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

May 24, 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
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Email information to bulletinsfb@gmail.com
by Thursday to be included in the upcoming weekend
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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	

Pentecost Sunday
" Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth."

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of May 24, 2026

May 23	SATURDAY 4:00PM	(+) Rita M. Robinson <i>Req By: The Family</i>
May 24	SUNDAY 8:00AM	(+) Peter O' Connor <i>Req by: The Family</i>
	SUNDAY 10:30AM	(+) Gordon & Barbara Young <i>Req by: The Family</i>
May 25	MONDAY 9:00AM	(+) Anne Whalen <i>Req by: Mark & Margaret Brophy</i> ST. JOSEPH'S CEMETERY WEATHER PERMITTING
May 26	TUESDAY 9:00AM	VOTIVE OFFERINGS
May 27	WEDNESDAY 9:00AM	PASTOR'S INTENTIONS
May 30	SATURDAY 4:00PM	(+) Deceased Members of The Dextrateur Family <i>Req by: Pam & Family</i>
May 31	SUNDAY 8:00AM	(+) Victoria Mailhot <i>Req by: The Family</i>
	SUNDAY 10:30AM	(+) Juanita Fagnoli <i>Req by: Leo & Judy McCaffrey</i>

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. Phone: 978.355.2228 Email: barrestfrancisparish@gmail.com

YEAR OF SAINT FRANCIS

Presented by Paula Wood, OFS
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THE LIFE OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

We can't tell the story of St. Francis without telling you about Saint Clare of Assisi. The beginning of her religious life was indeed movie material. Having refused to marry at 15, St. Clare of Assisi was moved by the dynamic preaching of Francis. He became her lifelong friend and spiritual guide. At 18, Clare of Assisi escaped from her father's home one night, was met on the road by friars carrying torches, and in the poor little chapel called the Portiuncula received a rough woolen habit, exchanged her jeweled belt for a common rope with knots in it, and sacrificed her long tresses to Francis' scissors. He placed her in a Benedictine convent, which her father and uncles immediately stormed in rage. Clare clung to the altar of the church, threw aside her veil to show her cropped hair, and remained adamant. Sixteen days later her sister Agnes joined her. Others came. They lived a simple life of great poverty, austerity, and complete seclusion from the world, according to a Rule which Francis gave them as a Second Order. At age 21, Francis obliged Clare under obedience to accept the office of abbess, one she exercised until her death. To be continued..... Franciscan Media

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Parish Weekly Collection Week of: May 17, 2006	
Envelopes	\$1,047.00
Anonymous Cash	\$504.00
Loose Checks	\$360.00
On-Line Giving	\$1,093.00
Total	\$3,004.00
Special Collections That Stay in the Parish	
Fuel	\$60.00
Maintenance	\$120.00
Ascension of the Lord	\$456.00
Capital Improvements	\$290.00
Indoor Yard Sale Proceeds	\$500.00
Total	\$1,426.00
Additional Collections That Leave the Parish	
Charitable Needs Fund	\$30.00
Total	\$30.00
Total Collection	\$4,460.00

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 \$27,145!

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. Thank you!



**TUESDAYS AFTER
9:00AM MASS**

**EUCCHARISTIC
Adoration**



MONDAY, JUNE 8 - 6:30
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, for a reflection on St. Francis and Sultan Malik in 1219: **AN INVITATION TO KINSHIP BY DIANA MACKIEWIEZ OFS.** Diana is a member of the St. Joseph's Franciscan Fraternity in Charlton, MA and part of the larger Blessed Solanus Casey Region. She has worked and studied overseas in many countries including Israel, where she traveled to Akko-the Crusader City on the coast. Her overall teaching philosophy is to understand how geography and politics have affected those who lived there and to walk in their footsteps. She was an educator for more than 35 years.

In her talk Diana will discuss the historical events of that time, who is Sultan Malik and why did St. Francis decide to sail to Egypt to "talk" with the Sultan. She will share with us the results of their three-week spiritual and social discussions. Then she'll bring us through to the present times, to Pope Francis and his encyclical, Fratelli Tutti released in Oct. 3, 2020. Its emphasis is on fraternity, social friendship, human dignity to build a compassionate and peaceful world and a rejection of a throwaway culture.

The Year of Saint Francis: Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed a Special Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi, running from January 10, 2026, to January 10, 2027, to mark the 800th anniversary of the saint's death.

The jubilee year will emphasize peace, conversion, and the "transitus" (passing) of the saint. The Pope invites all to make pious pilgrimages to Franciscan churches and St. Francis Assisi Parish in Barre, is one of the Franciscan pilgrimage sites, here in the Worcester Diocese.

MONDAY, MAY 25TH · 9AM MASS

MEMORIAL DAY
REMEMBER & HONOR

St. Joseph's Cemetery
weather permitting



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