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 ST. THOMAS A BECKET CHURCH

April 19, 2026

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St. Francis of Assisi Parish Directory
Mass Schedule ▪ Press 1

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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 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	

Third Sunday of Easter
"Lord, you will show us the path of life."

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of April 19, 2026

Apr 18	SATURDAY 7:30PM	(+) Gordon & Barbara Young <i>Req By: The Family</i>
Apr 19	SUNDAY 8:00AM	(+) Kenneth, Sarina & Nunzio Celona <i>Req by: The Family</i>
	SUNDAY 10:30AM	(+) Shirley & John Armendo <i>Req by: Joe & Linda Tomaino</i>
Apr 20	MONDAY 9:00AM	(+) Sean Ayer <i>Req by: Joe & Linda Tomaino</i>
Apr 21	TUESDAY 9:00AM	VOTIVE OFFERINGS
Apr 22	WEDNESDAY 9:00AM	PASTOR'S INTENTIONS
Apr 25	SATURDAY 7:30PM	(+) Carmela Lamacchia <i>Req By: Bill & Vickie King</i>
Apr 26	SUNDAY 8:00AM	(+) Gordon & Barbara Young <i>Req by: The Family</i>
	SUNDAY 10:30AM	(+) In Memory of the Deceased Members of The Mara & Jorzczak Families <i>Req by: Timothy Mara</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.

Phone: 978.355.2228 Email: barrestfrancisparish@gmail.com

YEAR OF SAINT FRANCIS

Presented by Paula Wood, OSF
Order of Secular Franciscans



THE LIFE OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Saint Francis of Assisi had a fear and abhorrence of lepers. One day, however, he met a man afflicted with leprosy while riding his horse near Assisi. Though the sight of the leper filled him with horror and disgust, Francis got off his horse and kissed the leper. Then the leper put out his hand, hoping to receive something. Out of compassion, Francis gave money to the leper. But when Francis mounted his horse again and looked all around, he could not see the leper anywhere. It dawned on him that it was Jesus whom he had just kissed. Francis' embrace of the leper was not an isolated instance.

No, his ministry to lepers would only expand. Francis would go down to the colony of lepers two miles below Assisi, outside the city walls. Francis and other friars continued to minister to the lepers, feeding them, while also caring for and kissing their wounds. This became an ongoing ministry for Francis and the friars.

What Saint Francis Learned.

In his Testament, Francis wrote,

"When I was in sin, the sight of lepers nauseated me beyond measure; but then God himself led me into their company, and I had pity on them. When I became acquainted with them, what had previously nauseated me became the source of spiritual and physical consolation for me. After that I did not wait long before leaving the world."

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On-Line Giving	\$275.38
Total	\$2,453.38
Special Collections That Stay in the Parish	
Fuel	\$191.00
Maintenance	\$329.00
Easter	\$410.00
Total	\$930.00
Total Collection	\$3,383.38

FAITH FORMATION

**ELEMENTARY GRADES MEET
SUNDAY MORNINGS ON AN
ALTERNATING SCHEDULE**

NO CLASS SUNDAY APRIL 19 SPRING BREAK

MS/HS/CONFIRMATION PREP GRADES

MEET SUNDAY EVENINGS

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR INFORMATION

www.saintfrancisofassisparish.com




THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
Luke 24:13-35



Top Traffic Countries / Regions
Previous 30 days

**Sharing Christ with the
World through Our Parish**

COUNTRY / REGION	TRAFFIC
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St. Cleophas meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month
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**

St. Francis of Assisi Parish is called upon to support the work of our Lord made possible through the Annual Partners in Charity Appeal.

Thank you to those who have made a gift to the Annual Partners in Charity Appeal. Your gift will help us in reaching our parish goal of \$31,000.

**To date 45 families have responded,
with gifts totaling \$23,695!**

We need everyone's support to be successful. If you have not yet completed a gift envelope, please complete one found in the pews and return in the collection basket. Gifts may also be made at www.partners-charity.net. Thank you!

