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ST. THOMAS A BECKET CHURCH

August 16, 2026

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St. Francis of Assisi Parish Directory

Mass Schedule ▪ Press 1

Office Manager | Deacon Malcolm Colgate

Press 2 ▪ OFFICE HOURS ▪ WED ▪ 2PM - 4PM

Our Pastor | Father James Callahan

Press 3

Baptism and Marriage Preparation

Father Jamie ▪ Press 3

Faith Formation Office

Liz Sansoucy ▪ Press 5

St. Joseph's Cemetery Inquiries

Kevin Clark ▪ Press 6

Emergency Assistance Coordinator

Paula Wood ▪ Press 7

Bulletin Submissions

Email information to bulletinsfb@gmail.com

by Thursday to be included in the upcoming weekend



BarreStFrancisParish@gmail.com



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Mass Schedule

Saturday

4PM

St. Thomas A Becket

Sunday

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

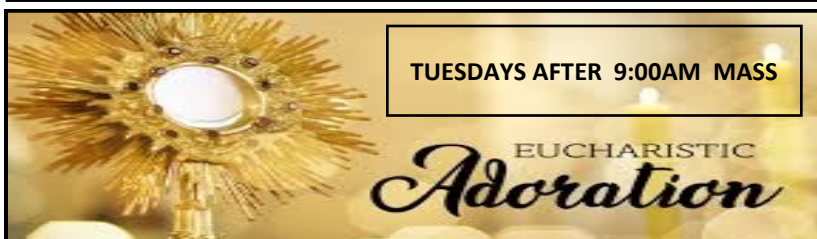
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
"O God, let all the nations praise you!"

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of Aug 16, 2026

Aug 15	SATURDAY 4:00PM	For the Priests in the Diocese of Worcester <i>Req By: Flame of Love Rosary Group</i>
Aug 16	SUNDAY 8:00AM	Cherryl Dilozenzo <i>Req by: The Family</i>
	SUNDAY 10:30AM	(+) Kathy Belsky <i>Req by: Peg Morin</i>
Aug 17	MONDAY 9:00AM	(+) Senator Franklin Graham <i>Req by: Peg Morin</i>
Aug 18	TUESDAY 9:00AM	Votive Offering
Aug 19	WEDNESDAY 9:00AM	Pastor's Intentions
Aug 22	SATURDAY 4:00PM	(+) George King <i>Req By: Bill & Vickie King</i>
Aug 23	SUNDAY 8:00AM	(+) Richard Clark <i>Req by: The Family</i>
	SUNDAY 10:30AM	(+) John Callahan <i>Req by: The Family</i>

A MASS INTENTION IS A SPECIFIC PETIT 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



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

TO BE ADDED TO OUR PRAYER CHAIN PLEASE CONTACT
Vickie King 978.355.4830 · vickieking99@gmail.com
Linda Tomaino 978-355-9057 · tomainol@verizon.net

YEAR OF SAINT FRANCIS

Presented by Paula Wood, OFS
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FRANCIS AND THE BIRDS

Continued from last week.....

This is what Francis said: "My sister birds, you owe much to God your Creator, and you ought to sing his praise at all times and in all places, because he has given you liberty to fly about into all places; and though you neither spin nor sew, he has given you a twofold and threefold clothing for yourselves and for your offspring. Two of all your species were preserved in Noah's Ark. The air is subject to you; you neither sow nor reap, and God feeds you. He gave you fountains and rivers to quench your thirst, mountains and valleys to find refuge in, tall trees to build your nests. And although you cannot spin or weave, God dresses you and your children, for the Creator loves you greatly." He named things they had that they might not have noticed. The air. The fountains. The clothing of their feathers. He listed gifts the birds had been given and might have taken for granted.

REFLECTION - Have you ever had someone point out something good in your life that you had stopped noticing? What was that like?

The birds listened. Thomas of Celano writes: "The birds, showing their joy in a marvelous fashion, began to stretch their necks, extend their wings, open their beaks, and gaze on him attentively. "They did not fly away during the sermon. They moved closer. They stretched their necks toward him the way creatures do when they are trying to get a better look at something. Francis walked among them. He moved through the flock, and the birds parted to let him pass and closed in around him again behind him. His robe brushed against them.

REFLECTION - Have you ever had a wild creature stay close to you instead of running away? What did it feel like? What do you think made it happen?

