



St. Francis of Assisi Parish

ST. JOSEPH'S CHAPEL  
ST. THOMAS A BECKET CHURCH

April 28, 2024

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Bulletin updates email to bulletinsfb@gmail.com

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	
Tuesday ▪ 6:00PM ▪ <b>St. Joseph Chapel</b> In the event a cancellation is necessary it will be announced	
Rosary	
Tuesday ▪ 7:10PM ▪ <b>St. Joseph Chapel</b> For more information contact Liz via phone or text at 774.364.2158	

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

*"I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people."*

# MASS INTENTIONS

Week of April 28, 2024

*faith*  
**Formation**



SUNDAY, APRIL 28 · GR. 1-6 MASS CLASS

04/27/2024	SATURDAY 4:00PM	(+) Carmela LaMacchia <i>Req by: Bill &amp; Vickie King</i>
04/28/2024	SUNDAY 8:00AM	For All Living and Deceased Members of The Orszulak Family <i>Req by: Paul Lizak</i>
	SUNDAY 10:30AM	(+) Donald & Marylou Nelson <i>Req by: Shirley Salvadore and Family</i>
04/29/2024	MONDAY 9:00AM	Healing for Megan Fitzgerald <i>Req by: St. Francis of Assisi Rosary Group</i>
04/30/2024	TUESDAY 9:00AM	Votive Offerings
05/01/2024	WEDNESDAY 9:00AM	Pastor's Intentions
05/04/2024	SATURDAY 4:00PM	Pastor's Intentions
05/05/2024	SUNDAY 8:00AM	(+) Deceased Members of the Aliquo Family <i>Req by: Rosmary and Joe</i>
	SUNDAY 10:30AM	(+) Joseph & Beatrice Jannette and Deceased Members of Their Family <i>Req by: The Family</i>



Tues. 6PM - 7PM  
ADORATION AND  
BENEDICTION OF THE  
BLESSED SACRAMENT  
along with 7:10PM  
ROSARY GROUP  
will be hosted at  
**ST. JOSEPH CHAPEL**

**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 or a phone call (*please include their address/phone number*) so they know that they are not alone and that they are in our thoughts & prayers.



**ST. ALOYSIUS CATHOLIC SCHOOL PTO**

**5K FOR PLAY**

A COMMUNITY EVENT TO HELP FUND THE JOE C. KNIGHT MEMORIAL PLAYGROUND FOR ST. ALOYSIUS CATHOLIC SCHOOL!

SAVE THE DATE!

**05.04.24**

@ GRENVILLE PARK WARE, MA 9AM-1PM

**TIME TO REGISTER & DONATE!**



REGISTER AND DONATE VIA RUNSIGNUP  
USE THE QR CODE OR GO TO  
[HTTPS://RUNSIGNUP.COM/RACE/MA/WARE/5KFORPLAY](https://runsignup.com/Race/MA/Ware/5KforPlay)

REGISTER BY APRIL 20TH TO SECURE YOUR T-SHIRT!

We are looking for business sponsors to donate \$300 or more  
QUESTIONS AND BUSINESS SPONSORS: PLEASE CONTACT KAYLA CASIELLO  
K.CASIELLO@STALOYSIUSCS.COM

Contact Deacon Malcom if you'd like to request a Mass

Parish Weekly Collection Week of: April 21, 2024	
Envelopes	\$1,136.00
Anonymous Cash	\$319.00
Loose Checks	\$465.00
On-Line Giving	\$1,040.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,960.00</b>
Special Collections That Stay in the Parish	
Fuel	\$0.00
Maintenance	\$50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>
Additional Collections That Leave the Parish	
Emergency Assistance Fund	\$20.00
Mass Stipends	\$130.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$150.00</b>
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$3,160.00</b>

*And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work*  
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 **The Women's Guild**  
 ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

**MONTHLY MEETING**


**Wednesday, May 8 · 6:30PM · St. Joseph's Hall**

**All Women of the Parish are Welcome**

Contact Mary Ann Jordan via email at [mjordan92557@gmail.com](mailto:mjordan92557@gmail.com) for more information.


## Jesus is the True Vine

Jesus says that He is the vine and we are the branches. Branches grow out from a vine and receive their food from the main stem. They grow leaves and bear fruit. Our souls get their life from Jesus. When we stay united with Him then our souls are healthy and able to do good works, like the grapes that grow on a healthy vine.



Doing a serious sin is like cutting oneself off of the main vine. The nutrition can't flow into the branch because it's cut off! The branch can't grow leaves or fruit and it withers and dries up. Even though you can't see it, that is what happens to a soul that doesn't have God's life coming into it.

Sometimes a branch of a vine needs to be pruned. A bit gets cut off, but then it grows even better where it was cut. In the same way, sometimes God lets us suffer, but then our souls can grow even stronger and bear more good fruit. Next time you are suffering, remember that God might be using this time to make your soul stronger!

