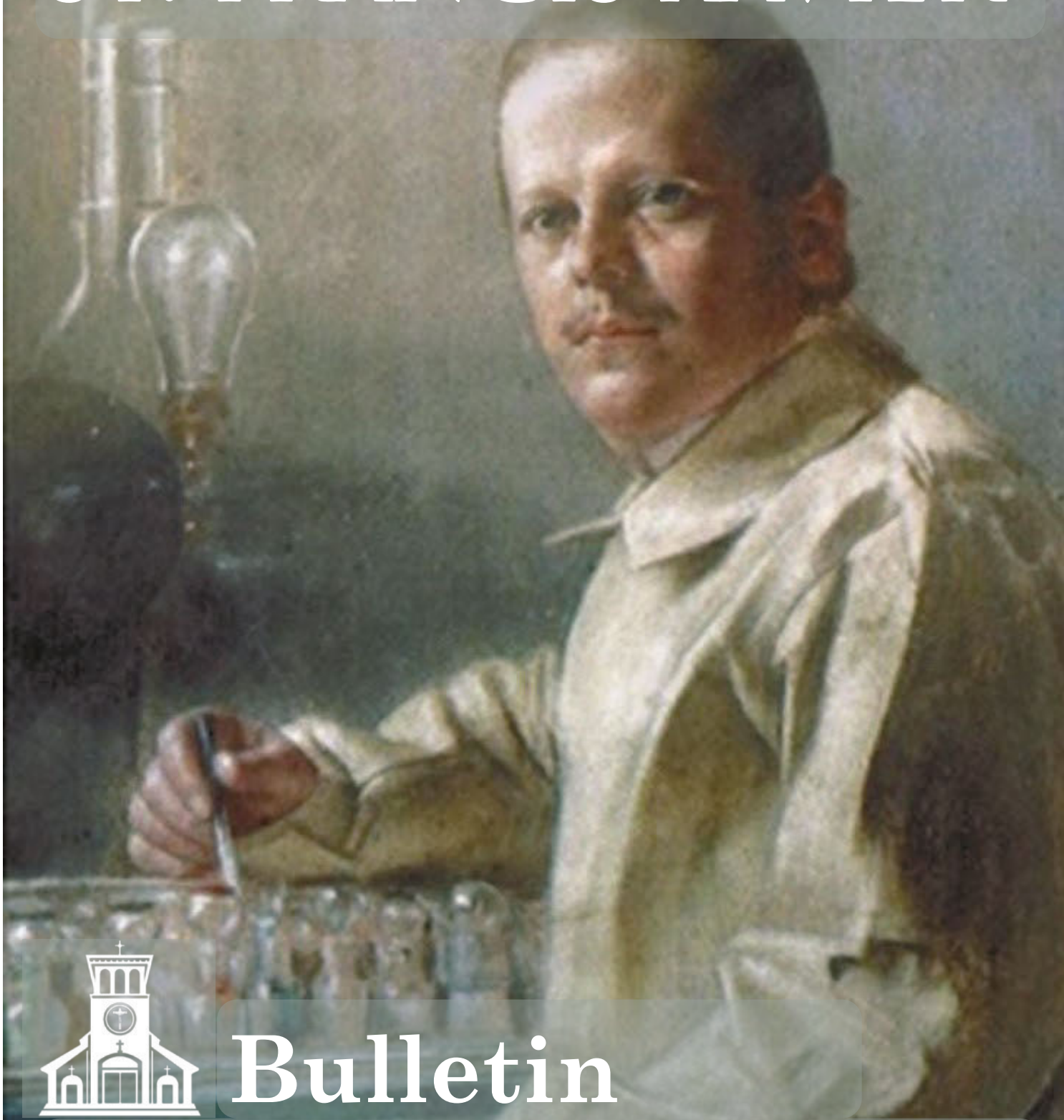


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Bulletin

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1.19.25

Blessed Ladislaus Batthyány-Strattmann (28 October 1870 – 22 January 1951)

Feast day: January 22nd | Beatified in 2003

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MASS TIMES

Sunday

8am and 10:30am

Saturday

4pm (Vigil)

