#### November 2<sup>nd</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024



#### Saturday, November 2nd

4:00 PM † Louise Morin ... by Georgette Morin † Tom Krysiak... Pat Krysiak

#### <u>Sunday, Novemb</u>er 3<sup>rd</sup>

**9:00 AM** † Jeanette Willingham... by Biglow & Barbero Family

11:00AM † Rafael Gemelo Pérez... by Mirna Torres Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>

8:00AM †

Tuesday, November 5th

**8:00** AM † Donald & Therese Marble... by Georgette Morin

**6:00 PM**† Jessica Enid Torres... by Millie & family. Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>

8:00 AM †

Thursday, November 7th

6:00 PM

Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>

6:00 PM

Saturday, November 9th

**4:00 PM** † Alphonse & Bernadette Morin... by Georgette Morin

† Sandi Cucchiara... by Pat Krysiak

#### "Share Your Table with Love."



The needs for our St. Vincent de Paul food Pantry for the month <u>November</u>: tuna, canned meat (spam ham), beef stew, canned chicken, canned fruit, Mac & Cheese, Jelly, mustard, juices, Coffee

or tea cereal, boxed potatoes, salad dressing, Raman soup, Tissue and toilet paper. We are also in need of groceries plastic bags. Thank You for your donations. "When I was hungry you gave food...."

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: November 24<sup>th</sup> – Campaign for Human Development.

#### **WINTER IS COMING SOON**



Church Fuel Giving
Winter is almost here!

We encourage you to consider a donation to our Fuel Fund to help us

to defray the bills for fuel during the winter season. Thank you for your consideration.



The Blessed Sacrament lamp is lit for all the parishioners from St. Francis of Assisi.

A candle to St. Joseph is lit for Jerry Rivera health & for the family Rivera.

#### 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 - October 26-27, 2024

Offertory: \$ 2,983.00

All Soul: \$370 BCP: \$20 Fuel: \$62

Maintenance: \$42 Christmas Flowers: \$20 Donation: \$3,500

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**Total:** \$6,997

#### Thank You for your generous support!

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

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#### Religious Education

#### CCD Program Schedule

**Sunday,** November 3<sup>rd</sup> – Class

Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> – No Class – Teacher's

meeting.

Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> – Class Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> - Class

Confirmation Students 2023-24



Congratulations to our Conformandis 2023-24!

#### St. Francis of Assisi

As we continue to read from Mark's Gospel, our Lectionary skips a chapter that helps set the context for



today's reading. we would hear about Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, his cleansing of the Temple, and the questioning of Jesus' authority by the chief priests, scribes, and elders. The context, therefore, for this Gospel is Jesus' growing exposure before the Jewish authorities. Jesus is being questioned and tested by

the Jewish authorities, yet the scribe who addresses Jesus in today's Gospel seems to be an admirer; he is not testing Jesus.

The question posed in today's Gospel requires Jesus to

interpret the Law of Moses. The Mosaic Law consists of the Ten Commandments and many additional commandments, numbering into the hundreds. For a devout Jew, adherence to the Mosaic Law is an expression of faithfulness to God's covenant with Israel. The ranking of these commandments was regularly debated among the teachers of the Law. Jesus was not the only Jewish religious teacher to connect these two commandments, love of God and love of neighbor. Both of these commandments were central elements of the religious tradition that Jesus learned from his Jewish community. Indeed, these commandments continue to be central aspects of contemporary Jewish religious understanding. Jesus' response to his questioners proposed an integral connection between these two aspects of the Jewish Law. Love of God finds its expression in our love for our neighbor. Many believe, however, that this

The scribe who questions Jesus in today's Gospel engages in a positive dialogue with Jesus. He agrees with Jesus' teaching that the commandments to love God and love neighbor stand above the commandment to offer worship and sacrifice in the Temple. With this dialogue, Jesus appears to close the debate with the Jewish authorities. Mark reports that no one dared to question Jesus further.

connection was heard in a new and fresh way when

spoken by Jesus.

# Sign & Praise

I love you, Lord, my strength!



Yo te amo, Señor, tú eres mi fortaleza.

#### Hymns: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Processional: #388 "I Know My Redeemer Lives"

Offertory: #710 "I Have Loved You."

Communion: #519 "I Am the Living Bread."

**Recessional:** "I Am the Bread of Life"

## Thanksgiving Day Mass

#### Thanksgiving Mass:

Thursday, November 28th: 8 AM at the church English

Spanish Mass: Wednesday,

November 27<sup>th</sup> at 6PM.

#### Safe Environment:

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 out. The victim assistance coordinator for the Diocese of Worcester is Judith Audette. A report can be

made by phone to (508) 929-4363.

