



St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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

September 13, 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

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion."

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of Sep 13, 2026

Sep 12	SATURDAY 4:00PM	(+) Carmella & Salvadore Lamacchia <i>Req By: Bill & Vickie King</i>
Sep 13	SUNDAY 8:00AM	(+) Deceased Members of The Neri Family <i>Req by: Joe</i>
	SUNDAY 10:30AM	(+) Joseph & Beatrice Jannette and Deceased Members of Their Family <i>Req by: The Family</i>
Sep 14	MONDAY 9:00AM	(+) Mary Shamoian <i>Req by: Aunt Sherly</i>
Sep 15	TUESDAY 9:00AM	Votive Offering
Sep 16	WEDNESDAY 9:00AM	Pastor's Intentions
Sep 19	SATURDAY 4:00PM	(+) Rita M. Robinson <i>Req By: The Family</i>
Sep 20	SUNDAY 8:00AM	(+) Gladys Mara Birthday and 16th Anniversary Remembrance <i>Req by: Timothy Mara</i>
	SUNDAY 10:30AM	(+) Healing for Peter Hayes <i>Req by: The Family</i>

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: barrestfrancisparrish@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
Vickie King 978.355.4830 · vickieking99@gmail.com
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YEAR OF SAINT FRANCIS

Presented by Paula Wood, OFS
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ST. FRANCIS, THE STIGMATA, AND LA VERNA

CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK....

According to the Third Consideration on the Stigmata, within the Little Flowers of St. Francis (the Fioretti), Francis prayed for two graces: to feel in his body the pain which Jesus felt during his Passion and to know in his heart the love which Jesus felt for all humanity. St. Bonaventure described the event in detail: On a certain morning about the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, while Francis was praying on the mountainside, he saw a Seraph having six wings, fiery as well as brilliant, descend from the grandeur of heaven. And when in swift flight, it had arrived at a spot in the air near the man of God, there appeared between the wings the likeness of a man crucified, with his hands and feet extended in the form of a cross and fastened to a cross.... As the vision was disappearing, it left in his heart a marvelous fire and imprinted in his flesh a likeness of signs no less marvelous. For immediately the marks of nails began to appear in his hands and feet just as he had seen a little before in the figure of the man crucified. (Major Life, 13) The Feast of the Stigmata of St. Francis is celebrated on September 17th.
To be continued.....

St. Francis of Assisi

CHARITABLE NEEDS & RESOURCES FUND

Donations may be placed in an envelope marked *Emergency Fund* in the basket with the offertory envelopes. For more information please contact Paula Wood at 978.355.2228 ext.7. *Thank You for Your Generosity.*



Parish Weekly Collection Week of: September 6, 2026

Envelopes	\$996.00
Anonymous Cash	\$216.00
Loose Checks	\$455.00
On-Line Giving	\$735.75
Total	\$2,402.75
Special Collections That Stay in the Parish	
Fuel	\$324.00
Maintenance	\$80.00
Assumption of Mary	\$400.00
CCD	\$20.00
Catechism of the Good Shepherd	\$62.00
St. Francis Shrine	\$650.00
Capital Improvements	\$10.00
Mass Stipends	\$30.00
Total	\$1,576.00
Additional Collections That Leave the Parish	
Mission Collection	\$1,031.75
Total	\$1,031.75
Total Collection	\$5,010.50

Thank You for Your Generosity 

A SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE OUR PARISH

Do you enjoy being creative, organized, and helping others stay connected?

Our parish is looking for someone who would be interested in sharing their time and talents as our Weekly Bulletin Editor.

The bulletin is an important way we communicate with our parish family; sharing upcoming events, ministry news, Mass intentions, special celebrations, and other information that helps keep us connected in faith and community.

THE BULLETIN EDITOR WOULD HELP WITH:

- * Preparing and creating our weekly parish bulletin
- * Collecting announcements & information
- * Printing and preparing the bulletin for weekend Masses
- * Sharing parish announcements on our Facebook page
- * Working with our Pastor, parish staff, and ministry leaders

You don't need to be an expert — just someone who is willing to help, organized, dependable, and comfortable with basic computer skills and Facebook. Most importantly, this is an opportunity to use your gifts to serve our parish family and help keep our Catholic community connected and informed.

