

The Solemnity OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” - Mt 28:19

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Prayer for Vocations

Almighty and eternal God, who in your great mercy hear our prayer, the harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few, we plead to you to send out laborers for your harvest. In your mercy, open the hearts of your servants whom you call to the priesthood to hear and respond. In your mercy, open our hearts that we may become a community that fosters greater vocations through our prayers and open support of those whom you call. Through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

The Most Holy Trinity **St. Francis of Assisi Parish**

Adoration Schedule

Outside: Monday's after 12PM Mass,
Wednesday after 6:30PM Mass.

Window: Friday Night's from 8:30 PM ~ 9:30
PM.

Confessions are available at the end of each of these times of adoration or by Appointment.

Come adore from your vehicles, all are welcome.

Weekend Mass Schedule

Mass Times ~ Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00AM & 10:30AM

(4PM & 10:30 AM are livestreamed each week)

Weekday Mass Schedule

Outdoor Mass from the rectory garage will take place Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday at **Noon** and Wednesday at 6:30pm (**WEATHER DEPENDENT!**)

Parish Office Hours

Monday—Friday: 9:00 AM ~ 12 Noon (The office is still closed to public but staff is working and available to answer your call.)

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Mass Intentions for the Week Ahead



Saturday, May 29

4:00pm Domenico Armano ~ Memorial

Sunday, May 30

8:00am Brandon Halko ~ Memorial

10:30am Larry Gagnon ~ 1st Anniversary

Fr. Jerry Hogan ~ Memorial

Al & Alice Daigle ~ Memorial

5:30pm *Parishioners of St. Francis Parish*

Monday, May 31

12:00pm

Tuesday, June 1

12:00pm Jon Glynn ~ 1st Anniversary

Wednesday, June 2

6:30pm

Thursday, June 3

12:00pm Fannie & Constantine Banevicious ~ Memorial

Friday, June 4

12:00pm Ann Buckley ~ Memorial

Saturday, June 5

4:00pm *Parishioners of St. Francis Parish*

Sunday, June 6

8:00am Fr. Jerry Hogan ~ Memorial

10:30am Mary Ann Hunt ~ Memorial

5:30pm

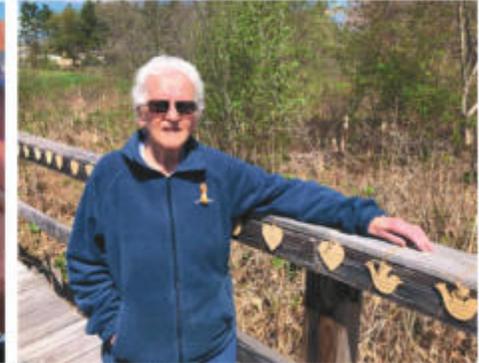
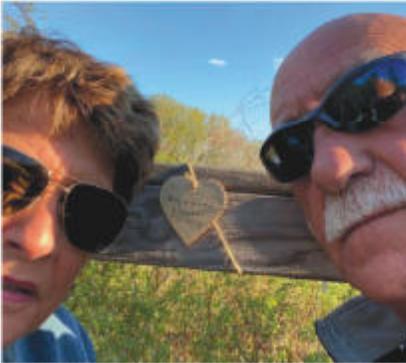
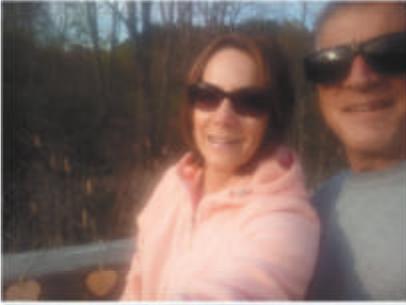
Booking Mass Intentions

Please feel free to **CALL** the Parish Office to book a Weekday or Weekend Mass Intention. At this time we are booking Masses 6 months in advance. We have a decent number of openings available!

Mission Statement

Our mission at St. Francis of Assisi is to faithfully fulfill the teachings of Jesus Christ. Centered in the celebration of the Sunday Eucharist and the sacramental life of the Catholic Church, we strive to create an atmosphere of spiritual development. By reaching out and welcoming others, our faith community continues to provide dignity and improve the quality of life for all those we serve.

