



St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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

August 9, 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

Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

"Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation."

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of Aug 9, 2026

Aug 08	SATURDAY 4:00PM	(+) Dr. Debra Ford <i>Req By: Mark & Margaret Brophy</i>
Aug 09	SUNDAY 8:00AM	(+) Santa & Fido Neri <i>Req by: Son Joe</i>
	SUNDAY 10:30AM	Joseph & Beatrice Jannette and Deceased Members of Their Family <i>Req by: The Family</i>
Aug 10	MONDAY 9:00AM	NO MASS
Aug 11	TUESDAY 9:00AM	NO MASS
Aug 12	WEDNESDAY 9:00AM	NO MASS
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>

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
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YEAR OF SAINT FRANCIS

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FRANCIS AND THE BIRDS

Francis was walking.

He walked almost everywhere and on this particular day he was traveling with a small group of his brothers through the valley of Spoleto, in central Italy, heading toward the town of Bevagna.

And then Francis stopped.

The road ahead was lined with trees, and the trees were full of birds. Not a few birds. An enormous gathering — what Thomas of Celano, who wrote the earliest biography of Francis, describes as "a great multitude" of birds. Doves, crows, rooks. Birds sitting in the branches.

Birds standing in the field beside the road. More birds than you would normally see in one place, as if something had called them there. Francis's companions stopped with him, looking at the birds. And then Francis did something that surprised even the people who knew him well. He left the road. He walked off the path and into the field, toward the birds.

The birds did not fly away.

They stayed. They watched him come.

And when Francis arrived among them standing in the field, surrounded by this great gathering of wings and feathers

he began to speak to them.

Thomas of Celano records it this way:

Francis "began to preach to them and speak to them as if they were endowed with reason."

.....to be continued.

Parish Weekly Collection Week of: August 2, 2026

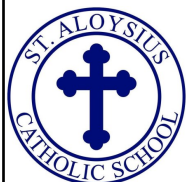
Envelopes	\$1,132.00
Anonymous Cash	\$430.00
Loose Checks	\$355.00
On-Line Giving	\$415.50
Total	\$2,332.50
Special Collections That Stay in the Parish	
Fuel	\$269.00
Maintenance	\$5.00
Capital Improvements	\$10.00
Mass Stipends	\$80.00
Total	\$364.00
Additional Collections That Leave the Parish	
Charitable Needs Fund	\$310.00
Total	\$310.00
Total Collection	\$3,006.50

THE 100 CLUB

DRAWINGS HAVE BEGUN

**** RECENT WINNERS ****

FRIDAY JULY 31 ROBIN CUMMINGS #84
FRIDAY JULY 24 PAULA WOOD #73
FRIDAY JULY 17 PAULA WOOD #73



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Distribution is at the Barre Congregational Church

2nd Wednesday of Every Month 10AM - 11:30AM

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

OUR "LIL VEGGIE STAND" WILL RETURN AGAIN THIS YEAR.



When you See the Open Flag, you know we have Veggies!

**The Stand is Open
Tues & Sat 9am to 5pm,
with what has been
donated that morning.**

Anyone can donate clean veggies, fruits, herbs and flowers.

Even eggs can be donated if kept in a cooler.

Peas and Lettuce will be the first produce as one of our best growers says hers are almost ready. Tomatoes and peppers of course will take a little longer. The Lil Free Veggie Stand is open to all parishioners and members of the community.

We want to give a Big Shout out to John Charest for his skillful maintenance of the stand. He had to tighten one of the wheels, his stored it over the winter, and has returned it to us waiting for it to be put into use. **THANK YOU JOHN FOR ALL YOU DO!**

**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!

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