If you feel this ministry might be a good fit for you, or if you'd simply like to learn more, please contact Father Jamie.

We would love to hear from you!

Thank you for prayerfully considering this opportunity to serve our parish.

OUR "LIL VEGGIE STAND" IS CLOSED FOR THE SEASON

We want to give a **BIG THANK YOU** for everyone's support this growing season.

Thank you to everyone who came to enjoy the flowers, veggies, and even eggs.

A GRAND SHOUT OUT TO ALL WHO SHARED THEIR PRODUCE WITH THE COMMUNITY.

The Lil Veggie Stand is a project of Hearts on Fire however, two of our members deserve the credit; Betty Chase and Sherry Bergin. Thank You for your produce, your dedication to keeping the stand neat and the vegetables fresh.



Faith Formation Registration

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

CLASSES START SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2026

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD & GRADES 1 - 6

Meet Sunday mornings starting with the 8am Mass at St. Joseph's Chapel followed by class downstairs in the hall until 9:45AM

GRADES 7, 8, 9 & CONFIRMATION

Sunday Evenings at St. Joseph's Hall 6:00PM - 7:30PM

Register online @ www.saintfrancisofassissparish.com

Mail in registration forms may be found at both churches.

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR CHILD(REN) TODAY!

We Need Catechists and Catechist/Atrium Assistants for Elementary Grades and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

TRAINING IS PROVIDED.

NEW PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

Ages 3, 4 & 5



Eucharist Procession

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH • 1:30PM

ST. JOSEPH'S CHAPEL

Please join us and be a part of our Eucharistic Procession. We will meet at St. Joseph's Chapel and then Fr. Jamie will lead us, in procession around the Barre Common.

This procession is in honor of the

Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi,

our Patron Saint who had great devotion to the True presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

**Let us share Jesus with the community
with this Eucharist Procession.**



**Thank You for Your Generosity to the
Annual Partners in Charity Campaign.**



We have exceeded our goal of \$31,000
with donations totaling \$32,000!

*Your Generosity and Kindness
are Greatly Appreciated!*



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH ARE WELCOME

Meetings are held monthly from Sept through June
on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, 6:30pm
at St. Joseph's hall (unless otherwise noted)

If you have any questions, please contact

Mary Ann Jordan, 978.355.4606

or mjordan92557@gmail.com.



Cleaning Out Before Heading Back to School?

**Bring those gently used items to
the donation bin at St. Thomas**

Items Accepted:

Clothing, Shoes, Sneakers, Belts, Purses,
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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
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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

ALL MEN OF THE PARISH ARE WELCOME

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For more information, call confidentially 860-837-0447
or visit the website www.helpourmarriage.org

If your marriage has become distant, troubled or uncaring; if you are divorced or separated but want to try again, Retrouvaille can help. Retrouvaille provides tools to communicate better, resolve conflicts fairly and rediscover why you fell in love. Retrouvaille, a Christian ministry for troubled marriages. Although this confidential ministry has its origin in the Catholic church all denominations are welcome. Retrouvaille, which means "rediscovery", consists of a weekend experience in which husbands and wives are helped to re-establish communication and gain new insights into themselves as individuals and as a couple. You will not be asked to share your problems with anyone else. However, you will be encouraged to put the past behind you, to look beyond the hurt and pain, in order to rediscover each other in a new and positive way.

The next local weekend starts Sept. 18 in Windsor, CT.
For more information call 860-837-0447.

The full cost of the program is \$1,600 per couple and includes meals, hotel, on the weekend and materials used during the follow-up sessions. Retrouvaille will never turn away a couple in need, due to the fee. If there is a problem they ask you to contact the same number for registration 860-837-0447.



Register Now

WORCESTER CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

All women are invited to this exciting Conference,
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St. Joseph School in Webster, MA

Saturday, November 7th

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3rd Thursday of Every Month 5:30PM - 7PM

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