SAINT FRANCIS PARISH



“Touched our hearts” is the comment we’ve heard most frequently about the ornaments and garden. This is the last weekend to visit as we’ll be dismantling this week. Please visit soon — you will love it!



Send your bridge/garden visit photos to Info@saintfrancis.net



Weekend Readings & Mass Prayers

First Reading

Moses said to the people:

"Ask now of the days of old, before your time, ever since God created man upon the earth; ask from one end of the sky to the other:

Did anything so great ever happen before?

Was it ever heard of?

Did a people ever hear the voice of God speaking from the midst of fire, as you did, and live?

Or did any god venture to go and take a nation for himself

from the midst of another nation, by testings, by signs and wonders, by war, with strong hand and outstretched arm, and by great terrors,

all of which the LORD, your God, did for you in Egypt before your very eyes?

This is why you must now know, and fix in your heart, that the LORD is God in the heavens above and on earth below, and that there is no other.

You must keep his statutes and commandments that I enjoin on you today, that you and your children after you may prosper, and that you may have long life on the land which the LORD, your God, is giving you forever."

***The Word of the Lord,
- Thanks be to God***

Responsorial Psalm:

R. (12b) **Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**

Second Reading:

Brothers and sisters:

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear,

but you received a Spirit of adoption, through whom we cry, "Abba, Father!"

The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ,

if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

***The Word of the Lord,
- Thanks be to God***

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

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Gospel:

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them.

When they all saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted.

Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.

And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

The Gospel of the Lord.



The wait is over! Now is the time to sign up for this trip of a lifetime. As of right now we still need more people to sign up to go on this trip. We are so excited to start up our annual Pilgrimages again!

If anyone has any questions they can reach out to Jessica here at St. Francis at jkeefe@saintfrancis.net or by calling the Parish Office.

If you would like to reach Deacon John directly, his email is deaconjohn@chelmsfordcatholic.org

Flyers can also be picked up at the welcome desk or in the Parish Office.

PLEASE JOIN **DCN. JOHN HUNT** ON A PILGRIMAGE TO

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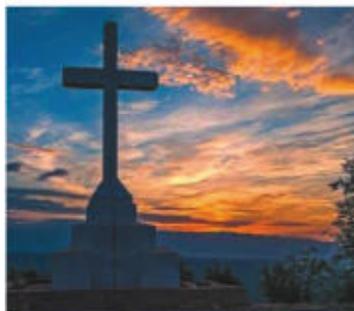
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St. Francis Parish ~ Scholarship Fund

Saint Francis Parish is proud to announce the annual Saint Francis Scholarship provided by a most generous endowment bequeathed to the parish for this purpose. This year the Saint Francis Scholarship Fund will award one **\$1000** scholarship to an eligible high School senior who satisfy eligibility and evaluation criteria developed by the Saint Francis Scholarship Committee.

Any eligibly senior who would like to apply should contact Jessica in the Parish Office or at jkeefe@saintfrancis.net.

Applications are available in the Parish office and the deadline to submit them will be June 20th.

Congratulations to this years graduating class and best of luck with all of your future endeavors!



Mother Teresa of Calcutta HOMELESS MINISTRY

Now that the cold weather is behind us, our homeless ministry is in need of warmer weather clothing. In particular we are looking for men's clothing as we are very low on these items. Things such as: tee shirts, boxer underwear, shoes, sneakers or sandals-all sizes of the above are welcomed. Of course, we will gladly accept any women's clothing as well.

Tents, tarps, sleeping bags and toilet paper are needed year round. Of course, cash donations are always appreciated as these funds are used to purchase the food that we prepare for our monthly meal at the LTLC.

Should you have any questions or need further clarification about our ministry, please contact Jack Durocher at j_durocher@comcast.net or Roger Despres at chefrogerd@verizon.net. Thank you, and may God continue to bless you and your families.



Knights of Columbus Council 4225 FUNDrive

Saturday June 19, 2021

9am - 2pm

St. Francis Parking Lot



Don't forget to start a donation pile and get those closets and attics cleaned out for good!

We are collecting:

Men and women's clothes, coats, shoes, handbags, wallets, etc

Household Textiles: towels, linens, tablecloths, curtains, pillows, etc.

Small Household Goods: Kitchen Items, home decorative items, small electronics and more.

See our Parish Constant Contact for more information!

