



St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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

September 06, 2026

FR. JAMIE CALLAHAN | PASTOR

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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-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of Sep 06, 2026

Sep 05	SATURDAY 4:00PM	(+) Deceased Members of The Kowal Family <i>Req By: The Family</i>
Sep 06	SUNDAY 8:00AM	(+) Harry J. Corbett and Catherine Corbett <i>Req by: His Wife Isabel</i>
	SUNDAY 10:30AM	(+) Eliza & Leon Cloutier <i>Req by: Their Granddaughter Linda Tomonino</i>
Sep 07	MONDAY 9:00AM	(+) Robert Morin <i>Req by: Peg Morin</i>
Sep 08	TUESDAY 9:00AM	Votive Offering
Sep 09	WEDNESDAY 9:00AM	Pastor's Intentions
Sep 12	SATURDAY 4:00PM	(+) Carmella & Salvatore 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>

A MASS INTENTION IS A SPECIFIC PETITION FOR WHICH THE MASS IS OFFERED.
PLEASE CONTACT DEACON MALCOM TO REQUEST A MASS INTENTION
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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 OUR PRAYER CHAIN PLEASE CONTACT
Vickie King 978.355.4830 • vickieking99@gmail.com
Linda Tomaino 978-355-9057 • tomainol@verizon.net

YEAR OF SAINT FRANCIS

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ST. FRANCIS, THE STIGMATA, AND LA VERNA

On May 8, 1213 while preaching at a castle in San Leo, a nobleman named Count Orlando of Chiusi was so enflamed by Francis's words that he felt inspired to offer him part of the mountain towering over his own castle in Chiusi. Francis went to La Verna and was immediately drawn to the mountain's biting cold, rugged harshness, and austere beauty.

It was the perfect site for penance, prayer, and contemplation. Francis returned to La Verna five more times. It became a place of numerous and prolonged periods of withdrawal.

Some small cells were built and the church of Santa Maria degli Angeli (1216–18). The last time, two years before his death, the pivotal moment took place. He was on retreat, fasting and praying a forty-day lent in honor of the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (September 14) and St. Michael the Archangel (September 29). 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: August 30, 2026

Envelopes	\$1,414.00
Anonymous Cash	\$520.00
Loose Checks	\$650.00
On-Line Giving	\$275.25
Total	\$2,859.25

Special Collections That Stay in the Parish

Fuel	\$160.00
Maintenance	\$5.00
Assumption of Mary	\$10.00
Capital Improvements	\$10.00
Mass Stipends	\$90.00
Total	\$275.00

Additional Collections That Leave the Parish

Charitable Needs Fund	\$50.00
Total	\$50.00
Total Collection	\$3,184.25

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.

PRAY WITHOUT CEASING 1 Thessalonians 5:17

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**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.saintfrancisofassisi-parish.com

Mail in registration forms may be found at both churches.

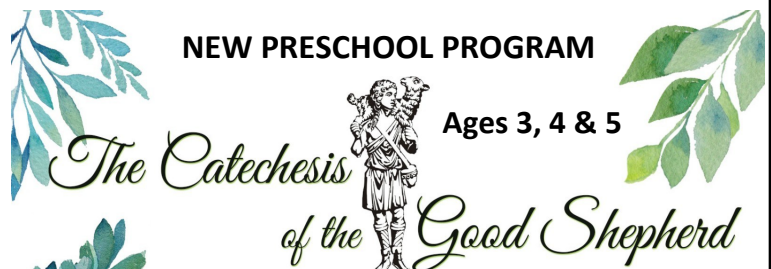
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If you have questions please contact Greg Devine at 774-479-8300 or via email at gdevine@worcester.edu

ALL MEN OF THE PARISH ARE WELCOME



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

ANNUAL MASS & COVERED DISH SUPPER

Wednesday, September 9 • 5:30PM

St. Joseph's Church

FEATURING GUEST SPEAKER JUDI BRENNAN

She will share with us words of wisdom on Luke 14:34

"Salt is good; but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored".

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.

St. Carlo Acutis Parish

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Saturday, September 12th

*Mass at 4 pm followed by Fair Food,
Music & Raffles 5 - 7 pm*

Sunday, September 13th

BBQ Chicken Dinner served 12:30 - 1:30 pm

Raffles - Music - Bake Sale 12 - 3 pm

Adults \$15 ♦ Under 12 \$8

*Tickets for BBQ Dinner available after Masses
or at the Parish Office - 508 867-6469*



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, Blankets, Towels, Sheets, Pillowcases & Curtains
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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.



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