Monday - Saturday

9am

First Friday

9am & 6pm

CONFESSIONS

Monday

5:30-6:30pm

Saturday

9:30-10:00am

& 3:00-3:45pm

First Fridays 6:45-7:15pm

Any Time by Appointment

ADORATION

Monday-Friday

6:30am-8:45am, 9:30am-8:30pm

Saturday

6:30am-8:45am, 9:30am-2:45pm

ROSARY - Monday-Saturday 9:30am

EVENING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION - Monday 6:30pm

PARISH INFO

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY

9:30am - 4pm

TUESDAY

9:30am - 4pm

THURSDAY

9:30am - 4pm

FRIDAY

9:30am - 4pm

WEDNESDAY

9:30am - 1pm

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Mass Intentions

(Jan 18th– Jan 26th)

Sat.	Jan 19	4:00pm	2 nd Sunday Vigil (<i>Gr</i>) Louise Tetreault
Sun.	Jan 20	8:00am	2 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (<i>Gr</i>) Jean Cerulli
		10:30am	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon.	Jan 20	9:00am	St. Fabian (<i>Rd</i>) Ben S. Fouts
Tues.	Dec 21	9:00am	St. Agnes (<i>Rd</i>) Grace Delia Winsper
Wed.	Jan 22	9:00am	Day of Prayer for the legal Defense of Unborn Children (<i>Vi</i>) Compassionate End to Abortion
Thurs.	Jan 23	9:00am	St. Vincent (<i>Wh</i>) Peter Marchese
Fri.	Jan 24	9:00am	St. Francis de Sale (<i>Wh</i>) Jose & Maria Belo Alves
Sat.	Jan 25	9:00am	Conversion of St. Paul (<i>Wh</i>) Linda Edwards
Sat.	Jan 25	4:00pm	3 rd Sunday Vigil (<i>Gr</i>) Joao & Maria Lourenco & Family
Sun.	Jan 26	8:00am	2 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (<i>Gr</i>) <i>Pro Populo</i>
		10:30am	Manny & Anne Medeiros

The Altar Bread and Wine for the month of January were donated in memory of the Guilbeault Family and Roger.

Sanctuary Lamp

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

Anibal Tavares

Altar Flowers

“Altar flowers beautify the Sanctuary and glorify God. They reflect not only the beauty of God’s creation but works of beauty that we can offer back to God.”

Altar Flowers donations of \$100.00 will be acknowledged in the bulletin unless otherwise requested.

Parish Finances

The Baptism of the Lord \$ 3,435.00

On Line Giving

Weekly Collection \$ 1,400.33

Miscellaneous \$ 105.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Upcoming Second & Special Collections

January 19	Diocesan Assessment
January 26	SFX School Collection

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

PARISH COUNCIL—I’m pleased to share that we’ve restarted the Parish Pastoral Council. This council will provide an important opportunity for collaboration and input from parishioners as we work together to enrich the life of our parish.

The council is made up of:

Ex Officio Members

Fr. Ryan Healy, Pastor
Deacon David Pepin
Haley Rogers, Principal of St. Francis Xavier School
Phil Martin, Director of Religious Education

Ministry Representatives

Robin Bachstein (St. Vincent de Paul)
Mary Cardoza (Adoration Coordinator)
Jay Hamel (Men of St. Joseph and Youth Ministry)
Marisa Hamel (Young Families and Mothers Ministry)
Mary Hadley (Events Committee Chair)
Amy Plante (Women of Grace)

Parishioner Representatives

Holly Clavell (Chairperson)
Kevin Kowzic
Bethany Pollard-Kowzic
Ann Wynne

Our tentative meetings for the remainder of this year are scheduled as follows:

- Wednesday, March 12th
- Wednesday, May 14th
- Wednesday, July 9th
- Wednesday, September 10th
- Wednesday, November 12th

If you have any ideas or suggestions for enriching our parish life, I encourage you to share them with me or one of the council members. We’re here to listen and bring those ideas to the table for discussion.

Thank you for your ongoing support and prayers for our parish. I look forward to seeing the fruits of this collaboration as we move forward together.