If you have any questions please email Jon McLaughlin at JPMo887@gmail.com



Just in case you missed the Stephen Ministry article published in the Lowell Sun!



In an average Catholic parish, one priest is often responsible for ministering to hundreds of parishioners registered to their parish.

In Dracut, the Rev. Seán Maher, administrator at St. Francis Parish, is assisted by Deacon Mike Tompkins, staff and many devoted volunteers. However, he is the sole priest assigned to a very busy parish.

“I had often felt bad about not being able to spend more time with people who needed someone to accompany them with faith during a difficult moment,” he said. Maher learned from another parish about the Stephen Ministry, a lay group that walks alongside others during life’s difficulties. Promptly, he appealed to parishioners who might be interested in being trained as Stephen Ministers to confidentially support others through health issues, job loss, grief, strained relationships, loneliness and more.

“It is rooted in faith and acknowledges how we are called to care for one another without being the Messiah. Stephen Ministers know they are caregivers but Christ is the cure giver,” he said.

The Stephen Ministry was established in St. Louis, Mo., in 1975 and is currently active in more than 13,000 congregations representing 180 denominations, all 50 states, all 10 Canadian provinces and 30 other countries. More than 600,000 laypeople have been trained worldwide and, according to Stephen Ministries St. Louis, more than 1.5 million people have had a Stephen Minister confidentially walk with them during tough times

The ministry is named for St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr who, according to the Biblical Book of Acts, was chosen to provide caring ministry to those in need.

At St. Francis, a team of three leaders — Sharon Coram, Paula Bain and Karen DiBona — answered the initial call from Maher. They’ve spent the past five months training by Zoom a group of 17 new volunteers, who were commissioned on April 17 as official Stephen Ministers. The timing during a pandemic with the economic, social, health and relationship impact that will surely linger into the future makes this training especially urgent, said Coram, a retired registered nurse from Dracut.

“We are trained to provide care and support of many issues, and in particular to those brought to light because of the pandemic,” she said.

“The significant burden many face may be due to the lack of connecting in person with family and friends for so long a time, particularly if they are not comfortable using the technologies of connecting virtually,” Coram added.

Bain, of Lowell, also a registered nurse, would often

“pray to be a blessing in my patients’ lives, to make their day just a little bit better, and, with the help of God, hopefully reflect his light in their darkest moments. The Stephen Ministry is very much like nursing as you are walking and caring for people often during the most challenging, stressful and painful times of their lives.”

If anyone had a reason to say “no” to the call of this ministry, it would be DiBona — wife, mother of four children aged elementary through high school, and a communications coordinator for the busy River of Divine Mercy Catholic Collaborative. Yet, she has a belief that when God asks something of us, we can trust in him to work out the details, she said.

“The idea that my work would deeply impact even one person’s life, and bring him or her peace, joy and wholeness was all the ‘yes’ that I needed,” said DiBona, of Dracut.

Paul Gauthier, a retired Market Basket store manager, was among the 17 recently trained and commissioned. Ironically, volunteering on another project — tending the parish’s vegetable garden that benefits the Merrimack Valley Food Bank — led him to the Stephen Ministry.

“When I heard about the Stephen Ministry, I asked for a sign if this is what I was meant to do. A couple of days later, I was working in the garden at church and Paula Bain said to me, ‘Paul, you’d be a great Stephen Minister,’ and that was my sign,” he said.

Gauthier, of Dracut, reflected on the different emotions over the five months of training. “This is a huge responsibility. What if I make a mistake? But the classes and the interaction with the team members helped build my confidence,” he said. “The program has taught me to listen to people, to affirm their feelings, to empathize, to be there for them and to provide support while maintaining confidentiality.”

DiBona adds, “God has worked out the details, and our ministry is already working — already allowing Christ to care for people through people.”

Others commissioned were Laurie Bernard, Suzanne Conroy, Stephen Dolan, Joanne Glynn, Darlene Farren, Peggy Hassett, Elsa Marsh, Pauline Nutter, Grace O’Connor, Bob O’Connor, Jennie Paretto, Pat Penrose, Kathy Pettengill, Collette Piché, Carolyn Sullivan and Mary Walker.

For more information on Stephen Ministries, visit stephenministries.org or www.saintfrancis.net or email Stephenministry@saintfrancis.net.


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