

# **105th Feast of the Blessed Sacrament 2019 Headliner Announced!**

The Feast of the Blessed Sacrament features continuous live Portuguese & American entertainment at five performance locations. The 2019 Entertainment Committee has been hard at work to continue the tradition of top-quality, "FREE" Entertainment for folks of all ages!

We are proud to announce that Scott Stapp of Creed, will headline the Feast on Thursday night!

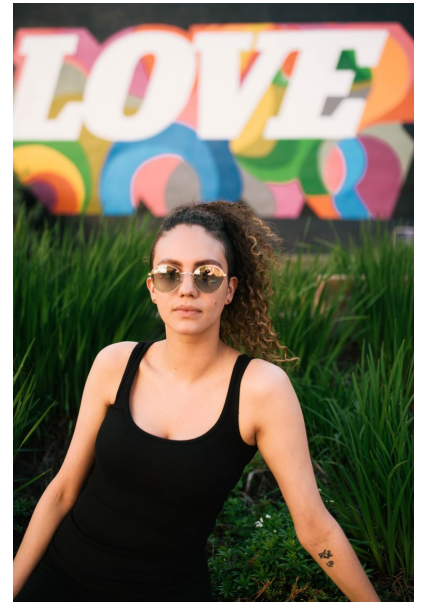
See more about these amazing bands on the Feast of the Blessed Sacrament web site and stay tuned for our complete line-up in the upcoming week!

Thank you and we can't wait to see you August 1, 2, 3, 4, 2019!

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## **Faces Of New Bedford #207: Aleisea Guzman**

Meet Aleisea Guzman, 23-year-old Designer and Sculptor. Aleisea got involved in the world of art as a child, attending the Art Mobile that traveled to Satellite Village homes where she lived. Watching her father play video games, as well as playing her own, it inspired her to go to school for software development.



After high school, she began attending Umass Dartmouth, focusing on a degree in Computer Science. Realizing that she wasn't so interested in the coding aspect of game creation, but the character and model development, she switched her major to Animation and Game Arts, with a concentration in sculpture. She enjoyed taking extra sculpture classes, as it was an escape from computer work, allowing her to mold and shape her work with her own hands.

As she has just graduated, she is looking to her future and has hopes to continue to contribute to the local art community. She has also helped local street artists, such as Meaggsy and TomBob in commissioned works throughout the city.

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*Faces of New Bedford is a project by Colton Simmons. If you are interested in booking a shoot or getting prints from the series email all inquiries to [colton@coltonsimmons.com](mailto:colton@coltonsimmons.com). Follow Colton on Instagram: <https://instagram.com/simmonscolton>*

Read more of the Faces of New Bedford series **here**.

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# **Bishop Stang High School announces “Top Ten” graduates**

Congratulations to the Top Ten students of the Bishop Stang High School Class of 2019: Patrick Clark, Jacob Thompson, Clinton Hegarty, Clare Laroche, Katherine D’Ordine, Sarah Gracia, Gage Ramsden, Daqi (Jen) Chen, Kenneth Mackenzie, Ziqi (Christine) Yu. The Top Ten students were recognized last night, May 23th at the annual Senior Awards and Scholarship Presentations, which was held at White’s of Westport.

Additional recognition will occur at the graduation, where Salutatorian Jacob Thompson will welcome the graduates and guests, and Valedictorian Patrick Clark will deliver an address at the 57th Commencement Exercises. The guest speaker at the graduation ceremony will be James A. Black, President and CEO of Moran Shipping Agencies and member of the Class of 1969. Bishop Stang High School’s Graduation Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, May 29, 2019 in the John C. O’Brien Gymnasium at 5pm.

