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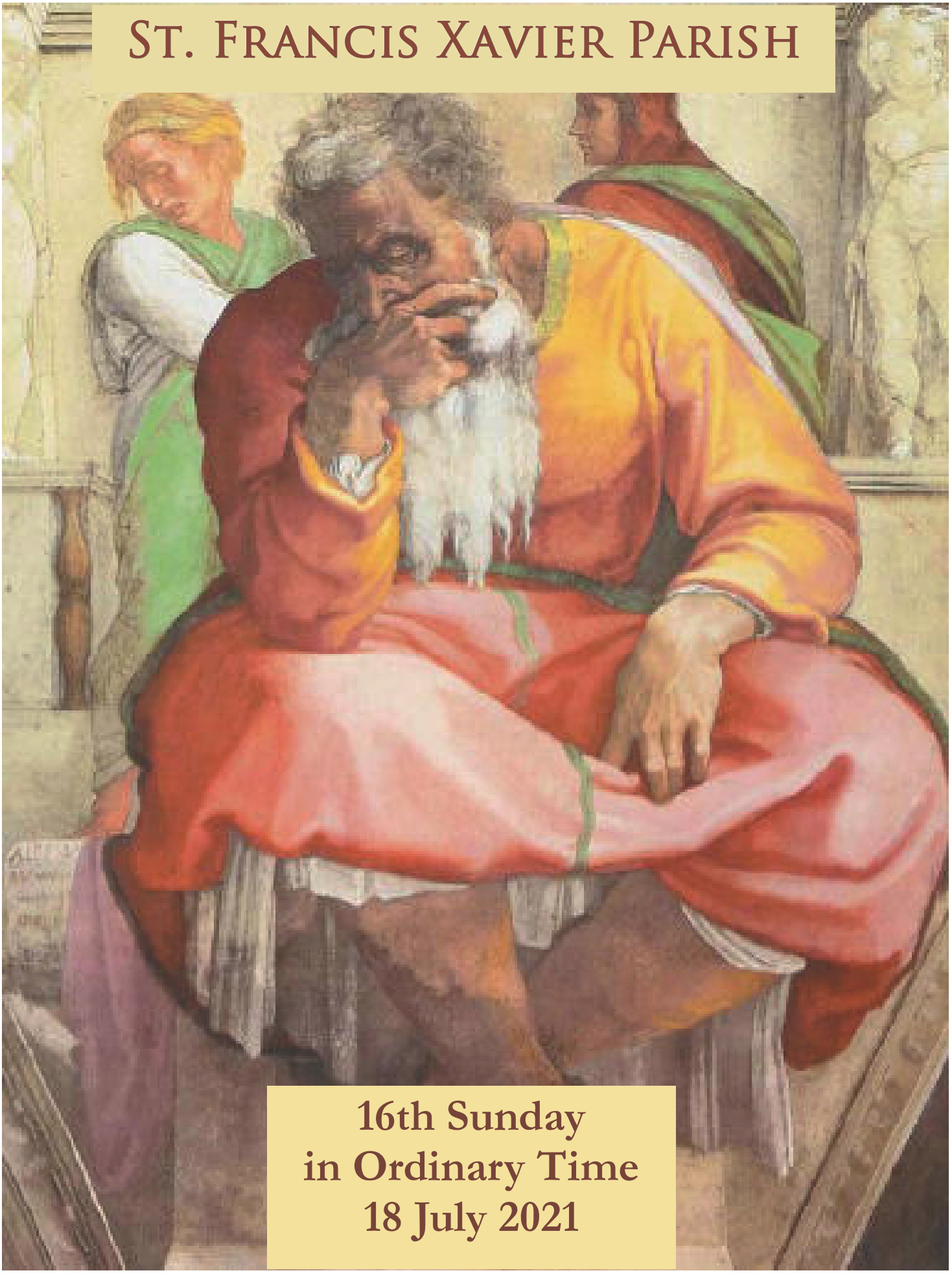

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
18 July 2021

Mass Schedule

(July 17th- July 25th)

Sat.	**July 17**	**16th Sunday OT Vigil *(Gr)***
	4:00 p.m.	Yvette & Ovila Hebert
Sun.	**July 18**	**16th Sunday in Ord Time *(Gr)***
	8:00 a.m.	Joseph Mello
	10:30 a.m.	*Pro Populo*
Mon.	**July 19**	**Feria *(Gr)***
	9:00 a.m.	Intentions of Ana Soares and Elizabeth Raposo
Tues.	**July 20**	**St. Apollinaris *(Rd)***
	9:00 a.m.	Diane Dubois Guerette
Wed.	**July 21**	**St. Lawrence of Brindisi *(Wh)***
	9:00 a.m.	Barry Fuller
Thurs.	**July 22**	**St. Mary Magdalene *(Wh)***
	9:00 a.m.	Intentions of Janine Hammarquist
Fri.	**July 23**	**St. Bridget *(Wh)***
	9:00 a.m.	Donald LaBrode
Sat.	**July 24**	**St. Sharbel Makhluf *(Wh)***
	9:00 a.m.	Therese Ledoux
Sat.	**July 24**	**17th Sunday OT Vigil *(Gr)***
	4:00 p.m.	*Pro Populo*
Sun.	**July 25**	**17th Sunday in Ord Time *(Gr)***
	8:00 a.m.	Stacey Gwozdz
	10:30 a.m.	Albertina & Eliseu Correia

