



St. Francis of Assisi Parish
 ST. JOSEPH'S CHAPEL
 ST. THOMAS A BECKET CHURCH

April 5, 2026

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Mass Schedule ▪ Press 1

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by Thursday to be included in the upcoming weekend
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 [@StFrancisBarreMA](https://www.facebook.com/StFrancisBarreMA)
 SFOABarreSouth.flocknote.com
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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	

The Resurrection of the Lord The Mass of Easter Day
"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad."

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of April 5, 2026

Apr 04	SATURDAY 7:30PM	EASTER VIGIL ST. THOMAS A BECKET CHURCH
Apr 05	SUNDAY 8:00AM	EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (+) Harry J. Corbett Req by: His Wife Isabel
	SUNDAY 10:30AM	EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
Apr 06	MONDAY 9:00AM	PASTORS' INTENTIONS
Apr 07	TUESDAY 9:00AM	VOTIVE OFFERINGS
Apr 08	WEDNESDAY 9:00AM	PASTORS' INTENTIONS
Apr 11	SATURDAY 7:30PM	PASTORS' INTENTIONS
Apr 12	SUNDAY 8:00AM	SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY (+) Deceased Members of The Aliquo Family Req by: Rosemary & Joe
	SUNDAY 10:30AM	SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY (+) Joseph & Beatrice Jannette and Deceased Members of Their Family Req by: The Family
	SUNDAY 2:00PM	CONFESSIONS & DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET St. Thomas A Becket Church

YEAR OF SAINT FRANCIS

Presented by Paula Wood



THE LIFE OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Francis was born in Assisi, Italy in 1181, and was baptized Giovanni di Bernardone.

His father, Pietro di Bernadone was a successful silk merchant and his mother Pica de Bourlemont was a French noblewoman, originally from Provence.

The Bernadone family was very wealthy and Pietro's trade often brought him to France. He was in France when his son was born, thus Pietro took to calling his son Francesco, "the Frenchman."

Twelfth-century Italy was populated with troubadours, poets who would travel around, reciting popular courtly poetry and love songs. As a young man, Francis was captivated by these troubadours and enamored with the romantic, chivalric ideals that were enshrined in these courtly love poems. Francis spent his parents' money lavishly on friends and parties creating his own made up court. Francis' love of being lavishly generous and luxury was not selfish but rather stemmed from a natural disposition of generosity. One famous anecdote from his youth is when a beggar appeared at, according to one account a gathering of Francis and his friends, begging for alms. Francis followed after him and gave him everything he had in his pockets. FAITH.ND

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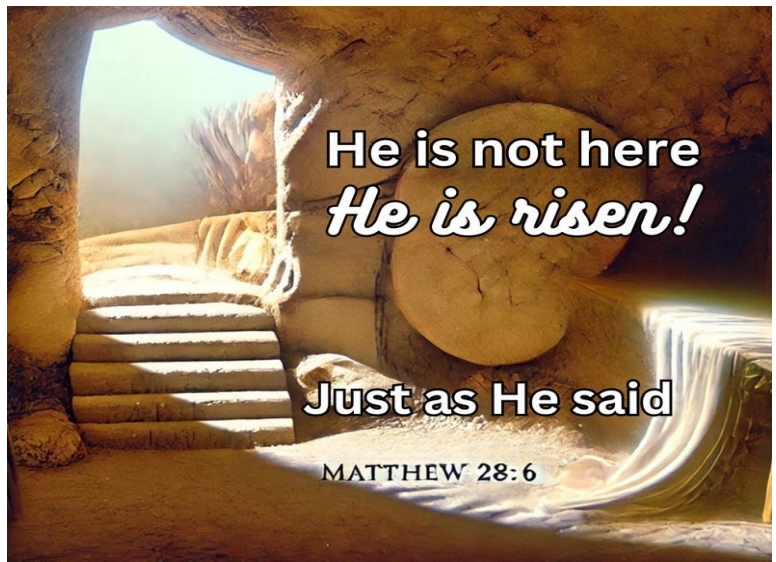
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Parish Weekly Collection Week of: March 29, 2026	
Envelopes	\$1,204.00
Anonymous Cash	\$565.00
Loose Checks	\$570.00
On-Line Giving	\$316.25
Total	\$2,655.25
Special Collections That Stay in the Parish	
Fuel	\$0.00
Maintenance	\$35.00
Easter Flowers	\$40.00
Parking Lot	\$0.00
In Memory of Linda Ridlon	\$100.00
Funeral Stipends	\$400.00
Total	\$575.00
Additional Collections That Leave the Parish	
Charitable Needs Fund	\$50.00
Good Friday - Holy Land	\$10.00
Total	\$60.00
Total Collection	\$3,290.25



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 35 families have responded, with gifts totaling \$17,275!

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!



FAITH FORMATION

ELEMENTARY GRADES MEET SUNDAY MORNINGS ON AN ALTERNATING SCHEDULE

NO CLASS SUNDAY, APRIL 5th HAPPY EASTER

Regular Class Sunday April 12

MS/HS/CONFIRMATION PREP GRADES MEET SUNDAY EVENINGS

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR INFORMATION
www.saintfrancisofassisiparish.com

The Women's Guild
 ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

April 8 · 6:30PM · St. Joseph's Hall

Details will be finalized for the INDOOR YARD SALE

If you have any questions about The Women's Guild please contact Mary Ann Jordan at 978.355.4606 or mjordan92557@gmail.com

ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH ARE WELCOME!