- Patrick Clark of New Bedford will attend Harvard University.
- Jacob Thompson of Lakeville will attend Lehigh University.
- Clinton Hegarty of Westport will attend Northeastern University.
- Clare Laroche of Bristol, RI will attend the University of Rhode Island.
- Katherine D’Ordine of Lakeville will attend Bryant University.
- Sarah Gracia of New Bedford will attend Northeastern University.
- Gage Ramsden of Lakeville will attend Massachusetts Maritime Academy.
- Daqi (Jen) Chen of Shanghai, China will attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
- Kenneth Mackenzie of Westport will attend the University of

Vermont.

- Ziqi (Christine) Yu of Guangzhou, China will attend the University of California at San Diego.
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# **Massachusetts State Police and UMass Police investigate vandalism at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Dorchester**

The Massachusetts State Police and University of Massachusetts Boston Police are investigating significant vandalism committed today at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial on Morrissey Boulevard in Dorchester. Several dozen recent plantings of shrubs and flowers were torn out of the ground, numerous flags were ripped down and thrown into a wooded area, and hate-related graffiti – including a swastika – were written on the stone monuments. Preliminary investigation indicates that the crimes were committed early this afternoon.

Troopers from Troop H Headquarters and State Police-South Boston, along with the Department's Crime Scene Services Section, and UMass Boston officers and detectives are conducting the investigation. The memorial is situated on open space owned and maintained by the university. Officers and Troopers are searching the grounds for evidence, conducting canvases of the area, and determining whether any security cameras in the area captured additional evidence.

The University of Massachusetts and the Massachusetts State

Police condemn this despicable act and are conducting a thorough and coordinated investigation to determine who is responsible and to hold that person or persons accountable. Anyone with information about the vandalism should call UMass Boston Police at 617-287-6084 or State Police at 617-740-7710.

The below photos show some of the graffiti, damaged flowers, and the bed from which some of the shrubs were removed. Please credit photos to Massachusetts State Police.