Parish Weekly Collection Week of: August 9, 2026	
Envelopes	\$1,498.00
Anonymous Cash	\$391.00
Loose Checks	\$595.00
On-Line Giving	\$595.63
Total	\$3,079.63
Special Collections That Stay in the Parish	
Fuel	\$80.00
Maintenance	\$90.00
Mass Stipends	\$20.00
Total	\$190.00
Additional Collections That Leave the Parish	
Churches in Eastern Europe	\$132.00
Total	\$132.00
Total Collection	\$3,401.63

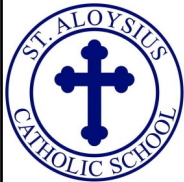
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DRAWINGS HAVE BEGUN

**** RECENT WINNERS ****

FRIDAY AUG 14 JUDY MCCAFFREY #35
FRIDAY AUG 7 PAT KOWAL #68
FRIDAY JULY 31 ROBIN CUMMINGS #84



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3rd Thursday of Every Month 5:30PM - 7PM

You can help the Barre Food Panty's work in the community by Sponsoring a Food Drive, by Making a Donation or by Giving of Your Time.

**To Volunteer Contact Sonja at 978.355.6921
sonja@barrefoodbank.org**

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Tues & Sat 9am to 5pm,
with what has been
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Please stop by and come check out what's coming fresh out of our gardens. Please give some or take some.

THE LIL VEGETABLE STAND IS HERE FOR EVERYONE.

We should have fresh veggies until September

CLASSES AVAILABLE FOR GRADES 1-6 & GRADES 7 - CONFIRMATION

Faith Formation

REGISTRATION INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON

**DID YOU KNOW THAT 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 our well wishes; please include their address if you are leaving a message, so they know that they are in our thoughts & prayers.

Winter can be a cold and lonely time for a lot of people, Priscilla can spread a little warmth!

BE SURE TO ADD THEM TO THE PRAYER LINE TOO

**"Where Friends
Send Their Friends!"**

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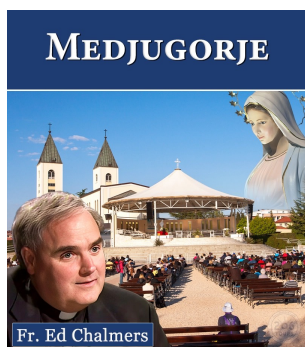
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(In the hall-use the side door)

**CELEBRATING THE SPECIAL FRANCISCAN
JUBILEE YEAR**

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN

St. Francis of Assisi Parish & Fr. Ed Chalmers

For A Reflection On The History of The Franciscans in Medjugorje.

Medjugorje, Bosnia-Herzegovina, where visionaries say the Blessed Mother has been appearing since 1981, is “a very holy place,” and going there is “an opportunity to experience the love of God.” Those are among thoughts Father H. Edward Chalmers, pastor of Prince of Peace Parish, recently shared with The Catholic Free Press.

Franciscans have served in the region since the Turkish occupation (1463-1878) and some were martyred by communists in 1945. Father Chalmers will guide us through their history in Medjugorje, to the current day. He will tell us about Franciscan Father Jozo Zovko, who was stationed at St. James Parish in 1981 when the visionaries first reported apparitions. Also how Franciscan Father Slavko Barbaric, inspired him to write reflections about messages of the Blessed Mother that the visionaries reported.

“It’s so mysterious and so spiritual”. “It’s hard to explain. I tell people, ‘Go there and experience it.’” That’s what he’s preparing to do – for the 43rd time this coming October. He will share with us some of his knowledge, stories, and information about his trips to Medjugorje. “The best thing about Medjugorje is conversions that happen to people.” “It made a big difference in my life, my priesthood. I have much more appreciation for the Holy Spirit. ... The Holy Spirit’s always with Our Lady. That’s very prominent there.”

Father Chalmers has returned to Medjugorje as a pilgrim, but more often as a pilgrimage spiritual director. *“Every time I went back, I had a spiritual renewal,”* *“The presence of the Trinity and Our Lady is so prevalent.”*



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If you have questions please contact Greg Devine at 774-479-8300 or via email at gdevine@worcester.edu

ALL MEN OF THE PARISH ARE WELCOME



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

ANNUAL MASS & COVERED DISH SUPPER

Wednesday, September 9 • 5:30PM

St. Joseph's Church

FEATURING GUEST SPEAKER JUDI BRENNAN

She will share with us words of wisdom on Luke 14:34

"Salt is good; but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored".

ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH ARE WELCOME

Meetings are held monthly from Sept through June on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, 6:30pm at St. Joseph's hall (unless otherwise noted)

If you have any questions, please contact

Mary Ann Jordan, 978.355.4606

or mjordan92557@gmail.com.



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AS SUMMER COMES TO A CLOSE DO YOU HAVE SOME TIME TO SHARE?

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A MILITARY VETERAN WHO WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER WITH OUR VETERAN HOSPICE Patients.

The ideal candidate would have 1-3 hours per week
available to help honor our veterans for their service.



Cleaning Out Before Heading Back to School?

Bring those gently used items to the donation bin at St. Thomas

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!

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