Note: *Feria* designates a weekday which does not celebrate a feast or memorial for a saint or other dedication.

Pro Populo means a Holy Mass "for the people". It indicates the obligation for priests to celebrate one Sunday or Holy Day Mass for their parishioners.

Prayers Please

… for all the sick of our parish: those homebound, in the hospital, and nursing facilities; and for all the souls in purgatory**.**

Sanctuary Lamp

During Eucharistic Adoration please pray for the following person for whose intention the Sanctuary Candle burns this week.

Eddie Tetrault

SFX Prayer Line

Please call 508-850-6649 between 8am & 8pm
Or email your prayer request to:
sfxprayerline@gmail.com

Financial Report

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	$ 4,328.00
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time	$ 3,779.00
Building Fund	$ 2,912.00

From the Pastor's Desk

Our Parish's New Mary Garden

A beautiful medieval tradition now has a home at our church with the completion of our parish's Mary Garden on the front lawn of the rectory. Centuries ago, gardens like this one were planted with flowers that symbolically represent the different events in Mary's life, and I would like to share with you today what some of those connections are.

First, I want to renew my thanks to Rodney Laberge for his donation of the beautiful statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary that originally stood in front of the now-demolished Immaculate Conception Church in Fall River. The snake being crushed by Mary's feet, with the fruit representing original sin in its mouth, is the visual representation of Mary's conception without any trace of original sin, by gift of the prevenient grace of her Son's sacrifice. I am also grateful to the owners of Parting Ways Service Station for donating the furnishings of the shrine which will be a sign to all of those who pass by it.

Now, to the flowers. I will note that there is space for additional flowers that I hope will be planted in the future, but at present these are the ones that were available to be planted:

Rose: The rose is Mary's flower; their red color calls to mind the image of Mary's Immaculate Heart which is surrounded by roses.

Lily: At the Annunciation the Angel Gabriel is often depicted holding a lily, a sign of Mary's purity and virginity. These flowers recall this event when Mary gave her "yes" to God's plan for her life.

Lavender: Is associated with the Flight into Egypt.

Iris: The pointed flowers of the iris are similar to spears, and call to mind the Passion of Christ through which His mother Mary accompanied Him.

Peony: In Germany this is known as the Pentecost Rose because of when its flower blooms. Their red flowers, when in bloom, will signify the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon Mary and the disciples gathered in prayer on that first Pentecost.

I am grateful to the graduates of our parish school who helped me to complete the landscaping of the garden. I would like to ask for your help as well: if anyone reading this has a green thumb and experience with gardening and would like to be part of a group that maintains the Mary Garden, please see me after Mass or contact me. Let's work together to maintain this beautiful place of prayer!

Parish Information

Parish Office Hours

Mon-Fri: 9:30am – 4:00pm
Please make an appointment to meet with
Father Williams to schedule a Baptism or Wedding.

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Holy Mass

Sunday 8:00 a.m., & 10:30 a.m.
Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m.
Monday-Saturday 9:00 a.m.
First Friday 9:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Confessions

Monday 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Saturday 9:30-10:00 a.m.
Saturday 3:00-3:45 p.m.
First Fridays 6:45-7:15 p.m.
Any Time by Appointment

Adoration

Monday 9:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m.
Tuesday 6:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m.
Wednesday 6:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m.
Thursday 6:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m.
Friday 6:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m.
Saturday 6:30 a.m.-2:45 p.m.

Vespers & Benediction

Monday & Wednesday: 6:30 p.m.

Readings for Week July 18, 2021

Sunday:	Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34
Monday:	Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc,-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1b]/Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday:	Ex 14:21—15:1/Ex 15:8-9, 10 and 12, 17 [1b]/Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday:	Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28 [24b]/Mt 13:1-9
Thursday:	Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2]/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Friday:	Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [cf. Jn 6:68c]/Mt 13:18-23
Saturday:	Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [14a]/Mt 13:24-30

Sacred Heart Cemetery and Saint Mary Cemetery have 1, 2, 3 & 4 grave lots available. For more information, call 508-998-1195.