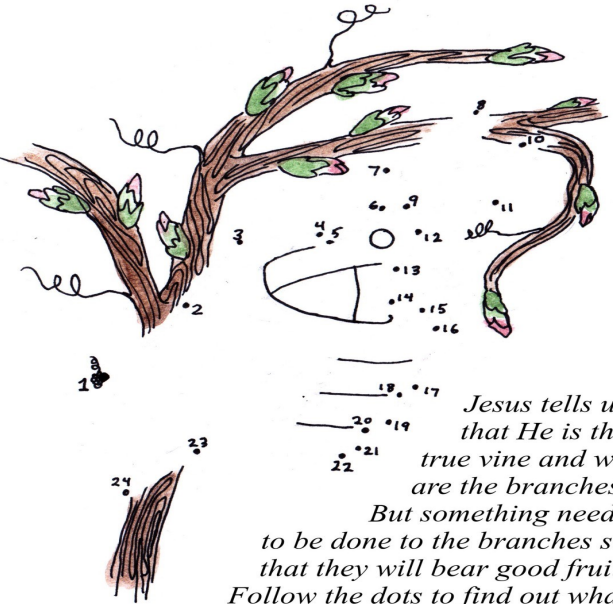


Answers to True or False: 1.true 2.true 3.true 4.true 5.false 6.true 7.false

[www.thekidsbulletin.com](http://www.thekidsbulletin.com)

## The Kids' Bulletin

### Fifth Sunday of Easter April 28th, 2024



Jesus tells us that He is the true vine and we are the branches. But something needs to be done to the branches so that they will bear good fruit. Follow the dots to find out what it is. (Start at the little grapes!)



Because of the generosity of 47 parishioners, we have surpassed our goal of \$25,000! Our parish has donated \$28,593 towards the Diocesan mission of charity, education and ministry! By your support we are able to be God's helping hands, serving thousands of families and individuals throughout Worcester County.  
Thank You!

# Barre Food Pantry

Kindly remember your donations of nonperishable food items as well as health and beauty aids for the Barre Food Pantry in the vestibules of the churches.

Distribution dates are the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 10am -11:30am and the 3rd Thursday from 5:30pm -7pm at the Barre Congregational Church.

Thank you for your generosity and support!

**St. Francis of Assisi Parish Rectory**  
**Sunday, May 5th · 1pm - 3pm**  
**Spring Open House**  
**ALL ARE INVITED TO OUR 1ST PARISH SPRING OPEN HOUSE**  
 JOIN IN THIS OPPORTUNITY TO MEET NEW PARISHIONERS  
 AND GET TO KNOW OTHERS THAT YOU SEE EACH WEEK!  
 Hearts on Fire will provide refreshments Hope to see you there

**WE HAVE**  
*Exciting News*  
**TO SHARE!**

We have some exciting news regarding the Emergency Fund! It was started about ten years ago as a way our parish could have a few dollars to be able to help when someone knocked on the rectory door.

More and more families have needed assistance over these past ten years. Through the grace of God, the fund's balance has grown along with the scope of assistance. We are blessed with parishioners who give to the fund on a regular basis. In addition, we have applied for and have been granted a couple of grants. Just this year, we applied and received a grant of \$5,000 from the Barre/Fidelity Charitable Fund.

The funds name has been changed to **"St. Francis of Assisi Charitable Needs & Resources Fund"**.

The mission of our fund is to *Help Families and Individuals in need by assessing the needs for Food, Fuel & Utilities*. The one-time assistance will be assessed individually to the circumstances of each family. In addition to helping with the immediate financial needs we will provide clients with recommendation of other resources in the area for legal assistance, housing, and counseling. If you need assistance or know someone who needs assistance please contact **Paula Wood at 978-355-2228 Ext. 6**

**THE ARTISANS @  
 ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

The Raffle Quilt and Christmas Fair Crafters will be meeting at St. Joseph's Hall the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month from 10AM - 12PM

Sewers will be working on quilt blocks and crafters will be working on items for the Christmas Craft Table.

Knitters and Crocheters, you are invited to bring your projects and join in this fellowship!

**Our next get-together is  
 Wednesday, May 1**

Can't attend a day time meeting but want to contribute? Please email **Beth Cunningham at elizabethcunningham68@gmail.com.**





1 John 3:1 "Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are."  
John 10:11-18 "I am the good shepherd, and I will lay down my life for my sheep."

Jesus leads us as we listen and hear his voice. Let us lay down our life for our spouse. Let us make a decision to love our spouse. Signing up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience will help you and teach you tools to transform your marriage.

You can find one by looking up WWME.org.  
Some of the dates to sign up are:  
June 7-June 9, 2024 in Upton,, MA  
June 21-June 23, 2024 in Huntington, NY  
August 2-4, 2024 in Portland, CT

Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee.  
For more information or to apply, call Joe & Ginny Vatele at 978-870-5646 or <https://wwmema.org/>



Please Pray for the Children of our Parish who are preparing for their First Holy Communion.

**Gabriel, Kelsey, Luca and Weston**

Sunday, May 19

10:30AM Mass

St. Thomas a Becket Church



**DON'T BE LEFT OUT**

We only have a few 120 Club Tickets Left  
Here's how it works!  
The parish gets \$1,200 and \$1,200 in prizes are given out.

Guild members will be selling tickets after all Masses this weekend 4/27 & 4/28. We can't start the drawings until all 120 Tickets are sold.

# Confirmation



Confirmation is the sacrament by which Catholics receive a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Through Confirmation, the Holy Spirit gives them increased ability to practice their Catholic faith in every aspect of their lives and to witness Christ in every situation.

**Please pray for our Confirmands who will receive their Sacrament of Confirmation on Monday, May 13th**  
**Mary Queen of the Rosary Church · Spencer**

*I am the vine;  
you are the branches.  
If you remain in me  
and I in you,  
you will bear  
much fruit;  
apart from me  
you can do nothing*

JOHN 15:5



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