



St. Francis of Assisi Parish

ST. JOSEPH'S CHAPEL
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November 16, 2025

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St. Francis of Assisi Parish Directory

Mass Schedule ▪ Press 1

Office Manager | Deacon Malcolm Colgate

Press 2 ▪ OFFICE HOURS ▪ WED ▪ 2PM - 4PM

Our Pastor | Father James Callahan

Press 3

Baptism and Marriage Preparation

Father Jamie ▪ Press 3

Faith Formation Office

Liz Sansoucy ▪ Press 5

St. Joseph's Cemetery Inquiries

Brian Cirelli ▪ Press 6

Emergency Assistance Coordinator

Paula Wood ▪ Press 7

Bulletin Submissions

Email information to bulletinsfb@gmail.com

by Thursday to be included in the upcoming weekend



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Mass Schedule

Saturday

4PM

St. Thomas A Becket

Sunday

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

Tuesday After 9:00AM Mass

In the event a cancellation is necessary it will be announced

Rosary Group

Tuesday ▪ 6:45PM ▪ St. Joseph's Hall

For more information contact Liz
via voice or text 774.364.2158

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
"The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice."

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of November 16, 2025



ADORATION AND
BENEDICTION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT
TUESDAYS AFTER
9:00AM MASS

Nov 15	SATURDAY 4:00PM	(+) Edward Horan <i>Req by: Peg Morin</i>
Nov 16	SUNDAY 8:00AM	(+) William Robinson Jr. <i>Req by: The Family</i>
	SUNDAY 10:30AM	(+) David & Susie Thompson <i>Req by: The Family</i>
Nov 17	MONDAY 9:00AM	(+) Carmela Lamachia <i>Req by: Vickie & Bill King</i>
Nov 18	TUESDAY 9:00AM	For Healing for Larry O'Brien <i>Req by: Delores Callahan</i>
Nov 19	WEDNESDAY 9:00AM	Pastor's Intentions
Nov 22	SATURDAY 4:00PM	(+) Rita McDermott <i>Req by: Peg Morin</i>
Nov 23	SUNDAY 8:00AM	(+) Sr. Mary Magdalen Dody 80th Anniversary <i>Req by: The Finne Family</i>
	SUNDAY 10:30AM	(+) Thomas Taylor 1st Anniversary <i>Req by: The Petracons</i>

A MASS INTENTION IS A SPECIFIC PETITION FOR WHICH THE MASS IS OFFERED.

Mass intentions can be requested on behalf of another living person; for example, the healing of someone who is sick or to commemorate a wedding anniversary.

However, Mass intentions are most commonly offered in remembrance of a person who has died.

Please contact Deacon Malcom if you would like to request a Mass.



Office of Healing & Prevention

As a reminder, our parish follows the guidelines of the National Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People approved by the US Bishops and the policies of the Diocese of Worcester.

If you have been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church, we encourage you to come forward and speak out. The Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Diocese of Worcester is Judith Audette. A report can be made by phone to a confidential line, 508-726-2880 or by email

jaudette@worcesterdiocese.org If the report is made by mail, please send it to: Judith Audette, Victim Assistance Coordinator, The Diocese of Worcester, 49 Elm Street, Worcester, MA 01609



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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

Greg Devine at 774-479-8300 or

via email at gdevine@worcester.edu

THE 100 CLUB

All 100 tickets are sold, the 10 weekly drawings began Friday, 11/7. The winner each week will win \$100. The winning number is whoever matches the last two numbers of the Friday EVENING drawing of the Mass Lottery Daily Numbers Game.

WINNER #1 Robin Cummings #99

WINNER #2 Sandy Nicholls #44

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Parish Weekly Collection Week of: November 9, 2025	
Envelopes	\$1,356.00
Anonymous Cash	\$343.00
Loose Checks	\$500.00
On-Line Giving	\$575.63
Total	\$2,774.63
Special Collections That Stay in the Parish	
Fuel	\$100.00
Maintenance	\$485.00
All Saints Day	\$25.00
All Souls Day	\$35.00
St. Joseph Stair Repairs	\$1,846.00
Parking Lot	\$50.00
Total	\$2,541.00
Additional Collections That Leave the Parish	
Charitable Needs Fund	\$20.00
Total	\$20.00
Total Collection	\$5,335.63



BARRE
FOOD PANTRY

Donations of nonperishable food items and health & beauty aids may be left at each church

Distribution is at the Barre Congregational Church

2nd Wednesday of Every Month

10:00AM - 11:30AM

3rd Thursday of Every Month

5:30PM - 7:00PM

You can help the Barre Food Panty's work in the community by Sponsoring a Food Drive, by making a Donation or by giving of your time.
info@barrefoodbank.org



HEARTS
ON FIRE

The Hearts on Fire Group extends a BIG Thank You to the Whole Parish for the generous donations to the

Problem Pregnancy Baby Shower. When the gifts were brought to Problem Pregnancy this past Wednesday Nov. 5th they were overwhelmed with the items and quality of the donations. Your generosity truly shows God's Love to the mothers and babies who will use the items.

