotto

Sunday, September 24th 25th Sunday Ordinary Time

9:00AM†George Guilmette....by the community

11:00AM†Eliza Pagan (3rd Ann).....by Lily Torres & fam

Monday, September 25th

6:00PM†

Tuesday, September 26th Sts. Cosmas & Damien

8:00 AM†For members and benefactors of St. Vincent de Paul

6:00PM†For all people

Wednesday, September 27th St. Vincent de Paul

6:00PM†For the poor & needy & all souls...by St. Vincent de Paul Society

Thursday, September 28th St. Wenceslaus

8:00AM†

Friday, September 29th Sts. Michael & Gabriel & Raphael

6:00PM†Maria E. Ortizby the family

Saturday, September 30th

4:00PM†William Landry Painter...by M/M Alphonse Pagnotto

Sunday, October 1st 26th Sunday Ordinary Time

9:00AM†For all people

11:00AM†

The Blessed Sacrament lamp is lit in memory of George Guilmette requested by the family.



A candle to Our Blessed Mother is lit for all CCD children and teachers requested by Maria & family.

A candle to St. Francis of Assisi is lit for Louise Morin.

Parish Support



Sept. 16/17

Offertory: \$1,821.00

Fuel: \$110.00 maintenance:\$41.0

Rel. Education (CCD): \$20.0

Total: \$2,172.00

“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

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 **SEPTEMBER** : soup, cranberry sauce, turkey gravy, stuffing, boxed potatoes, canned vegetables, cocoa mix, cake mix and

frosting, cereal, canned fruit, **THANK YOU** for your donations. “When I was hungry you gave food ...”

The Catholic Conference of American Bishops have requested to take a **SECOND COLLECTION** Next Weekend **Sept. 30/Oct. 1** to help the victims of Hurricane Irma in Florida and the Islands in the Caribbean. Please be generous

This weekend Second Collection
September 23/24 :: Catholic Schools

Ladies Guild Meeting

The Ladies Guild will hold a meeting on **Monday, September 25, 2017 at 6:30PM** in the church hall.

We need items for Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets for the Holiday Fair which will be on Saturday Oct. 21.

St. Vincent de Paul, “The Father of the Poor”

The feast day for St. Vincent de Paul is September 27.

He was born to a poor peasant family in the village of Pouy, France on April 24, 1581. His first formal education was provided by the Franciscans.

After his ordination to the priesthood, Saint Vincent was a chaplain and tutor among the aristocratic families in France. However, his encounter with the local peasants transformed his life, and he refocused his priesthood ministry to the poor. From that point forward, he spent his life preaching missions to and providing relief to the poor. In this way, the ministry to the poor became his passion. He even established hospitals for them.

His vocation to bring forward the good news to the poor was so great that he founded the lay women institute Ladies of Charity as well as the Congregation of Priests for the Mission, today commonly known as Vincentians, and he was cofounder of the Daughters of Charity along with St. Louise Marillac.

St. Vincent’s life mirrored much of what Jesus revealed in the Gospel encouraging his followers to go out among the villages and announce the good news of God’s kingdom and to take care of the poor and needy. In doing so, they were not to concern themselves with their own material needs.

Today, we live in a world that offers an abundance of material blessings. Still, the grinding wheel of poverty diminishes the lives of so many. If we are to hear Jesus’ words and aspire to follow the example given by St. Vincent, we need to find ways to share our material resources. We model the importance of the good news of God’s Kingdom when we expand our generosity.

It is significant to note one of St. Vincent’s legacies to the Church. In parishes around the world one can find Saint Vincent de Paul Societies serving the poor.

We have been blessed that we have one of them here at St. Francis of Assisi Parish. They are serving the poor in our locality through the food pantry that was established long time ago. Please, continue helping us “to serve the poor.”

