

Mass Intentions for the week

NOTE: No Mass on Thursday

Saturday, August 8th

4:00PM † William Painter...by Mr. & Mrs. Alphonse Pagnotto

† Chester Genzy (1 Month)...by Moureen Merrill

Sunday, August 9th

11:00AM † Wilfredo Noguerras Portalain (Padre) y Angel G. Bonilla Rodriguez...por la familia.

† Por el cumpleaños (24) de Yánfer Duarte Antonio...por la familia.

Monday, August 10th

8:00AM †

Tuesday, August 11th

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

6:00PM †

Wednesday, August 12th

8:00AM †

Thursday, August 13th

8:00AM --NO MASS

Friday, August 14th

6:00PM †

Saturday, August 15th

4:00PM †

Sunday, August 16th

11:00AM † Joaquin y Olivera Zumbado Gomez...Hija de Cecilia



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 Aug

Offertory: \$

Maintenance: \$

Fuel: \$



Total: \$

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!



"Share Your Table with Love"

The needs for our St. Vincent de Paul food Pantry for the month **August** 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****



If you have been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church, please believe in the possibility for hope and help and healing. We encourage you to come forward and speak ou. The victim

assistance coordinator for the Diocese of Worcester is Judith Audette. A report can be made by phone to (508) 929-4363.

Happening at St. Francis Parish- Phrase One Mass Schedules

Monday, August 10th – 8 A M. English Mass

Tuesday, August 11th – 8 AM English Mass & 6PM Spanish

Wednesday, August 12th - 8 AM English Mass

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Fear and Faith

In many novels, plays and films there are storms. Characters look to grey skies and warn that a storm is coming. This is not just a weather forecast! In our own

daily lives when we face difficult or painful situations we talk about ‘weathering a storm’ or ‘being all at sea.’ These recent months whether at a personal, local, national, or global level, we have all weathered, battled, and hopefully survived the storm that was and still is the Coronavirus. It shook and rattled us and we all did our very best to hang on and survive. Hopefully these days now, that storm is easing for us.

In the gospel today, the disciples find themselves in a storm while at sea in a boat, but this is not the only storm they are facing. The gospel continues directly from last week’s when Jesus fed the crowd. After sending them away, Jesus again spends time alone where he can be silent, rest, and pray. Even Jesus can’t be busy and active all the time. While the disciples are at sea the famous storm blows and bellows.

While the storm is at its worst, Jesus arrives walking in water. So overcome with panic, fear, and doubt, the friends of Jesus think they are seeing a ghost. It is not only the waves that have got the better of them, so too has their lack of faith and their fear. Seeing their fear, Jesus proclaims the most used phrase in the bible, ‘Do not be afraid.’ In an act that is either brave or filled with bravado, Peter volunteers to walk on the water towards Jesus. He takes the first few steps and is doing well until he sees the waves and then he sinks. He cries out to Jesus, ‘Lord, save me!’ Jesus stretches out his hand and saves Peter. Getting back into the boat Jesus both calms the storm and the disciples.

We all deal with daily pain and difficulties; ‘the storms of life.’ This might be illness, family problems, bereavement or unemployment; the list is endless. When we read or hear this gospel, we tend to focus on the fact the Peter took his eyes off Jesus and sank. But he also had the faith, courage and humility to ask for help and cry out, ‘Lord, save me.’

We know from personal and painful experience that I have often tried to solve my problems by myself. I neither looked nor asked for help. I did not turn to Jesus and pray, ‘Lord, save me.’ I let my fear become stronger than my faith. Being older and hopefully a little wiser, I now realize that I cannot face the storms of my life without Jesus by my side. As I put out my hand and ask for help, Jesus stretches out his to hold and support me. I am not alone no matter what storm I am experiencing.

We are all now experiencing a ‘new normal.’ We may still be feeling unsure and anxious. Can we stretch out our hand to Jesus as we hear him say to each of us, ‘Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.’ Whatever storms we are experiencing today, we are not alone.

– Br Michael Moore OMI

Sing & Praise



Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation

Muéstranos, Señor, tu misericordia y danos tu salvación.



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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.

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1230AM, 970AM & 101.1FM EMMANUEL RADIO

Join Emmanuel Radio to Honor Blessed Mother

The Church dedicates the month of August to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Emmanuel Radio can help you form a deeper relationship with our Mother and realize and respond to her love and share it with others. Tune into Emmanuel Catholic Radio on 1230AM WNEB; 970AM WESO; 101.1FM WESO; online at www.1230radio.com; or via smart phone. To donate go to www.1230radio.com. Emmanuel Radio - Truth for Life! Immaculate Heart of Mary Pray for Us!

