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August 23, 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

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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

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands."

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of Aug 23, 2026

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>
Aug 24	MONDAY 9:00AM	(+) Ken & Diane Cusson <i>Req by: Peg Morin</i>
Aug 25	TUESDAY	Votive Offering
Aug 26	WEDNESDAY 9:00AM	Pastor's Intentions
Aug 29	SATURDAY 4:00PM	(+) Robert Morin <i>Req By: Peg Morin</i>
Aug 30	SUNDAY 8:00AM	(+) Kathy Belsky <i>Req by: Peg Morin</i>
	SUNDAY 10:30AM	(+) Senator Franklin Graham <i>Req by: Peg Morin</i>



Mass Intentions

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: barrestfrancisparrish@gmail.com



TUESDAYS AFTER 9:00AM MASS

EUCCHARISTIC Adoration

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

Secular Franciscan Order



FRANCIS AND THE BIRDS

Continued from last week.....

And then something caught Francis's attention.

He noticed that the birds had not flown away.

He had been so caught up in speaking to them that he had not stopped to marvel at the simple, extraordinary fact that they were still there.

Still listening. Still stretching their necks toward him.

He fell silent.

He stood in the middle of the flock and looked around at them — really looked — and Thomas of Celano records that Francis "blamed himself for not having earlier made it a practice to preach to the birds."

He had walked down a thousand roads and past a thousand flocks of birds and never stopped.

Not because he didn't love them. Because he hadn't been paying attention. When Francis finally made the sign of the cross and gave the birds his blessing, the great gathering rose into the air — all of them at once, lifting in one motion — and scattered in four directions: north, south, east, west, as if they had somewhere to be. Francis watched them go.

His companions, who had stayed on the road the whole time, watching, came to him.

And from that day forward, Thomas of Celano writes,

Francis made a habit of inviting all manner of creatures — birds, fish, animals — to praise their Creator. "He embraced all things with unheard-of devotion and piety," Celano writes, "speaking of them all as if they had the power of feeling, seeing, and understanding." Not because he thought birds could follow a lecture. But because he had discovered something by stopping at that field: the world was more alive than he had been noticing.

It had always been this alive.

He had just been walking past it.

To be continued.....

Parish Weekly Collection Week of: August 16, 2026	
Envelopes	\$1,232.00
Anonymous Cash	\$424.00
Loose Checks	\$445.00
On-Line Giving	\$1,082.75
Total	\$3,183.75
Special Collections That Stay in the Parish	
Fuel	\$104.00
Maintenance	\$335.00
Assumption of Mary	\$380.00
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	\$40.00
Capital Improvements	\$265.00
Total	\$1,124.00
Additional Collections That Leave the Parish	
Charitable Needs Fund	\$30.00
Church in Central & Eastern Europe	\$20.00
Total	\$50.00
Total Collection	\$4,357.75

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DRAWINGS HAVE BEGUN

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Faith Formation Registration

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Classes start Sunday, October 4, 2026*

SUNDAY MORNINGS

Grades 1-6 and Our New Preschool Program

SUNDAY EVENINGS

Grades 7, 8, 9 & 10 (Confirmation)

Register online @ www.saintfrancisofassisparish.com
Mail in registration forms may be found at both churches.

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR CHILD(REN) TODAY!

We Need Catechists and Catechist/Atrium Assistants for Elementary Grades and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

TRAINING IS PROVIDED.

YOUR HELP WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED!

Please Contact Liz Sansoucy if Interested.

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The Parish Council of Knight's of Columbus - 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@worchester.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.

St. Carlo Acutis Parish

CHICKEN[®] BBQ

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Saturday, September 12th

*Mass at 4 pm followed by Fair Food,
Music & Raffles 5 - 7 pm*

Sunday, September 13th

BBQ Chicken Dinner served 12:30 - 1:30 pm

Raffles - Music - Bake Sale 12 - 3 pm

Adults \$15 ♦ Under 12 \$8

*Tickets for BBQ Dinner available after Masses
or at the Parish Office - 508 867-6469*



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
EVEN STUFFED TOYS!

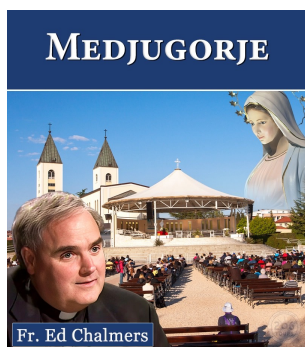
So clean out those unwanted items that are no longer being used and put them to work!

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 the items in a timely manner and we will not have a mess like other collection sites.

It is a WIN – WIN



MONDAY, August 31 - 6:30pm
ST. JOSEPHS CHURCH
29 SOUTH ST. BARRE, MA
(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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