THANK YOU

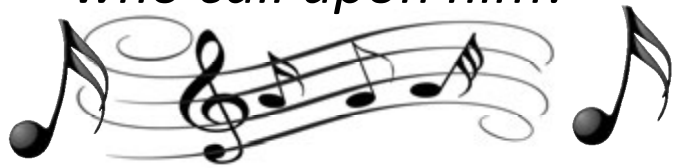
As a way of thanking the Lord for his goodness, St. Francis Class of 1952 donated a lot of food to our Food Pantry. May the Lord bless your big and generous hearts!

Be a benefactor to St. Vincent de Paul FOOD PANTRY. We urgently need your assistance. Please, bring all kinds of non perishable food for our FOOD PANTRY. Also, you can provide financial help writing a check to: St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry or placing in an envelope your contribution. Thanks YOU!

Sing & Praise



**The Lord is near to all,
who call upon him!**



Hymns: 25th Sunday of the Ordinary Time

Processional: #632 “The king of love my Shepherd is”

Offertory: #558 “Whatsoever you do”

Communion #525 Gift of finest wheat”

Processional #615 “Amazing grace”

In Loving Remembrance

In your charity, please pray for the soul of George Guilmette 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, Sept. 24th9:00AM....Mass
11:00AM...CCD classes...parish center*
Monday, Sept. 25th ... Mass ...church...6:00PM
... 6:30PM...Ladies Guild Meeting
Tuesday, Sept. 26th ...Mass....church...8:00AM
Wednesday, Sept. 27th ... Mass...CCD center...6:00PM
Thursday, Sept. 28th ...Mass....CCD center....8:00AM
Hispanic choir....church...7:00PM
Friday, Sept. 29th Food Pantry...church hall 12:00PM
...Mass....church.....6:00PM
Saturday, Sept. 30th 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



Celebrate Priesthood!

Thursday, October 19, 2017

St. Vincent Hospital Atrium, Worcester
A Benefit Evening to recognize diocesan priests and support the Priest Retirement Fund.
Donation : \$100.00 per person

Concert: HOT FUGUE SUNDAE & Trio
The Montachusett Chorale presents The Hot Fugue Sundaes and Trio, "Swinging' in Autumn". This concert will benefit The Mayor's Energy Fund and will be held on Sunday, October 15th at 2 pm in Tata Auditorium, Leominster Hall City Hall, 25 West.
A free will donation will be accepted.

San Vicente de Paúl, "El Padre de los Pobres"

La fiesta de San Vicente es el 27 de septiembre. El nació en una familia campesina pobre en el pueblo de Pouy, Francia, el 24 de abril de 1581. Su primera educación formal fue proporcionada por los franciscanos. Después de su ordenación sacerdotal, San Vicente fue capellán y tutor de las familias ricas de Francia. Sin embargo, su encuentro con los campesinos locales transformó su vida, y re-enfocó su ministerio sacerdotal a los pobres. A partir de ese momento, pasó su vida predicando misiones y brindando alivio a los pobres. De esta manera, el ministerio a los pobres se convirtió en su pasión. Incluso estableció hospitales para ellos. Su llamado para transmitir la buena nueva del Evangelio a los pobres fue tan grande que fundó el instituto de mujeres laicas de la Caridad, así como la Congregación de Sacerdotes para la Misión, hoy comúnmente conocida como Vicentinos y fue cofundador de las Hijas de la Caridad con Santa Luisa de Marillac. La vida de San Vicente reflejó en gran parte de lo que Jesús nos reveló en el Evangelio animando a sus seguidores a ir a las aldeas y anunciar la buena nueva del reino de Dios y cuidar a los pobres y necesitados. Al hacerlo, no debían preocuparse por sus propias necesidades materiales. Hoy, vivimos en un mundo que ofrece una abundancia de bendiciones materiales. Sin embargo, el molino de la pobreza disminuye la vida de tanta gente. Si queremos escuchar las palabras de Jesús y aspirar a seguir el ejemplo de San Vicente, necesitamos encontrar formas para compartir nuestros recursos materiales. Modelamos la importancia de las buenas nuevas del Reino de Dios cuando expandimos nuestra generosidad. Es significativo señalar uno de los legados de San Vicente a la Iglesia. En las parroquias de todo el mundo se pueden encontrar las Sociedades de San Vicente de Paúl que sirven a los pobres. Nosotros hemos sido bendecidos ya que unos de esos grupos de San Vicente de Paúl lo tenemos aquí en la parroquia de San Francisco de Asís. Ellos están sirviendo a los pobres de nuestro vecindario a través de la despensa de alimentos que se estableció hace mucho tiempo. Por favor, continúen ayudándonos "a servir a los pobres."