ONCE AGAIN – THANK YOU!!



Faith Grades 1 - 10
Formation
Registration

CLASSES HAVE BEGUN BUT REGISTRATION REMAINS OPEN

ELEMENTARY GRADES MEET

SUNDAY MORNINGS ON AN ALTERNATING SCHEDULE

*** Sunday, November 16 9AM - 10AM Classroom**

*** Sunday, November 23 8AM - 9:30AM Mass Class**

MS/HS/CONFIRMATION PREP GRADES MEET

SUNDAY EVENINGS 6PM -7:30PM

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE

www.saintfrancisofassisi-parish.com to register online or mail in. Please call/text Liz Sansoucy at 774-364-2158 for further assistance.



THANKSGIVING TURKEY UPDATE

For the past three years our parish has been donating Turkey Baskets to Families in Need in the Quabbin Regional School District.

In the past we have solicited food items from you, our parishioners. But this year because of the ongoing donations parishioners donate into the St. Francis of Assisi Charitable Fund we are not asking for any food items. We are purchasing the turkeys and other food items with monies from the Charitable Fund.

Just last week we reported that the Joining Hands Community Walk raised \$8,010.

We are so very blessed to have such a generous parish.





The Countdown is ON!

The Annual Christmas Fair presented by The Women's Guild

CANDY CANE FAIR • Saturday Dec 6 • 9 AM - 2PM

HERE'S A SNEAK PEAK OF WHAT IS PLANNED FOR THE DAY!

1. **Cash for Gold is Back.** Get all of your broken gold, silver & platinum jewelry together and bring it anytime during fair hours. You can walk out with a check if you decide to sell. **Anthony from Cash for Gold of Worcester County** will be with us to give you the highest price for your gold, diamonds, silver, gold coins, junk silver/constitutional silver, dental gold, luxury watches silver flatware, tea sets.

2. Once again, we have a **beautiful quilt made by Beth Cunningham**. Entitled **Sparkling Chrysanthemum** it measures 66" x 66" It is stunning, easily can be displayed with classic or contemporary décor

3. **Candy Cane Fair Grand Raffle:**

1st Prize \$1,000 CASH

2nd Prize 100 Gallons of Heating Oil

3rd Prize Handcrafted Doll House

Plus Many More Prizes!



4. **Plus Traditional Favorites** Bake Shoppe, Theme Basket & Gift Card Raffles, Crafts, Games for the Kids, Hot Coco Bar and Our Famous Delicious Soup and Sandwich Lunch!

*This Weekend Guild members will be passing out **Grand Raffle Tickets** for you to sell or purchase. Please take a pack or two, the **Grand Raffle** helps make our parish fair a big success every year.*

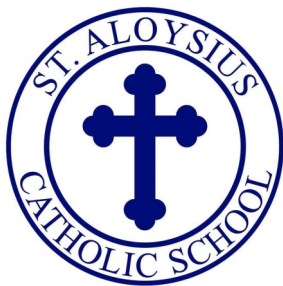
This Weekend you will get to preview this year's **Quilt**. It is entitled "Sparkling Chrysanthemum" As you will see it is beautiful!

*You can sign up as of this weekend for your **Cemetery Baskets**. There are clip boards at the entrance of each of our churches. Please look for them.*

Bake Shoppe Update This year those who have baked before and are signed up for flocknote should be getting a flocknote giving them a chance to sign up to bake for this year's Fair.

THEME BASKETS NEEDED! Contact Shelly Clark via phone or text at 508.208.4417.

Pick up and wrapping available. All Baskets needed by Thursday, December 4



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If you are interested in applying for the position please send a letter of interest and resume to Robert McQuaid at rmcquaid@staloyiuscatholicsschool.com or call the school for more information, 413-477-1268.

We received the following note from Elizabeth Ortiz, Family Resource Liaison for Quabbin Regional School District.

*Dear Church Family and Parishioners,
As the holiday season approaches, we are reaching out to ask for your generous support for the students and families within our community. Many of our families are currently facing significant financial difficulties, and this time of year can add considerable stress to already burdened households. To help alleviate some of this pressure and ensure our students can experience a little holiday joy, we believe that gift cards would be the most practical and beneficial form of assistance. These cards, whether for groceries, essentials, or general merchandise, will offer families the flexibility they need to purchase necessary items or a special treat for their children. Please know that any contribution, large or small, will be immensely appreciated and will make a real difference in the lives of our students. Thank you for your continued compassion and generosity. Again, thank you so much for your support in helping our families in need this holiday season.*

Liz Ortiz



During the month of November as Catholics we often reflect, upon how fast time goes by – and this certainly applies to the Gift Giving Part of Christmas. You may be surprised but

THE GIVING TREES will be up with tags by the weekend of November 22 & 23.

This year we will have tags requesting, **GIFT CARDS** of any amount for students going to Quabbin Regional Middle/ High School. We will also have tags for requested gifts for children going to Ruggles Lane.

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.*



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

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