FR. BOOTH CARE PACKAGE—Fr. Steve Booth’s birthday was a couple weeks ago, and we’d like to celebrate him in a special way. Many of you know that Fr. Booth grew up here at SFX, serving as an altar boy and MC during his high school years before entering seminary in 2012 at age 18.

After ordination in 2020, Fr. Booth served as parochial vicar at St. Julie’s in Dartmouth and then as administrator of St. Joan of Arc in Orleans. After years of preparation, he was deployed in September 2024 as a U.S. Navy Chaplain. He now serves as the Catholic chaplain for the community at **Naval Air Station Sigonella** in Sicily—known as “The Hub of the Med.” This base is the Navy’s second-largest security command, and Fr. Booth ministers to American Catholic families there, much like a parish pastor. He also provides spiritual care at a nearby Navy hospital.

We are so proud of his service to our country and would like to send him a care package from the parish. If you would like to contribute a note, please bring it to me at Mass or drop it off at the parish office by **Friday, January 24th**.

Religious Education, School Happenings, etc..



S.F.X. RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Classes for the 2024/2025 school year are in full swing!

Please drop off students by 9:15am at the back door on the left side of the church. Parents/guardians of grades 1-8 are asked to arrive at the school gym after drop off. Pick up will be in the parking lot at 10:15am. If you have any questions please contact Mr. Phil Martin, Director of Religious Education, at pjm@sfxparish.com or (774)-473-5592.

Full Class Schedule including First Communion
date can be found on the Parish Website
Sfxparish.com

eucharistic adoration at sfx

"By being faithful to a Holy Hour of Adoration you can teach by example. "The young should be taught the value of Eucharistic Adoration."

(St. John Paul, II)

SFX offers Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the week in our Sacred Hearts Adoration Chapel, located next to the sanctuary: Mon 9:30a-8:30p, Tues-Fri 6:30am-8:30pm and Sat 6:30am-2:45pm. To sign up for a regular weekly hour of Adoration or as a substitute, please contact Mary Cardoza or sign onto our Adoration website at <https://sfx.weadorehim.com/>.

st. francis xavier school

St. Francis Xavier Catholic School is the primary apostolate of St. Francis Xavier Church serving families from PK3 through 8th grade. To learn more visit sfxacushnet.com/admissions.



OPEN HOUSE

Sunday,

January 26, 2025

12-2pm

- take a tour
- meet teachers, parents and students
- registration opens for 2025-2026 on February 3rd

The Wisdom of the Saints

BL. LADISLAUS BATTHYÁNY-STRATTMANN (JANUARY 22ND)

"If you want to be happy, make others happy".

László Batthyány was born on 28 October 1870 in Dunakiliti, Hungary in a family that dates back to the time of the Hungarian conquest. He first attended the grammar school run by the Jesuits in Kalksburg, then he moved to Kalocsa. He completed his secondary school studies in Uzshorod. He started university at the Economic Academy of Vienna, then went on to study at the Rudolphiana University. He graduated in arts in 1896 and in 1900 he became a medical doctor.

In 1901 he opened a hospital with twenty (later on thirty) beds for the poor next to the castle in Kittsee, which he received from his father. He also set up a hospital in his castle in Körmend and equipped it with state-of-the-art medical equipment of his age, moreover, he also developed such equipment. He specialized in ophthalmological surgery. He treated the poor for free, gave them medicine, and he also gave clothes and money to the needy. He treated 60 to 100 patients a day. From 1921 he treated five thousand patients a year in his hospital in Körmend and he financed the salary of the hospital staff from his own funds. He took care of both the patients' physical health and their spiritual well-being. Before surgeries he used to pray with them, asking for God's blessing for his work. He used to say that he performed the surgery but it was God who granted the healing, he was only an instrument in God's hands. When the patients were about to leave the hospital, he gave each of them a prayer card or some booklet of spiritual reading.

In 1898 he married Countess Maria Theresia Coreth, who became a real partner for him. She was his right hand even in his work. They had thirteen children, and the principal law of their home and the source of the family's happiness was Christ's commandment of love. Their daily routine always included Holy Mass, common prayer and good deeds. From 1907 till his death, László Batthyány prayed the Little Office of Our Lady in Latin every day, and he prayed the rosary in the evening. In 1916, László, his son Ödön and his sister-in-law (Lili Coreth, who later became a Benedictine nun) entered the Franciscan third order.