Save the Date

Saturday, April 18 · 8AM - 12PM · St. Joseph's Hall

RESERVE YOUR TABLE TODAY FOR OUR INDOOR YARD SALE

6 ft Table = \$15 8 ft Table = \$20

If you would like to have a table to sell some of those items that are taking up space in your garage or attic

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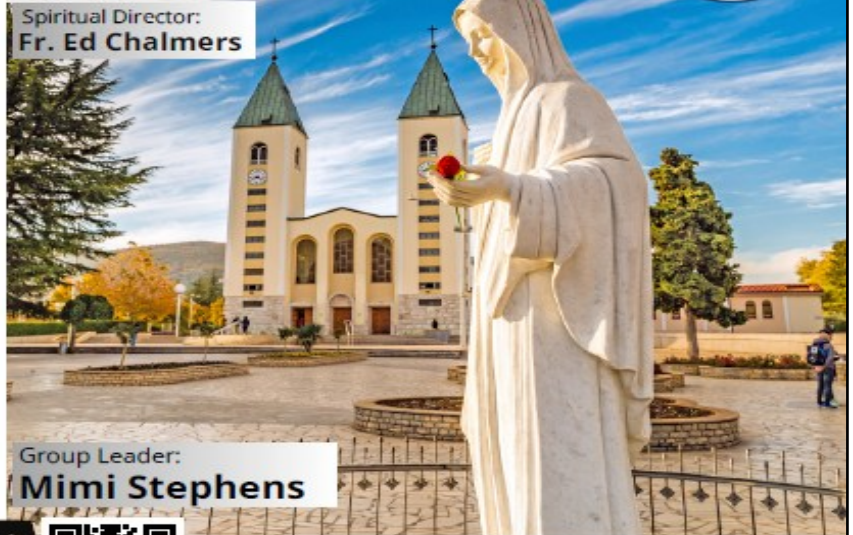
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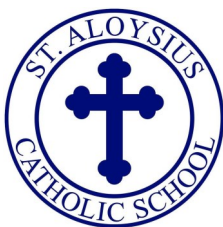


Have you seen our new addition at St. Thomas?
 It is a Clothing Shed for used clothing & more.

Items accepted: Clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts,
 purses, blankets, towels, sheets, pillowcases,
 curtains, and even stuffed toys

So clean out those unwanted items that are no longer being
 used and put them to work –Just put in a plastic bag and tie it
 securely. Drop in the nice big slot. That is all you have to do!
 Our parish will earn 4 cents per pound of used clothing.
 St. Pauly has assured us that they will pick up items!
 We will not have a mess like some of the other collections
 sites. It is a WIN – WIN

ST. ALOYSIUS CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE MONDAY, APRIL 6 · 3PM -5PM



Prospective families are encouraged to visit the school, located at 52 Church Street in Gilbertville, where they can tour the classrooms, meet the teachers and learn more about the rich, faith-filled educational experiences that await. For more information, please call the school and speak to Roberta McQuaid, Enrollment Coordinator, at 413-477-1268. Or apply on line at <https://www.staloyuscs.com/join-our-family/application>.

ST. ALOYSIUS CATHOLIC SCHOOL JOB OPPORTUNITY

Business Manager/Development Coordinator The ideal candidate will bring a passion for Catholic education and a strong desire to help our growing school thrive. Responsibilities include managing school finances, fostering donor relationships, and spearheading enrollment initiatives. Please send a letter of interest and resume to St. Aloysius Catholic School,

c/o Roberta McQuaid, PO Box 522, Gilbertville, MA 01031 or email your information

to rmcquaid@staloyuscschool.com.

A complete job description is also available upon request. We look forward to hearing from you!

The Divine Mercy Sunday Indulgence

2pm Sunday, April 12
St. Thomas A Becket Church

What Is Divine Mercy?

The message of Divine Mercy is simple: God loves all of us! Jesus wants us to realize that his mercy is greater than our sins so we will trust in him, receive his mercy, and let it flow through us to others. The Divine Mercy devotion is based on the writings of St. Faustina Kowalska, a twentieth-century Polish nun who received revelations from Jesus about his mercy. Learn more at thedivinemercy.org.

How Is it Connected to Holy Week and Easter?

Jesus demonstrated God's love and mercy by dying and rising to free us from our sins and give us eternal life. The Divine Mercy image shows the Risen Christ with rays of red and white light emanating from the wound in his side, representing the Blood and water that flowed from his Heart on the Cross. Thus, the Divine Mercy novena, which is one aspect of the devotion, begins on Good Friday and concludes before the last day of the octave of Easter, which is called Divine Mercy Sunday. On this day, the Church makes a plenary indulgence available to the faithful. Find the novena online: thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/novena.

What Is an Indulgence?

When God mercifully cancels the eternal punishment of our sins, temporal punishments remain. We can be purified through suffering, penance, prayer, the works of mercy, and indulgences. If we have the proper disposition and meet certain conditions, the Church dispenses to us the merits of Christ and the saints, canceling out our temporal punishments. We can also gain indulgences for the dead. A partial indulgence removes part of the temporal punishment due to sin, while a plenary indulgence removes all of it.

How Can I Gain the Divine Mercy Sunday Plenary Indulgence?

Go to Confession within about 20 days before or after Divine Mercy Sunday (April 12, 2026).

Receive Holy Communion (preferably on the day, or the days before or after).

Prayer for the pope's intentions: popesprayerusa.net/popese-intentions.

On Divine Mercy Sunday, in any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy.

All Parishioners and non-parishioners are invited to partake in a holy hour at St. Thomas A Becket Church on 398 Vernon Avenue, Barre MA. from 2pm to 3pm where confessions will be made available. At the end of the Holy Hour, we will recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet, pray for the Pope's Intentions, and offer benediction.



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