



St. Francis of Assisi Parish
 ST. JOSEPH'S CHAPEL
 ST. THOMAS A BECKET CHURCH

January 12, 2025

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St. Francis of Assisi Parish Directory
Mass Schedule ▪ Press 1

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Our Pastor | Father James Callahan
Press 3

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Mass Schedule	
Saturday	Sunday
4PM St. Thomas A Becket	8AM St. Joseph's Chapel 10:30AM St. Thomas A Becket
Daily Mass ▪ Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday	
9AM ▪ St. Thomas A Becket Daily Masses are canceled when school is delayed/canceled due to weather	
Confession ▪ Sacrament of Reconciliation	
Saturday ▪ 3PM ▪ St. Thomas A Becket Or by appointment	
Eucharist Adoration	
Wednesday ▪ Following the 9AM Mass In the event a cancellation is necessary it will be announced	
Rosary	
For Rosary Information Please Contact Liz via phone or text at 774.364.2158	

The Baptism of the Lord
" The Lord will bless his people with peace."

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of January 12, 2025

Jan 11	SATURDAY 4:00PM	(+) Michael Ryder <i>Req by: Dick & Jeanie Whippee</i>
Jan 12	SUNDAY 8:00AM	(+) Joseph & Beatrice Jannette and Deceased Members of Their Family Req by: The Family
	SUNDAY 10:30AM	Pastor's Intentions
Jan 13	MONDAY 9:00AM	Pastor's Intentions
Jan 14	TUESDAY 9:00AM	Votive Offerings
Jan 15	WEDNESDAY 9:00AM	Pastor's Intentions
Jan 18	SATURDAY 4:00PM	(+)Ted Kowal <i>Req by: The Family</i>
Jan 19	SUNDAY 8:00AM	(+) Harry J. Corbett Req by: His Wife Isabel
	SUNDAY 10:30AM	Pastor's Intentions




ADORATION AND
BENEDICTION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT
will be **NOW BE**
hosted at
St. Thomas A Becket
After the 9AM Mass
on WEDNESDAYS

Prayer Requests

As a faith community, we're here to share in each others' experiences and lift each other in prayer. Whatever you're facing - whether it's a cause for joy, a challenge weighing you down, or a particular intention you're holding close to your heart we want to join you in prayer.

To be added to the St. Francis of Assisi Prayer Line please contact
 PAT KOWAL 978.355.2144 PIEROGI77@CHARTER.NET
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Please contact Deacon Malcom to request your 2025 Mass Intentions via email at StFrancisofAssisiParish@gmail.com or phone the office at 978.355.2228.



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The Parish Council of Knight's of Columbus - St. Cleophas meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7PM at St. Thomas a Becket Church

If you have questions please contact Paul Cranston at 978.355.2100 or pmcatty@aol.com

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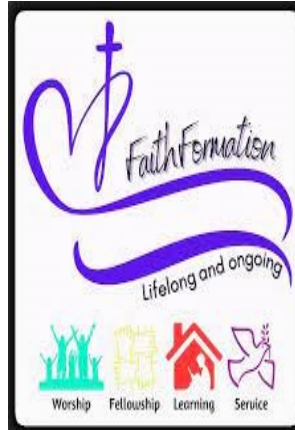
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Envelopes	\$1,510.50
Anonymous Cash	\$368.50
Loose Checks	\$430.00
On-Line Giving	\$698.00
Total	\$3,007.00
Special Collections That Stay in the Parish	
Fuel	\$440.00
Maintenance	\$70.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$806.00
Christmas	\$10.00
First Offering	\$97.00
Church Fair	\$100.00
Donations & Gifts	\$250.00
Parking Lot	\$5.00
Mass Stipends	\$20.00
Total	\$1,798.00
Additional Collections That Leave the Parish	
Emergency Assistance Fund	\$60.00
Total	\$60.00
Total Collection	\$4,865.00



Grades 1-6 meet every Sunday on an alternating schedule
 Week 1 · Regular Class 9-10am
 Week 2 · Mass Class 8-9:30am

Grades 7, 8 & 9 meet
 Sunday Evenings 6:00-7:30pm

All classes are held at
 St. Joseph's Chapel.