MAESTROS y Voluntarios de

Clases de catecismo están abiertas a todos los niños desde kinder hasta 10^o grado. Ya comenzamos el CATECISMO 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

CLASES para BAUTISMO

SABADO OCTUBRE 7 // 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 registraci3n. Puede tomar los que necesite y llenarlo y traerlo lo m1s pronto posible.



FERIA de NAVIDAD

auspiciada por

St. Francis Ladies Guild

S1bado, 21 de Octubre

St. Francis Hall

De 9:00AM - 6:30PM



COMIDAS

Hamburgers

Cheeseburgers

Hot dogs

Arroz & pollo asado

sodas & papitas fritas

Pastry booth

1rbol de PREMIOS

Mesa art1culos navidad

Mesa art1culos Halloween

Mesa Tesoro de suerte

Chinese auction

Thanksgiving booth

flea market

Y Muchas cosas M1S

**¡Todos est1n
invitados!!**



NECESITAMOS ALIMENTOS

Para la Despensa de los POBRES (Food Pantry)

Por favor, traiga alimentos enlatados o el bolsas. Por ejemplo, espaguetis, arroz, vegetales enlatados, carne enlatados, cereal,

Lecturas B1blicas de la Semana

Lunes 25 / Septiembre

Esdras // Ezra 1: 1 – 6

San Lucas // Luke 8: 16 – 18

Martes 26// Septiembre

Esdras // Ezra 6: 7 – 12

San Lucas// Luke 8: 19 - 21

Mi1rcoles, 27/ Sept.

Esdras // Ezra 9: 5 – 9

San Lucas // Luke 9: 1 - 6

Jueves 28// Sept.

Profeta Hagias // Agiah 1: 1 – 8

San Lucas // Luke 9: 7 – 9

Viernes 29//Septiembre

Profeta Daniel //Daniel 7: 72 – 14

San Juan // John 1: 47 – 51

Saturday, 30// Sept.

Profeta Zacarias//Zechariah 2: 5– 9

San Lucas // Luke 9: 43 – 45

Domingo 1// Octubre

Profeta Esdras // Ezra 18: 25 – 28

Salmo//Psalm 25

Filipenses // Phillipians 2: 1 - 11

San Mateo // Matthew 21: 28 - 32

Monday, Sept. 25

Salmo//Psalm 126

Tuesday, Sept. 26

Salmo//Psalm 122

Wednesday, Sept. 27

Salmo//Psalm 13

Thursday, Sept. 28

Salmo//Psalm 149

Friday, Sept 29

Salmo// Psalm 138

Saturday, Sept. 30

Salmo//Psalm 31

SUNDAY, October 1



RICA (Rito de Iniciaci3n Cristiana para Adultos) es un proceso para descubrir si nos queremos hacer miembros de la Iglesia Cat3lica.

Quienes son elegibles para participar de este proceso de RICA?

- Ni1os 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 Confirmaci3n.
- Para m1s informaci3n ver a Fr. Ortiz.

SOLICITAMOS donaciones de efectos escolares para el Programa de Catecismo

Ya nos acercamos al comienzo de otro a1o de **catecismo** (Domingo, Septiembre 10) le pedimos de favor que nos hagan donaciones de cosas para los salones de clases: marcadores de pizarra, l1pices, bol1grafos, libretas, etc.. Gracias!

CIRCULO ORACION: Viernes a las 7:00PM Capilla

GRAN RETIRO con SALVADOR GOMEZ

Sept. 24, 2017 de 2:30PM a 7:00PM

\$10.00 por persona

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