



St. Francis of Assisi Parish

ST. JOSEPH'S CHAPEL
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September 20, 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



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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-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
"The Lord is near to all who call upon him."

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of Sep 20, 2026

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>
Sep 21	MONDAY 9:00AM	(+) Clovine Sahagian <i>Req by: Peg Morin</i>
Sep 22	TUESDAY 9:00AM	Votive Offering
Sep 23	WEDNESDAY 9:00AM	Pastor's Intentions
Sep 26	SATURDAY 4:00PM	(+) Debra LaFleur & Robert Anderson <i>Req By: The Patsky Family</i>
Sep 27	SUNDAY 8:00AM	(+) Clovine Sahagian <i>Req by: Peg Morin</i>
	SUNDAY 10:30AM	(+) Deceased Members of The Lizak & Miles Families <i>Req by: Paul Lizak</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

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YEAR OF SAINT FRANCIS

Presented by Paula Wood, OFS

Secular Franciscan Order



When, a month or so later, he finally returned to Assisi after receiving the Stigmata, he went first to the monastery of St. Clare and her sisters, where a humble lean-to had been constructed on the side of the monastery. He was, practically speaking, blind from trachoma, an eye disease he had picked up in 1219 in Egypt during the Fifth Crusade.

He was also suffering from what seems to have been tubercular leprosy, and he was hemorrhaging from the wounds of Christ. Weak and frail and saddened by the direction some of the friars were taking the order, Francis lay in the dark of his improvised hut with field mice scurrying over his body for over 50 days with only Brother Leo, his scribe and confessor, by his side. His pain became so extreme that at one point he cried to God to help him bear his suffering with patience.

God answered his prayer, saying,

"Tell me, Brother: if, in compensation for your sufferings . . . you were given an immense and precious treasure: the whole . . . earth changed into pure gold, pebbles into precious stones, and the waters of the rivers into perfume. Would you not regard the pebbles and the waters as nothing compared to such a treasure?

Would you not rejoice?"

Francis answered, "Lord, it would be a very great, a very precious, and inestimable treasure beyond all else that one can love and desire."

"Well, Brother," the voice said, "be glad and joyful in the midst of your infirmities . . . as of now, live in peace as if you were already sharing my kingdom."

to be continued..... Franciscan Media

Parish Weekly Collection week of: September 13, 2026

Envelopes	\$1,214.00
Anonymous Cash	\$452.00
Loose Checks	\$515.00
On-Line Giving	\$275.38
Total	\$2,456.38

Special Collections That Stay in the Parish

Fuel	\$255.00
Maintenance	\$464.00
St. Francis Shrine	\$100.00
Hard Cover Missals	\$105.00
Capital Improvements	\$30.00
Total	\$954.00

Additional Collections That Leave the Parish

Charitable Needs Fund	\$10.00
Total	\$10.00
Total Collection	\$3,420.38

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.

**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



Faith Formation Registration

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.saintfrancisofassisparish.com

Mail in registration forms may be found at both churches.

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR CHILD(REN) TODAY!

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

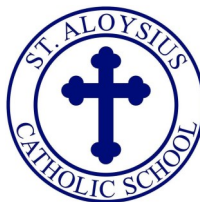
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Eucharist Procession

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.**



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ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

JOIN US AT OUR NEXT MEETING

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14 • 6:30PM

St. Joseph's Hall

Bring Your Ideas as The Planning Begins
for Our Annual Christmas Fair
Saturday, December 5 • 9AM - 2PM

THE CANDY CANE FAIR

**is our biggest fundraiser of the year
please join us to make it the best one yet!**

If you have any questions, please contact
Mary Ann Jordan, 978.355.4606
or mjordan92557@gmail.com.



**MONDAY SEPTEMBER 28 - 6:30PM
ST. JOSEPH CHURCH
29 SOUTH ST. BARRE, MA
(In the hall, use the side door)**

**JOIN US FOR
“Rebuilding the Church by Rebuilding Ourselves:
Lessons from the San Damiano Crucifix”**

We here at St. Francis of Assisi parish began our celebration of the Jubilee Year of St. Francis, with a talk by Corinne Lorenzet on the “Life of St. Francis”. As the Feast of St. Francis approaches on October 4, we welcome the return of Corinne for our last presentation “Rebuilding the Church by Rebuilding Ourselves: Lessons from the San Damiano Crucifix”.

Corinne is a member of the Secular Franciscan Order. She serves the Secular Franciscan Order of the US as a national councilor and as a spiritual assistant to several local fraternities.

As we discovered in our first talk, the message St. Francis received from the Crucifix at San Damiano, “Francis Rebuild My Church” was a transformative moment in his conversion. During this presentation we will delve into the symbolism of the San Damiano Crucifix, and discuss what message it has for us today.



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