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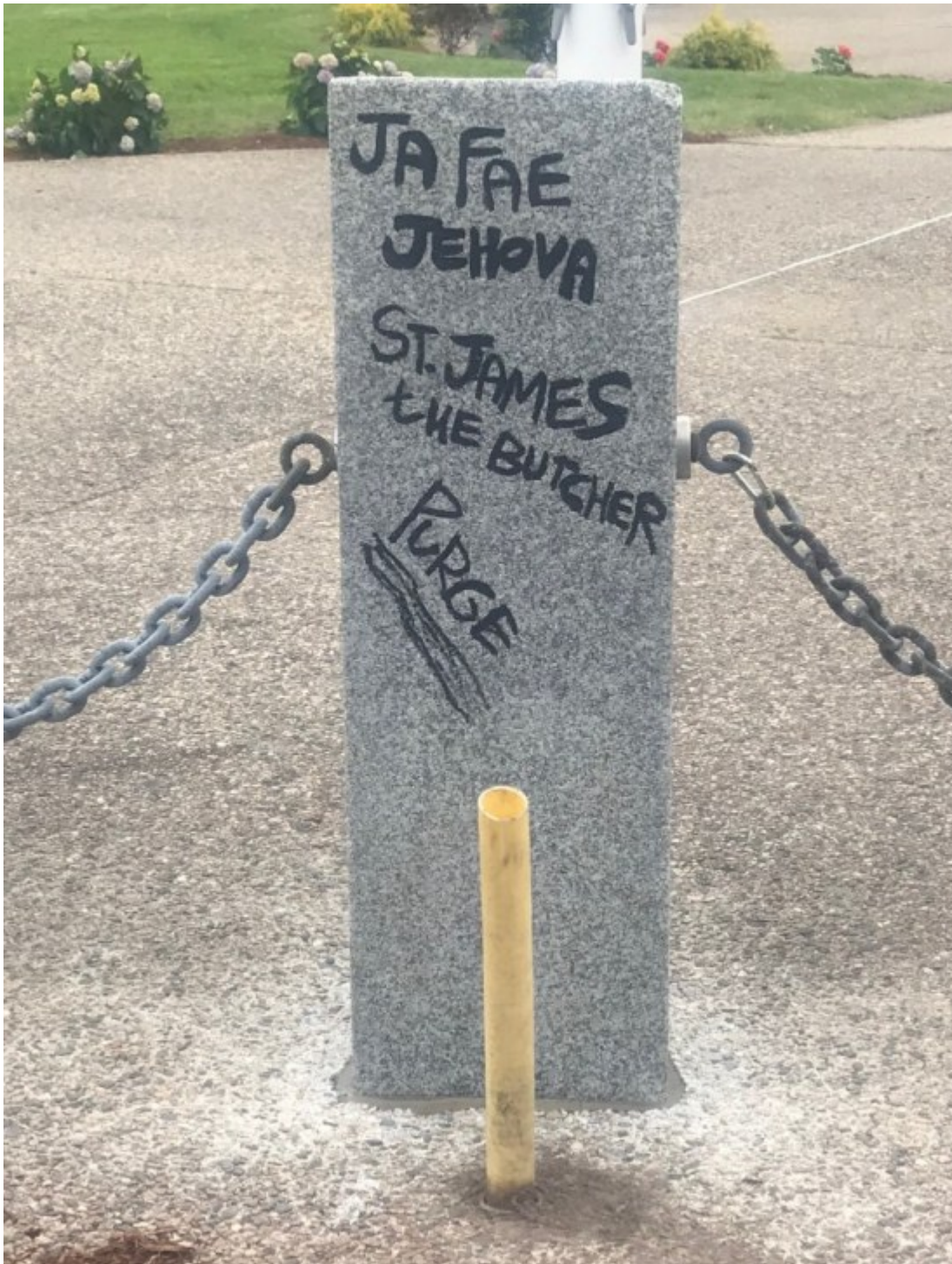
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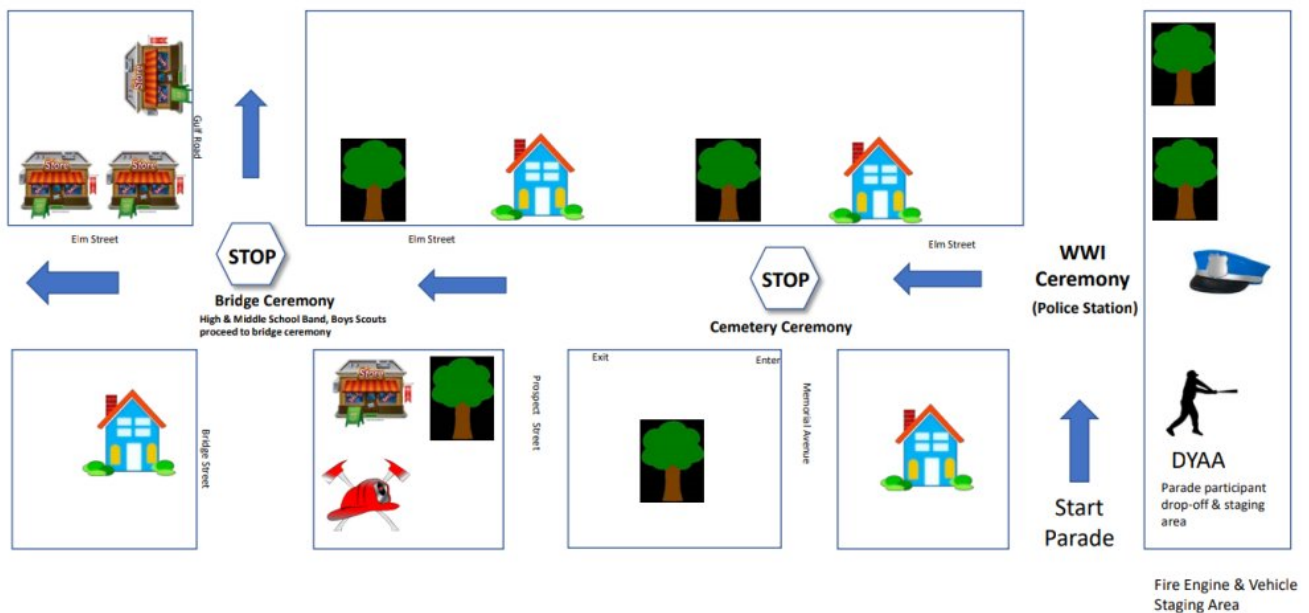
**Town Of Dartmouth Memorial**

