



St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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

August 30, 2026

FR. JAMIE CALLAHAN | PASTOR

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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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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

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

"My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God."

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of Aug 30, 2026

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>
Aug 31	MONDAY 9:00AM	(+) Ken & Diane Cusson <i>Req by: Peg Morin</i>
Sep 01	TUESDAY 9:00AM	Votive Offering
Sep 02	WEDNESDAY 9:00AM	Pastor's Intentions
Sep 05	SATURDAY 4:00PM	(+) Deceased Members of The Kowal Family <i>Req By: The Family</i>
Sep 06	SUNDAY 8:00AM	(+) Harry J. Corbett and Catherine Corbett <i>Req by: His Wife Isabel</i>
	SUNDAY 10:30AM	(+) Eliza & Leon Cloutier <i>Req by: Their Granddaughter Linda Tomonino</i>

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



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.....

Here is the thing about Francis that this story teaches:
He was not born a saint who noticed everything.

He was a young man from a wealthy family who spent his early life chasing glory, wearing fine clothes, and dreaming of becoming a great knight. He was not, in his early years, someone who stopped on a road to look at birds. What changed him was practice. Attention is a habit. It has to be built.

The sermon to the birds didn't happen because Francis had a special spiritual power the rest of us lack. It happened because at some point in his life Francis had decided that everything in creation deserved to be looked at carefully — and then, one afternoon on a road to Bevagna, he actually did it. He stopped. He left the road. He walked toward the birds instead of past them.

REFLECTION

***What would it look like, in your ordinary life;
on the way to school, in your backyard, on a
walk, to stop the way Francis stopped?
What might you find?***

Chris Jeffcoat, OFS



Parish Weekly Collection Week of: August 23, 2026	
Envelopes	\$1,221.00
Anonymous Cash	\$450.00
Loose Checks	\$317.00
On-Line Giving	\$326.50
Total	\$2,314.50
Special Collections That Stay in the Parish	
Maintenance	\$154.00
Assumption of Mary	\$20.00
Capital Improvements	\$10.00
Mass Stipends	\$25.00
Total	\$209.00
Additional Collections That Leave the Parish	
Total	\$0.00
Total Collection	\$2,523.50

Thank You for Your Generosity 

THE 100 CLUB

DRAWINGS HAVE BEGUN

**** RECENT WINNERS ****

FRIDAY AUG 28	KEVIN DAHN	#99
FRIDAY AUG 21	PAULA WOOD	#73
FRIDAY AUG 14	JUDY MCCAFFREY	#35



Backpack Blessings

Bless this backpack & all it carries.
May it hold tools for learning &
hearts full of courage.
Keep the one who wears it safe,
curious, & kind.
Amen

I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHO STRENGTHENS ME - PHILIPPIANS 4:13

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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.saintfrancisofassissparish.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.

NEW PRESCHOOL PROGRAM
Ages 3, 4 & 5

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Check out the video on our website



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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@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.

St. Carlo Acutis Parish

CHICKEN[®] BBQ

St. Joseph Church Grounds

296 North Main St., North Brookfield



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



RETROUVAILLE – A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

September 18-20, Windsor CT

For more information, call confidentially 860-837-0447
or visit the website www.helpourmarriage.org

If your marriage has become distant, troubled or uncaring; if you are divorced or separated but want to try again, Retrouvaille can help. Retrouvaille provides tools to communicate better, resolve conflicts fairly and rediscover why you fell in love. Retrouvaille, a Christian ministry for troubled marriages. Although this confidential ministry has its origin in the Catholic church all denominations are welcome. Retrouvaille, which means “rediscovery”, consists of a weekend experience in which husbands and wives are helped to re-establish communication and gain new insights into themselves as individuals and as a couple. You will not be asked to share your problems with anyone else. However, you will be encouraged to put the past behind you, to look beyond the hurt and pain, in order to rediscover each other in a new and positive way.

The next local weekend starts Sept. 18 in Windsor, CT.
For more information call 860-837-0447.

The full cost of the program is \$1,600 per couple and includes meals, hotel, on the weekend and materials used during the follow-up sessions. Retrouvaille will never turn away a couple in need, due to the fee. If there is a problem they ask you to contact the same number for registration 860-837-0447.



Register Now

WORCESTER CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

All women are invited to this exciting Conference,
“Strength and Dignity are Her Clothing”

St. Joseph School in Webster, MA

Saturday, November 7th

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confessions and there will be many
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Bishop McManus will celebrate Mass.

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