In 1929 he was diagnosed with serious illness, cancer, and was referred to the Löw sanatorium in Vienna. He fought with the illness for 14 months, always firmly confident in God's goodness. Despite the terrible pain he suffered from, he always received his guests willingly and with joy. His heroic behaviour deeply impressed everyone and strengthened their faith. He died on 22 January 1931. The day before his death he asked his family: *"Take me to the balcony so that I can shout to the whole world that God is good!"*

His body was taken to Körmend, where it lay in state in the chapel of the castle. His cured patients and his poor came to pray in front of his coffin in endless cues and said sobbing: the prince was a saint. His body was buried in Némétújvár (today Güssing) in the family vault. He was beatified in Rome on 23 March 2003.



Happenings & Needs

baptismal prayers



Please pray for **Oliver, Vivienne and Cooper Waite** who will be baptized today, Sunday, January 19th.

May they grow in their awareness of the Lord's great love for them and celebrate that love in the Lord's family.

annual diocesan anniversary mass

You are cordially invited to renew your wedding vows with Most Rev. Edgar M. Da Cunha, S.D.V., D.D., Bishop of Fall River at the Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass, Sunday, **February 9, 2025**. The event is to take place at 3:00pm, at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption, located at 327 Second Street, Fall River, MA 02721. To register please contact the parish office at 508-995-7600 or by emailing Andrea at office@sfxparish.com.

celebrate the joy of marriage



St. Valentine's Day Date Night: "The Finest Wine," on **Saturday, February 15**, at The Father Peyton Center Campus, 518 Washington St., N. Easton, MA. Begins at 5 pm with the Vigil Mass and Renewal of Vows at St. Joseph Chapel, followed by dinner, presentation on the Wedding Feast at Cana, and fellowship from 6 pm – 8 pm in The Father Peyton Center. Event is free but donations are gratefully accepted. **Registration required** at: hcfm.info/valentine or email mission@hcfm.org or call **508-238-4095**. (Register early; event sold out last year.)

grocery card program

Please use our grocery card program. It is of no cost whatsoever to you but seriously helps this parish financially. We offer denominations of \$25, \$50, & \$100 of **Stop & Shop, Trucchi's and Shaw's grocery cards**. For each card sold, the church receives a 5% profit. Thank you to all who organize the program and thank you to those who use it. Please join them!

sfx prayer line

In need of prayer? Would you like to join our prayer line? Please call 508-264-4812 between 8am & 8pm
Or email your prayer requests to:
sfxprayerministry@gmail.com



office of safe environment

At St. Francis Xavier Parish we all work together to protect our children and vulnerable adults. Please visit the Diocesan Safe Environment page for information on how we protect the faithful, and the steps involved to minister, work, or volunteer in the Diocese. <https://www.fallriverdiocese.org/office-of-safe-environment/>

"Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Mark 10:14

parish online giving



For the convenience of our parishioners online donations are encouraged. You can use this platform for weekly offerings, misc. donations, Capital Campaign and much more !!

women's retreat

A Woman's Retreat will be offered at LaSalette Retreat House February 7th – 9th, 2025. Focusing on the Light of Christ, the retreat will delve into winter stillness to explore how women may present Christ as the Light of the World somewhat differently than men. Are you feeling pulled in every direction? Discover how Christ's radiant light can renew your spirit and guide you through life's challenges. Join fellow women of faith at this transformative Catholic retreat. Step away from daily demands to deepen your connection with God, find serenity, and embrace new strength. Through prayer, fellowship, and inspiring conversations, you will leave refreshed, empowered, and ready to shine Christ's light in every corner of your life. Don't miss your chance to be spiritually refreshed and uplifted. For more information, call the retreat house or visit their website: www.lasaletteretreatcenter.org/2025womenretreat

baptisms & weddings

If you would like to schedule a Baptism or Wedding, you may find the guidelines and procedures on our parish website: <https://www.sfxparish.com/sacraments/>

sponsor certificate requests

Please remember that sponsors for both Baptism and Confirmation are required by canon law to be practicing Catholics in good standing with the Church. This means that the priests of the parish can sign sponsor certificates only for parishioners who faithfully attend Mass on Sunday. We rely on the honesty and integrity of those who request such certificates to know if the requirements to be a sponsor are met.



