

Mass Intentions for the week

NOTE: No Mass on Thursday

Saturday, July 18th

4:00PM † Louise Morin....by Georgette Morin

Sunday, July 19th

11:00AM † Joaquin Calvillo (12 Ann) Por Javier Calvillo

Monday, July 20th

8:00AM † William & Eleanor Desmond...by Pat Krysiak

† Lucie Genzy (15 Ann) ... Maureen & Merrill

Tuesday, July 21st

8:00PM † Joseph Leon Lizotte.....J. Rivard

6:00PM †

Wednesday, July 22nd

8:00AM † Therese Marble.... Donald Marble

Thursday, July 23rd

8:00AM --NO MASS

Friday, July 24th

6:00PM † Richard Horrigan Pat Krysiak

Saturday, July 25th

4:00PM † Yvonne Rochette (Birthday)...by the family
Sunday, July

26th

11:00AM † Ramoncito Mendez.... Por Georgette, Daisy & Cathy
† Marieliz Catalá... by anonymous



The Blessed Sacrament lamp is lit for all parishioners

Our Blessed Mother lamp is lit for all souls purgatory.

A candle to St. Francis of Assisi is lit for all the Doctors & nurses.

In Loving Remembrance

In your charity, please pray for all the souls of all the faithful departed. May they rest in peace. AMEN.

Parish Support July

Offertory: \$ 1,682

Maintenance: \$ 57

Fuel: \$ 68

Others: \$583.33



Total: \$ 2,390.33

Remember when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that you have received, only what you have given," St. Francis of Assisi

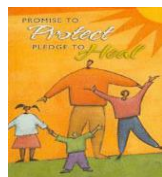
2020 PARTNERS IN CHARITY APPEAL



Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2020 Partner in Charity Appeal. St. Francis of Assisi is 86% toward our goal of \$20,000. If t

or pledge, please fill out a commitment pledge envelope located front of the church pews. Or visit

www.partners-charity.net to do it online. Partner in Charity, formerly known as the Bishop's Fund, is the Annual Appeal for the Dioceses of Worcester, serving 25 charitable, educational and pastoral ministries. Through your generous support we are able to serve thousands of families and individual in Worcester Country though outreach, formation, evangelization, and worship. Thank you!



Safe Environment

Victims Service Coordinator: Judith Audette, L.I.C.S.W.

Phone: 508-929-4363 (a 24-hour confidential voicemail is available)

Email: jaudette@worcesterdiocese.org

"Share Your Table with Love"

The needs for our St. Vincent de Paul food Pantry for the month July Tuna, canned meat (spam ham), beef stew, canned chicken, canned fruit, Mac & Cheese, Jelly, Cereal, boxed potatoes, salad dressing and Raman soup.

Thank You for your donations. "When I was hungry you gave food..."

****Food Pantry Hours: Friday 12:30 -2:00PM****



Happening at St. Francis Parish- Phrase One Mass Schedules

Monday, June 20th – 8 A M. English Mass

Tuesday, June 21st – 8 AM English Mass & 6PM Spanish

Wednesday, June 22nd - 8 AM English Mass

Thursday, June 23rd NO MASS

Friday, June 24th – 6PM English Mass

The tiny mustard seed and the yeast

In the gospel last Sunday, Jesus spoke about the seed as the Word of God. Today we continue with this theme and message as Jesus carries on talking about sowing seeds among weeds. He also



uses two other very important images; the tiny mustard seed and yeast used for making bread. Traditionally, the mustard seed is the smallest of seeds, and some would say the most insignificant. I have held them in my hand; they are very small – the size of the head of a pin. It is indeed a miracle that when they are planted that anything, least of all the mustard tree grows. Again, traditionally the mustard tree is actually the biggest of trees! From small beginnings come great and wonderful things. This is closely connected to the image of the yeast and the flour that Jesus speaks of at the end of the gospel. He says the Kingdom of God is like a woman who takes the yeast and mixes it with flour to produce plenty of bread. Flour on its own is simply flour, not bread! The flour needs the active power of the yeast to change and transform into something new – bread.

Why is Jesus drawing our attention the smallest of seeds and yeast? It is very easy for us to ignore or even dismiss that which we believe to be unimportant or insignificant. Yet, these two parables suggest the very opposite. This smallest of seeds, which grows slowly and silently in the depths of the earth becomes the biggest of trees where the birds take shelter and make their home. Yeast, when added to flour is transformed into dough and becomes bread. The yeast transforms the flour from within.