Confessions

Monday: 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Saturday: 9:30 to 10:00 a.m.
Saturday: 3:00 to 3:45 p.m.

On The Cover

Jeremiah
by Michelangelo, Sistine Chapel Ceiling 1512

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*A reason to fit **Holy Mass** into your summer schedule: Wherever Mass is said anywhere in the world, millions of people you don't know are praying for you and with you. Where else can you get that kind of help?*

***Does your summer include taking a vacation from Mass?** Another reason to fit Holy Mass into your summer schedule: God commanded us to keep holy the Sabbath, and Mass is the way a Catholic fulfills that requirement. And if God tells us to do something, we should do it.*

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed Mon.-Sat. all day and the church is open so please stop in, even if only for a few minutes, to be with the Lord throughout the summer. He doesn't forget about us we should also not forget that He is there for us if we only open our hearts to let Him in.

During the Summer Remember to bring the message Home: Read the Gospels together, visit Catholic bookstores, display religious art in your home, visit a different Catholic Church while on vacation, and the most important attend Mass as a family.

Check out www.parishesonline.com to find a church or Mass time anywhere in the country.

*To keep informed of important dates please visit our Parish Master Calendar on our website at **www.sfxparish.com.***

God Bless, Mrs. Hammarquist

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WHILE THE KIDS ARE AWAY, WE CONTINUE TO PLAY !

Our office staff continues to grind away during the shortened summer office hours, finalizing registrations and securing supply orders for the 2021-2022 school year! Plans for our upcoming fundraiser are being finalized, and our school & parish community will be ready to **Glow in the Dark on August 12th.** Representatives for our School Events Committee will be present at the back of the church in the coming weeks to answer questions, take reservations and accept any donations.

Thank you in advance for your continued support of our parish school, and please pray for a continued happy and safe summer for our students, faculty and families.

God Bless,
Mrs. Michelle Russo/Principal

The apostles gathered together with Jesus and reported all they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." So they went off in the boat by themselves to a deserted place. - Mk 6:30-31b, 32

HAVE A GREEN THUMB? If anyone reading this has a green thumb and experience with gardening and would like to be part of a group that maintains the Mary Garden in front of the rectory, please see Fr. Willliams after Mass or contact him (rjw@gmail.com). Let's work together to maintain this beautiful place of prayer!

Catholic Kids Corner

Time for a Vacation

Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest." So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. Mark 6:30-32

The puzzle is based on Mark 6:30-34

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PEOPLE	TOWNS	SHEEP	BOAT	REST
APOSTLES	JESUS	CROWD	LARGE	TOWNS
SHEPHERD	SOLITARY	EAT	QUIET	TEACH

"Not all women have fruits of their own womb, but all women are called upon to be mothers: that is, self-giving, self-sacrificing in the silence of their loving heart."

-Alice Von Hildebrand, Ph.D.

Today's Reflection:

In what ways can I nurture life in others? Am I willing to make the sacrifice?

SUNDAY 25 JULY 2021

THEME: "I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS" (MT 20:28)

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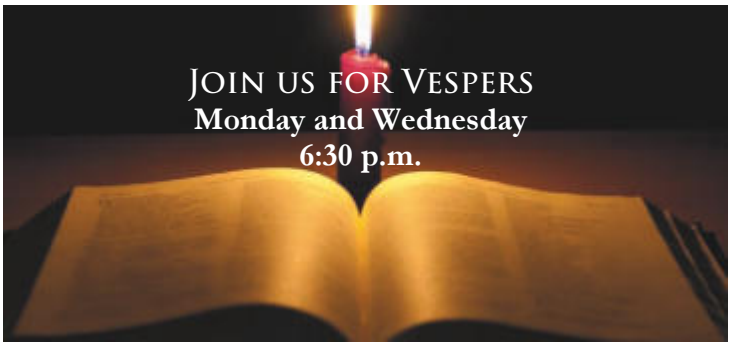
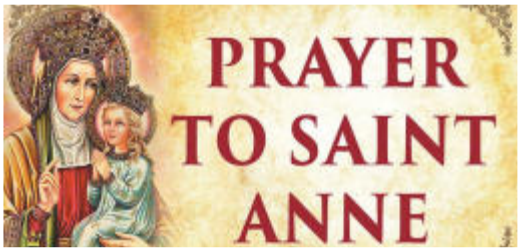


CLOSING FOR RENOVATIONS

The Office will be closed for renovations the week of July 19 - 23. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. If you need to contact us, please send an e-mail to office@sfxparish.com or if you need to reach Fr. Williams, rjw@sfxparish.com. Rest assured, we will get back to you as soon as possible. Our floors are in need of a long-overdue facelift. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

NOVENA IN HONOR OF SAINT ANNE

Begins July 19 at 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm. The 149 Solemn Novena in honor of Saint Anne will be held in St. Anne's Shrine in Fall River and continues through July 25. The daily schedule is as follows: 6 p.m. Rosary and Confessions; 6:30 p.m. Mass; 7 p.m. Novena Devotions with Spiritual Talk. This year's preacher will be Father Andre Feain, FI.



