



# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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ST. THOMAS A BECKET CHURCH

May 10, 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**


Bulletin Submissions

**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)

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## Mass Schedule

### Saturday

### Sunday

4PM  
St. Thomas A Becket

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

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

*"Let all the earth cry out to God with joy."*

# MASS INTENTIONS

Week of May 10, 2026

May 09	SATURDAY 4:00PM	Richard & Catherine Lam <i>Req By: The Family</i>
May 10	SUNDAY 8:00AM	FOR ALL MOTHERS
	SUNDAY 10:30AM	FOR ALL MOTHERS
May 11	MONDAY 9:00AM	(+) Mr. & Mrs. John P. Whalen <i>Req by: Mark &amp; Margaret Brophy</i>
May 12	TUESDAY 9:00AM	VOTIVE OFFERINGS
May 13	WEDNESDAY 9:00AM	NO MASS
	WEDNESDAY 7:00PM	<b>THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (VIGIL)</b> PASTOR'S INTENTIONS
May 14	THURSDAY 9:00AM	<b>THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD</b> PASTOR'S INTENTIONS
May 16	SATURDAY 4:00PM	(+) Gary Cusson <i>Req By: Peg Morin</i>
May 17	SUNDAY 8:00AM	(+) William Robinson Jr. <i>Req by: The Family</i>
	SUNDAY 10:30AM	(+) Stephen Mercik <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

Eventually, Francis returned to Assisi and began to rebuild the church of San Damiano himself. He begged for money in the streets of Assisi and hauled stones from a nearby quarry by himself. He went about repairing several other churches in the region until he heard one day a reading from the Gospel of Matthew, in which Jesus sends the disciples to preach the kingdom of God without shoes or staff.

Following the commands of the Gospel wholeheartedly, Francis took off his shoes, gave away the few clothes he wore, and started preaching repentance.

Very quickly, his passionate words and remarkable example touched the hearts of people he encountered, and soon other young men started to join his way of life. As their small society began to grow, Francis made simplicity the foundational rule of his order. In 1209, when Francis drew up the first simple rule, he enjoined the friars to, in their every action, display their love for poverty - from what they wore to the food they ate.

One year later, after Francis convinced Pope Innocent III to grant their eclectic band of mendicants the church's approval, the Franciscan Order was officially born.

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Parish Weekly Collection Week of: May 3, 2026	
Envelopes	\$1,512.00
Anonymous Cash	\$432.00
Loose Checks	\$575.00
On-Line Giving	\$610.75
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,129.75</b>
Special Collections That Stay in the Parish	
Fuel	\$553.00
Maintenance	\$70.00
Easter	\$30.00
Parking Lot	\$5.00
Funeral Stipends	\$25.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$683.00</b>
Additional Collections That Leave the Parish	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$3,812.75</b>

*Thank You for Your Generosity* 



St. Francis of Assisi Parish is called upon to support the work of our Lord made possible through the Annual Partners in Charity Appeal. 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 47 families have responded, with gifts totaling \$24,865!**

We need everyone's support to be successful. If you have not yet completed a gift envelope, please complete one found in the pews and return in the collection basket. Gifts may also be made at [www.partners-charity.net](http://www.partners-charity.net). Thank you!



# FAITH FORMATION

**ELEMENTARY GRADES MEET SUNDAY MORNINGS ON AN ALTERNATING SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, May 10 Mass Class 8AM - 9:30AM**

**MS/HS/CONFIRMATION PREP GRADES**

**MEET SUNDAY EVENINGS**

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR INFORMATION

[www.saintfrancisofassisparish.com](http://www.saintfrancisofassisparish.com)

## THE SPRING 100 CLUB TICKETS ARE READY!

You have until May 8 to reserve your favorite number before they all go on sale after all Masses the weekend of May 9/10.

If you want the same number, you have had please text or call

**SHERRY AT (774)200-9228 BEFORE MAY 8.**

The weekend of May 9/10 all numbers will be on sale. To make mailing your check easier when you win, we are asking for your mailing address, email and a cell phone or home phone number.

Thank you in advance for supporting the Parish by purchasing a 100 Club ticket or two. **GOOD LUCK!!**



## MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

DEAR LORD, WE THANK YOU FOR THE GIFT OF MOTHERHOOD. TODAY, WE CELEBRATE THE LOVING SACRIFICE OF MOTHERS, BOTH BIOLOGICAL AND SPIRITUAL, WHO NURTURE AND GUIDE US IN YOUR WAYS. BLESS THEM WITH JOY, STRENGTH, AND LOVE TO CONTINUE THEIR SELFLESS DEVOTION. MAY THEY FEEL DEEPLY APPRECIATED AND HONORED NOT JUST TODAY, BUT EVERY DAY. AMEN.

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

### TO BE ADDED TO THE PRAYER LINE CONTACT

Vickie King 978.355.4830 [vickieking99@gmail.com](mailto:vickieking99@gmail.com)

Linda Tomaino 978-355-9057. [tomainol@verizon.net](mailto:tomainol@verizon.net)

### 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 a card (please include their address) so they know that they are in our thoughts & prayers.



EMELIA EDDY  
EILEEN GOODWIN  
FINN KWIECIEN  
MICHAEL MAILHOT  
SCARLETT TOOMEY

Please pray for our First Communicants who are making their FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ON SUNDAY, MAY 17 AT 10:30AM MASS ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET CHURCH

**PRAYER FOR CHILD PREPARING TO RECEIVE JESUS FOR THE FIRST TIME**

*My Lord, Jesus Christ, I pray that these children who are preparing to receive you in Holy Communion, firmly believe that you are truly present; Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity under the appearance of bread and wine. I pray that they believe it because you said it is so, when you said, "I myself am the living bread come down from heaven. If anyone eats this bread he shall live forever; the bread I will give is my flesh for the life of the world". John 6:50-51*



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**If you have questions please contact Greg Devine at 774-479-8300 or via email at [gdevine@worcester.edu](mailto:gdevine@worcester.edu)**



Please keep our Confirmation candidates in your prayers as they prepare to be confirmed MONDAY, MAY 11 · MARY QUEEN OF THE ROSARY

*"Lord, You send out Your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people, so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent.*

*Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation as they listen to Your voice."*



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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

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

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**MONDAY, MAY 18 · 6:30PM**  
**ST. THOMAS A BECKET CHURCH**  
**380 VERNON AVE. BARRE, MA**  
**St. Francis Lives!**

**CELEBRATING THE SPECIAL FRANCISCAN JUBILEE YEAR**

The jubilee year will emphasize peace, conversion, and the "transitus" (passing) of the saint. The Franciscan Family is marking this year as "The Easter of St. Francis", remembering his death, and, as importantly, celebrating his life.

*We invite you to join St. Francis of Assisi Parish, at St. Thomas A Becket Church Monday, May 18, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. for a reflection on the life of St. Francis by Corinne Lorenzet, a member of the Secular Franciscan Order.*

Corinne serves the Secular Franciscan Order of the US as a national councilor and as a spiritual assistant to several local fraternities. From February 22 to March 22, 2026, the mortal remains of St. Francis of Assisi were on public display in the Lower Church of the Basilica of Saint Francis in Assisi, Italy, marking a rare 800th-anniversary commemoration. Corinne was one of the hundreds of thousands of Pilgrims who viewed the glass-enclosed, 13th-century skeleton in the crypt. She will explore with us the spiritual legacy that St. Francis has left us, in particular of his profound, intense devotion to the Eucharist, care for the poor and marginalized, caring for all of God's creation, humility and being bearers of peace.

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