Happenings & Needs

emmaus retreat

Please join us for our next Emmaus Retreat that will take place on Friday, February 28th to Sunday, March 2nd, 2025, at LaSalette Retreat Center in Attleboro, MA! Emmaus is a retreat for men and women (ages 20+) who seek to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ, regardless of their present level of faith or practice. We want to invite you to join us on our next Emmaus weekend. You will be welcomed by a loving community, spend time in personal and communal prayer, and celebrate the sacraments. For more information or to apply online, email us at emmausretreats@gmail.com or visit our website: www.emmausretreats.com.

homebound ministry

If you have a family member who is homebound or in a nursing home and would like to receive Holy Communion, please call the office and Fr. Ryan, Deacon Pepin, or one of our Extraordinary Ministers will be happy to visit with them and bring them the Eucharist.

SFX maintains a list of all homebound parishioners – we kindly ask that you bring to our attention **any elderly or infirmed parishioners** who are no longer able to attend Mass and may be in need of the Sacraments.

report of parish offerings

If you would like a printed report of your 2024 offerings, please call the parish office and we would be glad to mail/email this to you (or you may also call ahead to pick this up).

winter cancellations

As a rule we do not cancel Holy Mass for stormy weather, however we ask that you do not risk driving to the parish church in dangerous weather conditions. Further, if you are a regularly scheduled Eucharistic adorer, you should receive a message via the We Adore Him system for any cancellations. A message will be sent to you by your notification preference (phone call, text message or email). If you are a regularly scheduled adorer, and do not receive a call in the event of a storm, please contact Andrea in the parish office so she can check and update your contact information for future calls. Thank you.

welcome to st. francis xavier parish

Welcome to St. Francis Xavier and thank you for joining us today. Please contact the parish office for information on how to register as a parishioner or visit our website: <https://www.sfxparish.com/parish-info/register-with-the-parish/>.

parish apostolates at sfx

The *Women of Grace* - is our parish women's group. To put it plainly, if you are a woman and reading this, you are a Woman of Grace (WOG). Think of us as a team – there are no tryouts to become part of us. WOG is open to all women –both in our parish and those surrounding. For more information, contact Amy Plante at amyplante122@gmail.com

The *Men of St. Joseph* - is our parish men's group. We are a group of Catholic men, who meet regularly for evenings of recollection to pray together and be encouraged to be spiritual leaders. For more information, please contact Jay Hamel at jayhamel8@yahoo.com

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is our primary parish apostolate for directly serving the poor and hungry. Our society serves primarily parishioners and those living in the community of Acushnet. For more information contact Robin & Michael Bachstein at 508-789-2631. Meetings are held monthly on the 1st Monday.

New Mothers Group - is here to support mothers— new mothers, mothers with young children, those with new-born babies or toddlers. We meet monthly for sorority, sharing, and support. For more information, contact Marisa Hamel at meddl519@gmail.com

Millions of Monicas - Join with other women (mothers, grandmothers, etc.) as we pray for our children and grandchildren to return to the Catholic Church. Meetings are held weekly on Mondays at 7:00pm in the church.

St. Anna Schaffer Prayer Shawl Ministry - Members meet every first Tuesday of the month in the Parish Center. Those who are not able to come to meetings may knit in their homes, and those who wish to learn will be helped by our hearty veterans! For more information, contact Dianna Couto - paintinggrammar5@yahoo.com

Apostolate meeting dates are posted in the bulletin and also on the SFX parish online calendar:

<https://www.sfxparish.com/parish-calendar/>

holiday office closing

On Monday, 20 January, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the parish office will be closed. However, we will still have morning Mass at 9 am and our full Eucharistic Adoration program. Vespers and Confession are cancelled for that evening, but there will be Confession *after* the 9 am Mass on Monday morning. **Please note** that this is our usual liturgical schedule for federal holidays.

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