#### St. Francis of Assisi

#### November 3<sup>rd</sup> – Word of Life

"Palliative care and hospice are precious and crucial instruments in the care of patients with serious and complex chronic or terminal illnesses, and they help provide comfort to both the patients and their families. While palliative care cannot entirely eradicate suffering from people's lives, it provides an authentic expression of human and Christian care—allowing us to 'remain' at the side of a suffering person, as the Blessed Mother and the beloved disciple remained at the foot of the Cross...The path of accompaniment until the moment of death must remain open, with appropriate care for body and soul customized to the personal needs of the patient."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "The Witness of the Good Samaritan: Palliative Care and Hospice"

#### Holiday Fair in Fitchburg

St. Bernard Elementary School will hold its Holiday Fair on Saturday. Nov. 23 from 8:00am-3:00pm. Fun for all ages...Pictures with Santa, Children's Room & Craft, Baked Goods, Vendors, Class Baskets Raffle, Chance Auction (Chinese Auction), Brunch and Lunch. Something for everyone! Held at the school at 254 Summer ST. Fitchburg

#### Christmas In Acadia'' Fair in Leominster

On Friday, Nov. 8 from 5-8 pm and Saturday, Nov. 9 from 12-6 pm all are welcome to St. Cecilia's "Christmas in Acadia" Fair with traditional French-Canadian foods featuring Poutines, Rapee, and Fricot, or choose from our extensive kitchen menu and end your meal at the pie booth or at the baked goods table. Acadian Auction, Major Raffle of four prizes of \$1000, Theme Baskets, variety of handmade Craft items and a large Flea Market available for your enjoyment. There will be face painting and a variety of game booths for children of all ages! On Saturday free picture with Santa from 2:30-4:30 pm. Live entertainment on Saturday. Take the weekend off from cooking. Come enjoy the food and festivities! Located at 188 Mechanic St., Leominster.

#### 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

"And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself' is worth more than all the burnt offerings and sacrifices." (MARK 12:33) Of all the gifts that God gives us, the one He wants the most is our heart. He wants us to share out of our love for Him, not out of obligation. Using our talent in parish ministry and contributing money to support our parish mission is important, but it's more important to spend time in prayer with God daily and discern how He is calling us to be generous with all of our gifts. Not just the visible ones, but the invisible ones like love, mercy and forgiveness.



Todo miércoles en la Iglesia de San Francis a las 6 pm. Todos están invitados



Educación Religiosa para el año 2024-2025



El Horario de Catesismo Para noviembre:

**Domingo, 3 de noviembre** – Clase **Domingo, 10 de noviembre**- No hay clase y hay

**Domingo, 10 de noviembre**- No hay clase y hay reunion con los maestros

**Domingo, 17 de noviembre** – Clase **Domingo, 24 de noviembre** – Clase

Felicidades a todos los estudiante de la Confirmacion



2023-2024.



La víspera de acción de gracias es el miércoles, 27 noviembre a las 6PM en la iglesia.

#### St. Francis of Assisi



#### PEREGRINAJE ITALIA/MEDJUGORGE

Fecha del Peregrinaje: 21 de septiembre al 4 de octubre 2025.

Coordinadores: Yolanda y Anthony Torres

Capellan: Rev. Angel R. Matos

Reunion: Domingo, 27, de octubre 2024

Hora: 12:30 PM

Donde: Iglesia de St. Francis, Fitchurg



Comisáremos con nuestra Triduo parroquiales. La Virgen de la Providencia – Comenzando 15 de noviembre. En la iglesia de St. Francis para todos los feligrese. Todos los feligreses están invitados.

Viernes, 15 de noviembre: después de la misa 6:30PM.

**Sábado, 16 de noviembre**: a las 5PM, después de la misa en la iglesia.

**Domingo, 17 de noviembre**: a 10 AM y después de la misa de español, un compartir.

#### 31º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

"Y amarle con todo el corazón y con todo el entendimiento y con todas las fuerzas, y amar al prójimo como a uno mismo, es más importante que todos los holocaustos y sacrificios." (MARCOS 12:33) De todos los dones que Dios nos da, el que Él más quiere es nuestro corazón. Él quiere que compartamos nuestro amor por Él, no por obligación. Utilizar nuestros talentos en los ministerios parroquiales y contribuir con nuestro dinero para apoyar la misión de nuestra parroquia es importante, pero es más importante pasar tiempo en oración con Dios diariamente y discernir como Él nos llama a ser generosos con todos nuestros dones. No solo los dones visibles, sino también los invisibles como el amor, la misericordia y el perdón.



Comensaremos con nuestra Triduo de la Virgen de La Guadalupe en nuestra parroquia el 6 de diciembre.

#### Trigésimo primer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

"Amarás a tu prójimo como a ti mismo". ¿Estás siendo llamado a amar al Señor con un corazón indiviso como sacerdote o hermano o hermana religioso? Hable con su sacerdote o comuníquese con la Oficina de Vocaciones al (508) 630-4473 o por correo

electrónico: donato.infante@gmail.com.

#### Daily Scripture Reading // Lecturas Bíblicas

#### Monday, November 4th

Phil 2:1-4

PS//Salmo 131:1-3

Lk//Lucas 14:12-14

#### Tuesday, November 5th

Phil 2:5-11

PS//Salmo 22:26-32

Lk//Lucas 14:15-24

#### Wednesday, November 6th

Phil 2:12-18

Ps//Salmo 27:1, 4, 13-14

Lk//Lucas 14:25-33

#### Thursday, November 7th

Phil 3:3-8a

Ps//Salmo 105:2-7

Lk//Lucas 15:1-10

#### Friday, November 8th

Phil 3:17-4:1

Ps//Salmo 122:1-5

Lk//Lucas 16:1-8

#### Saturday, November 9th

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12

Ps//Salmo 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9,

1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17

Jn 2:13-22

#### Sunday, November 10th

#### 32 Sunday of Ordinary Time

1 kgs/1 reyes 17:10-16

Ps//Salmo 146:7-10

Heb 9:24-28

Mk 12:38-44