The Kingdom of God exercises its powerful presence from within, not without. It may have small beginnings, but it will increase and grow like the seed and the yeast. Just as the yeast is the ‘active ingredient’ in the flour, so too, we as followers of Jesus are called and challenged to be the ‘active ingredient’ in our modern culture and society. Without the seed, there is no mustard tree; without the yeast there is no bread. Without each of us and our efforts, no matter how small, the Kingdom of God will not grow and spread. Today, as followers of Jesus, we are being called to slowly transform the world around us from within. Each of us is called to be actively engaged in bringing the message of the gospel into all areas of life. We are called to be the mustard seed and the yeast!

It would be a mistake to think that it takes big projects and actions to bring about change. The smallest of actions and gestures can have a huge impact on those around us. Remember, it only takes one person to stand up in a theatre or a huge stadium to start a standing ovation of thousands! We can all do something; each of us is capable of bringing about change one small action at a time. Small acts of kindness and generosity, when multiplied by millions, can and will transform our own lives, the lives of those around and indeed the whole world.

If the small mustard seed and the yeast can be powerful agents of change, so can you and I!

– Br Michael Moore OMI

Sing & Praise



**Lord, you are good and forgiving
Tú, Señor, eres Bueno y clemente**



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ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI RAFFLE TICKETS



- 1st Prize \$ 2,500
- 2nd Prize \$1,000
- 3rd Prize \$ 500
- 4th Prize \$ 250
- 5th, 6th, & 7th Prize \$ 100

Although we are going through this difficult time, we continuing with the annual raffle. If you are interested in a book of raffle tickets or if you need more information, contact the Rectory, María Paulino or Awilda Martínez. If someone already has tickets sold, contact Awilda, Maria, or call the rectory.

The draw will be held on August 9, 2020.

The Church Building -Phrase 3

Daily Mass Chapels -The use of smaller “daily Mass” chapels should be suspended with all liturgies taking place in the main church.

Holy Water - All standing Holy Water should be removed from all fonts. Small individual bottles of Holy Water might be appropriately provided for parishioners or Holy Water may be made available in larger closed containers, from which the faithful might draw a personal supply. All water fountains should be turned off.

Hymns and Missalettes- Hymns and Missalettes will be removed from the church and stored for possible future use. Only “one-time use” worship aids may be used and should be disposed of after one use. The faithful may also be reminded of online sources for the daily readings, etc. which may be accessed on their cell phone.

Marking the Floor, the floor will be marked with removable tape at six-foot intervals approaching all communion stations and approaching all rest rooms.

Cleaning- Pew backs and surfaces in bathrooms will be disinfected after every Mass. Door handles and other surfaces should be disinfected daily. Gloves should be used when cleaning and emptying trash receptacles.

Further guidance has been provided by the CDC. 5 People arriving at

People arriving at Church _Masks and Social

Distancing All members of the congregation should be masked and required to observe a minimum of a six-foot social distance. Liturgical ministers are not masked, except for the isolated instances noted below.

Seating- In order to promote social distancing, people should be seated at least six feet apart in every-every-another pew.

Collection- Instead of passing collection baskets, parishioners should be directed to place their donations in conveniently located standing baskets, from which gloved ushers may transfer the money to drop-safe. The donations should be quarantined for three days before counting in order to assure that any trace of the virus has been neutralized.

La Pequeña Semilla De Mostaza Y La Levadura

En el evangelio del domingo pasado, Jesús habló acerca de la semilla como la Palabra de Dios. Hoy continuamos con este tema y mensaje al Jesús continuar hablando de sembrar las semillas entre



las malas hierbas. También usa otras dos imágenes muy importantes; la pequeña semilla de mostaza y la levadura para hacer pan.

Tradicionalmente, la semilla de mostaza es la más pequeña de las semillas, y algunos dirían la más insignificante. Las he tenido en mi mano; son muy pequeñas, del tamaño de la cabeza de un alfiler. De hecho, es un milagro que cuando se plantan crezca, menos que nada, el árbol de mostaza. Una vez más, tradicionalmente el árbol de mostaza es en realidad es uno de los arbustos más grande desde su comienzo se convierte en algo grande y maravilloso. Esto está estrechamente relacionado con la imagen de la levadura y la harina de la que Jesús habla al final del Evangelio. Él dice que el Reino de Dios es como la mujer que toma la levadura y la mezcla con harina para producir mucho pan. La harina por sí sola es simplemente harina, ¡no es pan! La harina necesita el poder activo de la levadura para cambiar y transformarse en algo nuevo: el pan.

¿Por qué Jesús está llamando nuestra atención con la más pequeña de las semillas y la levadura? Para nosotros es muy fácil ignorar o incluso descartar aquello que creemos que no es importante o insignificante. Sin embargo, estas dos parábolas sugieren todo lo contrario. Esta semilla más pequeña, que crece lenta y silenciosamente en las profundidades de la tierra, se convierte en el árbol más grande donde las aves se refugian y hacen su hogar. La levadura, cuando se agrega a la harina se transforma en masa y se convierte en pan. La levadura transforma la harina desde adentro.