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Miedo y fe

En muchas novelas, obras de teatro y películas hay tormentas. Los personajes miran los cielos grises y advierten que se avecina una tormenta. ¡Esto no es solo un

pronóstico del tiempo! En nuestra propia vida cotidiana, cuando enfrentamos situaciones difíciles o dolorosas, hablamos de 'monitorizar una tormenta' o 'estar en el mar'. En estos últimos meses, ya sea a nivel personal, local, nacional o global, todos hemos resistido, luchado, y con suerte estoamos sobrevivió a la tormenta que es y sigue siendo el Coronavirus. Nos sacudió y sacude y todos estamos haciendo todo lo posible para aguantar y sobrevivir.

En el Evangelio de hoy, los discípulos se encuentran en una tormenta mientras están en el mar en un bote, pero esta no es la única tormenta que enfrentan. El Evangelio continúa directamente desde la semana pasada cuando Jesús alimentó a la multitud. Después de enviarlos, Jesús nuevamente pasa tiempo solo donde puede estar en silencio, descansar y orar. Incluso Jesús no puede estar ocupado y activo todo el tiempo. Mientras los discípulos están en el mar, la tormenta sopla y brama.

Mientras la tormenta está en su peor momento, Jesús llega caminando en el agua. Así que, abrumado por el pánico, el miedo y la duda, los amigos de Jesús piensan que están viendo un fantasma. No sólo las olas las han vencido, sino también su falta de fe y su miedo. Al ver su miedo, Jesús proclama la frase más utilizada en la Biblia: "No tengas miedo". En un acto valiente o lleno de valentía, Pedro se ofrece como voluntario para caminar sobre el agua hacia Jesús. Da los primeros pasos y le va bien hasta que ve las olas y luego se hunde. Él clama a Jesús: "¡Señor, sálvame!" Jesús extiende su mano y salva a Pedro. Volviendo al bote, Jesús calma la tormenta y a los discípulos.

Todos lidiamos con el dolor y las dificultades diarias; "Las tormentas de la vida". Esto puede ser enfermedad, problemas familiares, duelo o desempleo; la lista es interminable. Cuando leemos o escuchamos este evangelio, tendemos a enfocarnos en el hecho de que Pedro apartó sus ojos de Jesús y se hundió. Pero también tuvo la fe, el coraje y la humildad para pedir ayuda y gritar: "Señor, sálvame".

Sabemos por experiencia personal y dolorosa que a menudo hemos tratado de resolver mis problemas por nuestro mismo remedio. No miré ni pedí ayuda. No me volví a Jesús y recé: "Señor, sálvame". Dejé que mi miedo se volviera más fuerte que mi fe. Siendo mayor y con suerte un poco más sabio, ahora me doy cuenta de que no puedo enfrentar las tormentas de mi vida sin Jesús a mi lado. Cuando extendo mi mano y pido ayuda, Jesús

extiende la suya para sostenerme y apoyarme. No estoy solo, no importa qué tormenta estoy experimentando. Todos estamos experimentando una "nueva normalidad". Todavía podemos sentirnos inseguros y ansiosos. ¿Podemos extender nuestra mano a Jesús mientras lo escuchamos decirnos a cada uno de nosotros, '¡Ánimo! ¡Esto soy yo! No tengas miedo ". Cualquiera que sea la tormenta que estamos experimentando hoy, no estamos solos.

- H. 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

Lecturas Bíblicas de la Semana

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, Aug.10

2 Corintios//2 Corinthians 9:6-10

Salmo//Psalm 112:1-9

San Juan/ John 12:24-26

Tuesday, August 11

Ezequiel 2:8—3:4

Salmo//Psalm 113:1-6

San Mateo//Matthew 18:1-5,10,12-14

Wednesday, August 12

Ezequiel 9:1-7,10:18-22

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

San Mateo//Matthew 18:15-20

Thursday, August 13

Ezequiel 12:1-2

Salmo//Psalm 78:56-57,58-59,61-62

San Mateo//Matthew 18:21-19:1

Friday, August 14

Ezequiel 16:1-15,60,63

Isaiah 12:2-3,4BCD, 5-6

San Mateo//Matthew 19:3-12

Saturday, August 15

RV 11:19A,12:6A,10AB

Salmo//Psalm 45:10-12,16

San Lucas/Luke 1:39-56

Sunday, August 16

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaia/Isaiah 56:1,6-7

Salmo//Psalm 67:2-8

Romano// Romans 11:13-15,29-32

San Mateo//Matthew 15:21-28

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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.