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 ST. THOMAS A BECKET CHURCH

May 3, 2026

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St. Francis of Assisi Parish Directory
Mass Schedule ▪ Press 1

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Our Pastor | Father James Callahan
Press 3

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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	

Fifth Sunday of Easter
"Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you."

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of May 3, 2026

May 02	SATURDAY 4:00PM	(+) Lorretta Niedzewski and Nancy Bergeron <i>Req By: The Patsky Family</i>
May 03	SUNDAY 8:00AM	(+) Harry J. Corbett <i>Req by: His Wife Isabel</i>
	SUNDAY 10:30AM	(+) Joseph & Beatrice Jannette and Deceased Members of Their Family <i>Req by: The Family</i>
May 04	MONDAY 9:00AM	(+) Anne Whalen <i>Req by: Mark & Margaret Brophy</i>
May 05	TUESDAY 9:00AM	VOTIVE OFFERINGS
May 06	WEDNESDAY 9:00AM	PASTOR'S INTENTIONS
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

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.**
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THE LIFE OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK.....

Francis obeyed the Bishop and in typical Francis-fashion, went the extra mile. He insisted that he would return everything to his father, and, in front of the crowd gathered in the piazza, Francis stripped off all his clothing. Standing naked in front of the crowd, Francis turned to Pietro: "Up until now I have called you father here on earth, but now I say, 'Our Father, who art in heaven.'" Pietro was both furious and full of sorrow; he turned and left the square with a heavy heart. A man who worked for the bishop gave Francis a simple frock; Francis marked it with the sign of the cross in chalk, and this became his first habit. Francis began to travel around the countryside like a troubadour. Possessing nothing, Francis relied solely on the generosity of others for food, clothing, and shelter. **FAITH ND**

Office of Healing & Prevention

As a reminder, our parish follows the guidelines of the National Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People approved by the US Bishops and the policies of the Diocese of Worcester.

If you have been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church, we encourage you to come forward and speak out. The Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Diocese of Worcester is Judith Audette. A report can be made by phone to a confidential line, 508-726-2880 or by email judette@worcesterdiocese.org. If the report is made by mail, please send it to: Judith Audette, Victim Assistance Coordinator, The Diocese of Worcester, 49 Elm Street, Worcester, MA 01609

Parish Weekly Collection Week of: April 26,2026	
Envelopes	\$1,287.00
Anonymous Cash	\$741.00
Loose Checks	\$425.00
On-Line Giving	\$316.25
Total	\$2,769.25
Special Collections That Stay in the Parish	
Fuel	\$66.00
Maintenance	\$115.00
Easter	\$40.00
Parking Lot	\$45.00
Mass Stipends	\$50.00
Total	\$316.00
Additional Collections That Leave the Parish	
Good Friday / Holy Land Shrines	\$25.00
Total	\$25.00
Total Collection	\$3,110.25


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. Thank you!

ELEMENTARY GRADES MEET SUNDAY MORNINGS ON AN ALTERNATING SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 3 Regular Class 9AM - 10AM

MS/HS/CONFIRMATION PREP GRADES MEET SUNDAY EVENINGS

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR INFORMATION
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!!**



Join the Women's Guild for a tour of **St. Anne's Shrine, in Sturbridge on Saturday, May 9 at 10:30AM.** Fr. Mark Martel will present the history of St. Anne, followed by a 12:30PM luncheon and brief Guild Meeting at ***CEDAR STREET GRILLE*** 12 Cedar St. Sturbridge Meet at St. Thomas parking lot at 9:30am if you would like to carpool.

ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

PLEASE RSVP TO ROBIN 978-355-2279 NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, MAY 3 TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT.

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
 Linda Tomaino 978-355-9057. 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@worchester.edu

The Meaning of May Crowning

While Mary the Mother of God is revered and celebrated all year long, May is a special month to celebrate the "Queen of Heaven." May has been Mary's month since the medieval period, when May was considered the end of winter and the start of a new season of growth.

It's a time for new beginnings and the chance to begin with gratitude and devotion. There are many reasons she is considered the "Queen of Heaven." She was a perfect follower of Christ, and so is considered the crown of creation. She is also the Mother of the Son of God, Jesus, who is the King of Israel and the universe. And of course, she is the most important woman of our faith, and our spiritual mother.



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The ideal candidate would have 1-3 hours per week available to help honor our veterans for their service.

We provide free training specific to the volunteer assignment, ongoing support and recognition. Please call our Volunteer Coordinator for more information at 978-728-0621.



MONDAY, MAY 18 · 6:30PM
ST. THOMAS A BECKET CHURCH
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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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