As a faith community we are here to share each others experiences and lift each other in prayer.

TO BE ADDED TO THE PRAYER LINE CONTACT

Vickie King 978.355.4830 vickieking99@gmail.com
Linda Tomaino 978-355-9057. tomainol@verizon.net

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 508.882.3128 to let her know who may need a card (please include their address) so they know that they are in our thoughts & prayers.



**TUESDAYS AFTER
9:00AM MASS**

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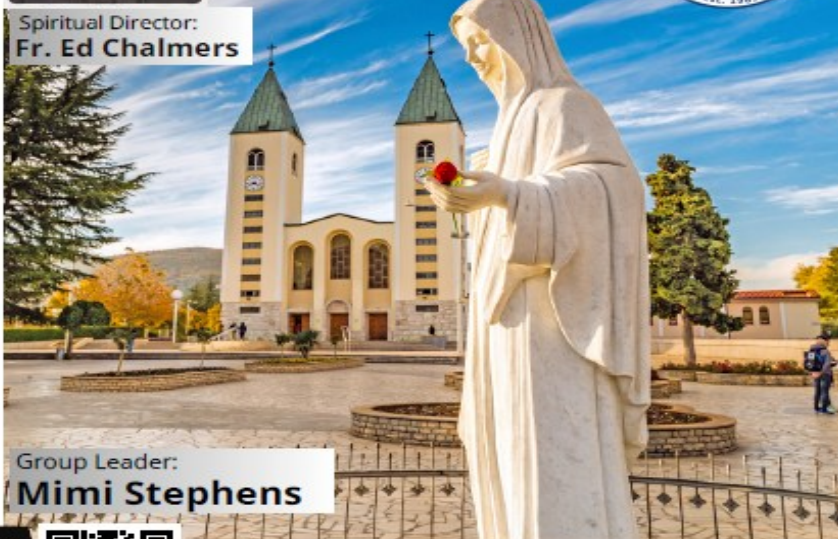
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A complete job description is available upon request.



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2nd Wednesday of Every Month 10AM - 11:30AM
3rd Thursday of Every Month 5:30PM - 7PM

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To Volunteer Contact Sonja at 978.355.6921
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VOLUNTEER SERVICES



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

*Are you looking for a meaningful way to share your talents and give back to others?
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COMPANIONSHIP/RESPIRE VOLUNTEERS TO VISIT WITH OUR HOSPICE PATIENTS

We need people who are available some daytime hours
 Monday through Friday for 1-2 hours per week when assigned.

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 available to help honor our veterans for their service.

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 and recognition. Please call our Volunteer Coordinator
 for more information at 978-728-0621.



MONDAY, MAY 18 · 6:30PM
ST. THOMAS A BECKET CHURCH
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St. Francis Lives!

CELEBRATING THE SPECIAL FRANCISCAN JUBILEE YEAR

The jubilee year will emphasize peace, conversion, and the "transitus" (passing) of the saint.
 The Franciscan Family is marking this year as "The Easter of St. Francis",
 remembering his death, and, as importantly, celebrating his life.

*We invite you to join St. Francis of Assisi Parish, at St. Thomas A Becket Church
 Monday, May 18, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. for a reflection on the life of St. Francis
 by Corinne Lorenzet, a member of the Secular Franciscan Order.*

Corinne serves the Secular Franciscan Order of the US as a national councilor and as a spiritual assistant to several local fraternities. From February 22 to March 22, 2026, the mortal remains of St. Francis of Assisi were on public display in the Lower Church of the Basilica of Saint Francis in Assisi, Italy, marking a rare 800th-anniversary commemoration. Corinne was one of the hundreds of thousands of Pilgrims who viewed the glass-enclosed, 13th-century skeleton in the crypt. She will explore with us the spiritual legacy that St. Francis has left us, in particular of his profound, intense devotion to the Eucharist, care for the poor and marginalized, caring for all of God's creation, humility and being bearers of peace.



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