






**St. Francis of Assisi Parish**  
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 ST. THOMAS A BECKET CHURCH

**June 21, 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  
**Brian Cirelli ▪ Press 6**  
 Emergency Assistance Coordinator  
**Paula Wood ▪ Press 7**  
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**Email information to [bulletinsfb@gmail.com](mailto:bulletinsfb@gmail.com)**  
*by Thursday to be included in the upcoming weekend*  
 [BarreStFrancisParish@gmail.com](mailto:BarreStFrancisParish@gmail.com)  
 [@StFrancisBarreMA](https://www.facebook.com/StFrancisBarreMA)  
 [SFOABarreSouth.flocknote.com](http://SFOABarreSouth.flocknote.com)  
*sign up here to receive parish info via text & email*

<b>Mass Schedule</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
4PM St. Thomas A Becket	8AM St. Joseph's Chapel  10:30AM St. Thomas A Becket
<b>Daily Mass ▪ Monday, Tuesday &amp; Wednesday</b>	
9AM ▪ St. Thomas A Becket  Daily Masses are canceled when school is delayed/canceled due to weather	
<b>Confession ▪ Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>	
Saturday ▪ 3PM ▪ St. Thomas A Becket  Or by appointment	
<b>Eucharist Adoration</b>	
<b>Tuesday After 9:00AM Mass</b>  In the event a cancellation is necessary it will be announced	
<b>Rosary Group</b>	
Tuesday ▪ 6:45PM ▪ St. Joseph's Hall  For more information contact Liz via voice or text 774.364.2158	

*Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*"Lord, in your great love, answer me."*

# MASS INTENTIONS

Week of June 21, 2026

Jun 20	SATURDAY 4:00PM	(+) Anthony Tancredi <i>Req By: The Family</i>
Jun 21	SUNDAY 8:00AM	(+) Deceased Members of The Kowal Family <i>Req by: The Family</i>
	SUNDAY 10:30AM	All Fathers
Jun 22	MONDAY 9:00AM	(+) Albert Landale <i>Req by: Deacon Malcolm</i>
Jun 23	TUESDAY 9:00AM	Votive Offerings
Jun 24	WEDNESDAY 9:00AM	Pastor's Intentions
Jun 27	SATURDAY 4:00PM	(+) Wanda & Rudolph Holawi <i>Req by: The Patski Family</i>
Jun 28	SUNDAY 8:00AM	(+) Celia, Peter, Louise Tancredi <i>Req by: Karen Tancredi</i>
	SUNDAY 10:30AM	Joseph & Beatrice Jannette and Deceased Members of Their Family <i>Req by: The Family</i>

## YEAR OF SAINT FRANCIS

Presented by Paula Wood, OFS  
Secular Franciscan Order



### THE LIFE OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

From his earliest days, according to the biographer Thomas of Celano, Francis “burned with devotion toward the mother of all good.” When Francis abandoned the world, he placed himself under the loving care and protection of his heavenly Mother. He asked her to be his guide and advocate in his new life of poverty after the pattern of her Son.

Thomas of Celano tells us: He embraced the Mother of Jesus with inexpressible love, since she made the Lord of Majesty a brother to us. He honored her with his own Praises, poured out prayers to her, and offered her his love in a way that no human tongue can express. But what gives us greatest joy is that he appointed her the Advocate of the Order and placed under her wings the sons he left behind, that she might protect and cherish them to the end. St. Bonaventure adds “and, through her, we have obtained mercy”. In these simple words of the early biographers, we see the deepest foundation for the reverence Francis showed toward Mary. For him, the Incarnation was the basis of his whole spiritual life, and he would go out of his way to follow in every way the example of the word made flesh. Therefore, it would seem only natural that he “owed” a special love to this unique woman, who brought God within our reach and “made the Lord of Majesty a brother to us.”

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A MASS INTENTION IS A SPECIFIC PETITION 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.**

Called to *Serve*  
Lectors

Volunteer Opportunity:  
Do you feel that perhaps the Holy Spirit is prompting you try something new?

Have you ever thought about being a Lector?  
Please respond to that small voice and either text or call Judy at 508-320-5049.

We need a couple of extra Lectors during the upcoming summer months.

Parish Weekly Collection Week of: June 14, 2026	
Envelopes	\$1,326.00
Anonymous Cash	\$572.00
Loose Checks	\$695.00
On-Line Giving	\$285.63
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,878.63</b>
Special Collections That Stay in the Parish	
Maintenance	\$355.00
Easter	\$20.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$375.00</b>
Additional Collections That Leave the Parish	
Charitable Needs Fund	\$10.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$3,263.63</b>



## WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A KNIGHT?

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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](mailto:gdevine@worcester.edu)**



*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

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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 60 families have responded, with gifts totaling \$30,370!**

**WE ARE JUST \$630 AWAY FROM OUR GOAL**

please complete an envelope found in the pews and return in the collection basket. Gifts may also be made online at [www.partners-charity.net](http://www.partners-charity.net). Thank you!



A GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO THE ANONYMOUS DONOR TO OUR CHARITABLE NEEDS FUND.

**Please know that we are extremely grateful for you.**

What is a "Parish"?

In order to answer that question we need to take a look where the word comes from. According to Wikipedia; "The word "parish" comes from the Greek paroikia, meaning a "sojourning" or "pilgrim" people. Canonically, it refers to the community of faithful believers rather than just the physical building.

Our parish is dedicated, to sharing the Good News of God's Love and serving His people. One of the ways that God's love is shown is the Charitable Needs Fund. The Fund is here to help! It is here for Parishioners and those in the greater Community too.

If you are experiencing a need, or know someone in need with rent, utilities, food or even things like safety measures to stay in their home please call the Office at 978-355-2228 Extension #7.



**TUESDAYS AFTER  
9:00AM MASS**

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**SUNDAY, JUNE 28<sup>th</sup> · 1:00 PM  
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THE GREAT FOREST FAMILY REUNION**

**On the picturesque grounds behind the church, along the Ware River**

**CELEBRATING THE SPECIAL FRANCISCAN JUBILEE YEAR  
*We invite you to join St. Francis of Assisi Parish***

**for *THE GREAT FOREST FAMILY REUNION,*  
a Franciscan Centenary Family Pilgrimage for Ages 4–14 and Their Families.**

Chris Jeffcoat OFS & Angela Richardson OFS, along with the St. Joseph Franciscan Fraternity of Charlton will lead participants to experience creation with curiosity and wonder, and how to recognize creation as God's family, while practicing noticing, questioning, and listening. They will help you discover ways you can care for creation and community, and leave you with a personal commitment inspired by the question: What is yours to do? Leading you on a forest discovery pilgrimage, participants will learn to listen like **St. Francis** listened to nature. There will also be a story circle under the trees and families will choose a creation care mission.

Participants will reflect on sister water, who gives life to everything and create a parish-wide art installation.

**Francis asked, What is yours to do?**

**You will discover that the answer begins with wonder.**

**Make a Family Pilgrimage to our Pilgrimage Site. Pope Leo XIV grants the Plenary Indulgence under the usual conditions in this Year of St. Francis.**



### Preschool Classroom Aide

Are you looking for a spiritually and socially rewarding vocation? Consider joining the Preschool Program at St. Aloysius Catholic School as a Classroom Aide. Candidates should be dedicated, caring professionals who support the Catholic mission and philosophy of education. The Classroom Aide will assist and take direction from the preschool teacher while helping maintain an active classroom environment. Responsibilities include preparing for the school day, supervising students during all activities, assisting with classroom routines, and maintaining a clean and organized learning environment. Student supervision and safety are the highest priorities of this position.

Successful candidates will possess strong behavioral management skills, be self-motivated, learn quickly, and work effectively both independently and as part of a team.

Please send letter of interest and resume to [rmcquaid@staloyusiuscatholicsschool.com](mailto:rmcquaid@staloyusiuscatholicsschool.com)

## Pilgrimage to Medjugorje with Fr. Ed Chalmer

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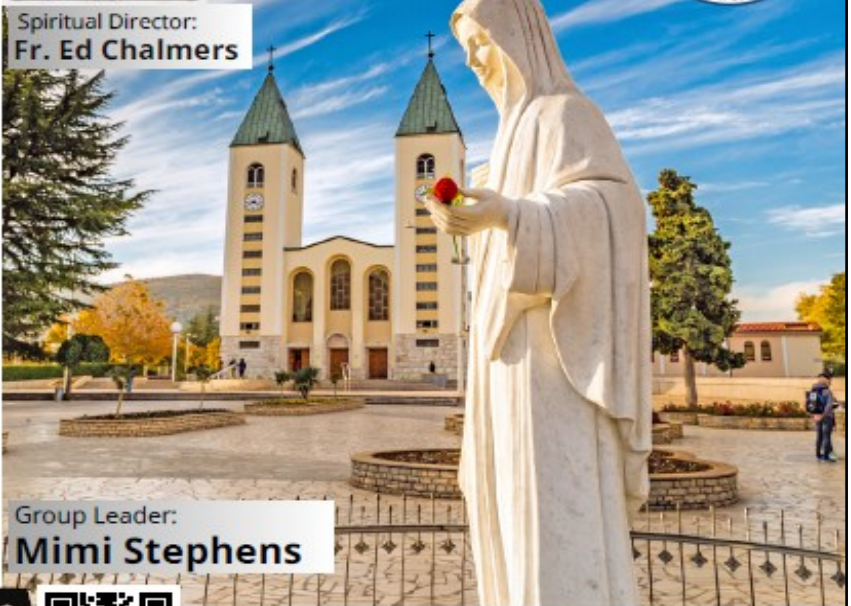
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Group Leader: Mimi Stephens



Questions? Contact 206 Tours: [cteam@206tours.com](mailto:cteam@206tours.com) (800) 206-TOUR (8687)



### 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



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