El Reino de Dios ejerce su poderosa presencia desde dentro, no desde afuera. Puede tener un comienzo pequeño, pero aumentará y crecerá como la semilla y la levadura. Así como la levadura es el "ingrediente activo" en la harina, también, nosotros, como seguidores de Jesús, somos llamados y desafiados a ser el "ingrediente activo" en nuestra cultura y sociedad modernas. Sin la semilla, no hay árbol de mostaza; sin la levadura no hay pan. Sin cada uno de nosotros y nuestros esfuerzos, no importa cuán pequeño sea, el Reino de Dios no crecerá y se extenderá. Hoy, como seguidores de Jesús, somos siendo llamados a transformar desde dentro lentamente el mundo que nos rodea. Cada uno de nosotros está llamado a participar activamente en llevar el mensaje del Evangelio a todos los ámbitos de la vida; ¡Estamos llamados a ser la semilla de mostaza y la levadura!

Sería un error pensar que dé debe tiene grandes proyectos y acciones para lograr el cambio. Las acciones y gestos más pequeños pueden tener un gran impacto en quienes nos rodean; ¡Recuerde, sólo se necesita una persona para ponerse de pie en un teatro o un enorme estadio para iniciar una ovación de pie delante de miles! Todos podemos hacer algo; cada uno de nosotros es capaz de producir a la vez el cambio de una pequeña acción. Pequeños actos de bondad y

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generosidad, cuando se multiplican por millones, pueden y transformarán nuestras propias vidas, las vidas de quienes nos rodean y, de hecho, del mundo entero.

Si la semilla de mostaza pequeña y la levadura pueden ser poderosos agentes de cambio, ¡tú y yo podemos!

Michael Moore OMI

ORACION EN TIEMPO DE PANDEMIA

Oh Dios, cuyo Hijo único cargó con el sufrimiento de toda la humanidad por nuestra salvación, escucha las oraciones de tu Iglesia por nuestros hermanos y hermanas enfermos y auxilianos en esta hora de angustia.

Abre nuestros oídos y nuestros corazones para escuchar la voz de tu Hijo: “No tengan miedo, estoy con ustedes siempre.”

Bendice a todos los doctores y enfermeras, investigadores y servidores públicos; Danos la sabiduría para hacer lo correcto y la fe necesaria para vivir este momento; Que nos volvamos a reunir una vez más para bendecir tu nombre en el corazón de la Iglesia, libres ya de toda ansiedad y confiados en tu misericordia. Por nuestro Señor Jesucristo, tu Hijo. Amen

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
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**Drive-Thru
Fundraiser +**

**August 30th
12PM – 3PM
FOOD FUNDRAISER**

St. Francis of Assisi church Parking lot.

63 Sheridan Street, Fitchburg, MA

Our Annual fundraiser festival August 9th is canceled due to Covid -19 protocols but we will be having a takeout Pre order fundraiser

We will be selling food tickets after Mass starting Saturday, July 12.

Annual Raffle tickets August 30th at 3PM.

July 18th – 26th 2020

Lecturas Bíblicas de la Semana

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, July 20th

Miqueas//Micah 6:1-4,6-8

Salmo//Psalm 50:5-6,8-9,16bc-17,21,23

San Mateo//Matthew 12:38-42

Tuesday, July 21th

Miqueas//Micah 7:14-15,18-20

Salmo//Psalm 85:2-8

San Mateo//Matthew 12:46-50

Wednesday, July 22th

Cantar de los Cantares//Song of Songs 3:1-4a

Salmo//Psalm 63:2-6,8-9

San Juan//John 20:1-2,11-18

Thursday, July 23th

Jeremiah//Jeremiah 2:1-3,7-8,12-13

Salmo//Psalm 36:6-7b,8-11

San Mateo//Matthew 13:10-17

Friday, July 24th

Jeremiah//Jeremiah 3:14-17

Jeremiah//Jeremiah 31:10-13

San Mateo//Matthew 13:18-23

Saturday, July 25th

2 Corintios//2 Corinthians 4:7-15

Salmo//Psalm 126:1b,2-6

San Mateo//Matthew 20:20-28

Sunday, June 26th

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Reyes/1 Kings 3:5,7-12

Salmo//Psalm 119:57,72,76-77,127-130

Romano// Romans 8:28-30

San Mateo//Matthew 13:44-52

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Aunque estemos pasando esta triste situación, Vamos a continuar con las rifas. Si alguien está interesado en un libro de boleto de rifa o necesita más información, comuníquese con Rectoría, María Paulino o Awilda Martínez para obtener más información. Si alguien ya tiene boletos vendidos, comuníquese con Awilda, María o llame a la rectoría.

El sorteo se realizará el 9 de agosto de 2020.