ELEVATOR OPERATORS

If you were one of our dedicated Elevator Operators prior to the pandemic and are willing to resume your "post", would you please contact the office and let Andrea know which Mass you will be attending? We are currently working on the new schedule for the upcoming months and will incorporate Elevator Operators into it. Thank you in advance!

UPCOMING SECOND & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

July 25th	Diocesan Assessment
August 1st	Peter's Pence

Holy Mother Church dedicates the month of July to the Precious Blood of Jesus, which was "shed for the many, for the remission of sins" (Matthew 26:28). Like the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the subject of Catholic devotion in June, the Precious Blood has long been venerated for its role in our redemption.

On-Line Giving

Convenient, Automated Donations for Your Busy Summer - It's summer time! While summer travels may take you places, your donations can still make it into the offertory basket thanks to the convenience of automatic recurring giving. Simply set up your donor account today at https://app.gabrielsoft.com/guest/mafrdiocese/36 *or follow the link on our website* SFXparish.com and then don't worry about mailing in any weekly envelopes before packing your suitcase.

Grocery Cards

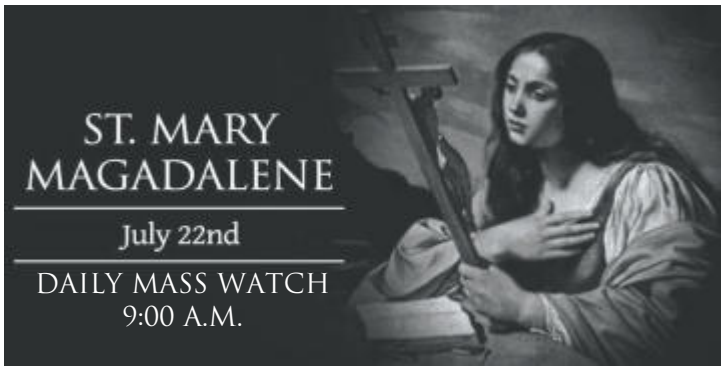
Grocery cards for Stop & Shop, Trucchi's and Shaw's are still available through the Parish Office and the church receives 5% of every purchase. If you would like to purchase cards, please send an email to office@sfxparish.com or call the office at 508-995-7600 to request the store of preference and the denomination amounts. These cards come in $10, $25, $50, and $100 denominations. You can purchase these for your own shopping or for charitable gift giving.

CATHOLIC YOUTH DAY ON MARTHA'S VINEYARD

On Saturday, August 14 the Diocese is sponsoring a day-long event for young people with Bishop da Cunha on Martha's Vineyard. The day is free for participants and will include transportation, ferry ride to the Oak Bluff, lunch, opportunity to visit shops, activities, talks, music adoration and Mass with the Bishop. Bus pick-up begins at 8:30am, with attendees returning by 10pm to their respective parishes. To register, please contact the parish office.

Diocesan 40 Hour Devotion

Our Parish has accepted the invitation to participate in a new ministry which started on 9 July 2021. It is the traditional 40-Hour Devotion but practiced in a new, unique way. Churches throughout the Diocese are participating by holding Adoration for 3 hours, rotating consecutively through all the churches until the 40 hours are completed. Our hours will be Fridays from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. There will be a shared monthly diocesan intention that will be forthcoming as well as our own monthly parish intention. It is a wonderful opportunity to unite our diocese in prayer while simultaneously building faith in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.



QUO VADIS DAYS Quo Vadis Days is a retreat/camp opportunity for young men ages 14 to 19 (those entering high school to those entering college) to grow in their faith, make friends, and learn to discern their vocation. The weeklong program August 9th to August 13th includes prayer and sports, talks on living the faith and understanding the different vocations, Mass and Adoration, mountain hiking, and fraternity. It is a great chance for them to build friendships with others their ages who are living their faith, as well as to get to know the seminarians of the diocese. The cost is $100. Any young man interested in attending should contact Father Kevin Cook, Director of Vocations for the Fall River Diocese, at frcook@fallrivervocations.org.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

After a long hiatus due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, the St. Vincent de Paul Society is now accepting donations of non-perishable food items such as breakfast cereal, peanut butter & jellies, soup, canned ravioli & spaghetti (such as Spaghettios), canned tuna & chicken. Grocery cards are also a great way to donate. It has been a tough year but we can now see that light at the end of the tunnel! Thank you so much for all your support during the Pandemic.

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