For Information Contact
 Liz Sansoucy @ 774.364.2158

Sunday, January 12 · MASS CLASS 8 - 9:30AM
Sunday, January 19 · NO CLASSES MLK Weekend

DID YOU KNOW THAT PRISCILLA MCGLYNN IS OUR PARISH OUTREACH COORDINATOR?

One of her responsibilities is sending cards to parishioners experiencing illness, hospitalization or loss. Please call Priscilla at 508.822.3128 to let her know who may need a card (please include their address) so they know that they are in our thoughts & prayers. Especially now during these cold days when isolation may set in lets warm the hearts of others!

St. Francis of Assisi
 CHARITABLE NEEDS & RESOURCES FUND

Donations may be placed in an envelope marked *Emergency Fund* in the basket with the offertory envelopes. For more information please contact Paula Wood at 978.355.2228 ext.7. *Thank You for Your Generosity.*



Soup Supper
presented by St. Francis of Assisi Women's Guild

Saturday, February 8th 5:30PM
The Hall @ St. Joseph's Chapel

Tickets on sale after all Masses or Email Robin Cummings at rarob50@yahoo to reserve your tickets



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Enjoy a Variety of Homemade Soups
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\$10 per person
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TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2025

3:30PM - 5:30PM

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In honor of Catholic Schools Week, St. Aloysius Catholic School, located at 52 Church Street in Gilbertville, MA, is hosting an Open House

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Refreshments will be sold along with a Gift Basket Raffle.

EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED

ALL PROCEEDS WILL SUPPORT OUR PARKING LOT PROJECT



Join Us at Our Next Meeting
Wednesday, February 12 6:30PM
St. Joseph's Hall

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES INCLUDE

April · DIY Floral Class

May · Trip to St. Anne's Shrine

June · End of Year Dinner

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Ann Jordan at 978-808-3371 or mjordan92557@gmail.com.

A multi-generational women's group supporting each other through the hills & valleys of life through faith & fellowship while enriching our parish & community

Some believe that The Twelve Days of Christmas was written in code. It had a hidden message, and for a good reason.

After you find out what the code means, you'll never listen to this favorite Christmas song in the same way again...

The Twelve Days of Christmas was created in England during a time of religious persecution when Catholicism was outlawed in the 16th to 18th centuries. The song, "The Twelve Days of Christmas," was written as a kind of secret catechism that could be sung in public without fear of arrest – a learning or memory aid to Christians in fact. Each verse refers to a teaching of church doctrine — with the partridge being Christ who died on a tree and the "True Love" being God the Father, who gave us all gifts.

The twelve days of Christmas are the twelve days between Christmas Day, Dec. 25th, the birth of Jesus, and the Epiphany, Jan. 6th, the day Christians celebrate the arrival of the Magi (Wise Men) and the revelation of Christ as the light of the world.

Each element in the song is a code word for religious truth:

1. The partridge in a pear tree is Jesus.
2. The two turtledoves are the Old and New Testaments.
3. Three French hens stand for faith, hope and love.
4. The four calling birds are the four Gospels.
5. The five gold rings recall the Hebrew Torah (Law), or the Pentateuch, the first five books of the Old Testament.
6. The six geese a-laying stand for the six days of creation.
7. The seven swans a-swimming represent the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit.
8. The eight maids a-milking are the eight Beatitudes.
9. Nine ladies dancing are the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit.
10. The ten lords a-leaping are the Ten Commandments.
11. Eleven pipers piping represent the eleven faithful Apostles.
12. Twelve drummers drumming symbolize the twelve points of doctrine in the Apostles Creed.

Until Next Year! ~ [54 Day Rosary Novena](#)





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