# Day Parade, May 27

The Town of Dartmouth Memorial Day Parade will take place on Monday, May 27, 2019, weather permitting.

**9:15 a.m:** WWI Ceremony at the Police Station

**9:30 a.m.:** Parade kick off from the Police Station



## Alzheimer's Association Social Engagement Program to be held in New Bedford

Research has clearly shown that staying active is a powerful way to manage Alzheimer's or another dementia. To provide those living with mild Alzheimer's disease or a memory disorder with opportunities for social engagement, the Alzheimer's Association, Massachusetts/New Hampshire Chapter will host a free program on Thursday, June 13.

This free engagement opportunity is part of the Alzheimer's Association Alz Meet Up program. It is intended for individuals with mild memory loss and their care partners.

The event begins at 1:00 p.m., at Rotch-Jones-Duff House and Garden Museum, 396 County Street, New Bedford. Attendees will enjoy a visit to one of New Bedford's most influential townsmen and entrepreneurs, William Rotch, Jr.'s home. The house occupies a full city block and features a formal boxwood rose parterre garden, a boxwood specimen garden, cutting garden and an award-winning Woodland Walk surrounding the 19th-century wooden lattice pergola. To reserve your spot today call 800.272.3900.

### **Alzheimer's Association**

The Alzheimer's Association is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's care, support and research. Our mission is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health. Our vision is a world without Alzheimer's®. Visit [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org) or call 800.272.3900.

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## **New Bedford School Committee Member John Oliveira pulls papers for mayor**

Current New Bedford School Committee member John Oliveira has pulled nomination papers with the intent to run for mayor. He has until **5pm on August 30** to turn in at 50 valid signatures to be officially placed on the October 1st primary ballot.

Mr. Oliveira has had some public confrontations with Mayor Mitchell and New Bedford previous Superintendent of Schools Pia Durkin. In November of 2017, **he was served with a no-trespass order** and ordered to stay off all New Bedford school properties after incidents with Pia Durkin. In January of 2018, **the New Bedford School Committee in a 6-1 vote issued a more restrictive no-trespass order** against Mr. Oliveira. He was the lone no vote.

Veteran candidate Michael Janson, Russell Dearing, Iean Morgan, and David Pimentel have also pulled nomination papers with the intention to run for Mayor.

Current New Bedford Mayor Jon Mitchell has yet to pull papers, but he usually pulls them as the deadline draws near. He has yet to confirm his intention to run for re-election.

This will be New Bedford first ever 4-year mayor term as voters approved the move from two years in 2017.

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## **11 Viall Street raided for drugs by New Bedford police twice since March**

On Wednesday, May 22, New Bedford police arrested four individuals in the driveway of 11 Viall Street on drug charges to include fentanyl distribution. Fentanyl is responsible for 89% of all the overdose deaths in Massachusetts in 2018.

This is the second police raid at 11 Viall Steet since March. We are waiting to hear back from the New Bedford Police Department to if the apartment numbers are related.

At around 1 pm on May 22, police arrested the following individuals at 11 Viall Street, none of whom live there:

- 42-year old Jose Garcia-Santiago of 174 Central Ave (apartment 3) in New Bedford for Class A drug possession and conspiracy to violate drug laws. Class A drug usually means heroin.
- 44-year old Carlos Perez of 65 Sawyer Street (apartment 1) in New Bedford for distribution of fentanyl, possession of Suboxone and conspiracy to violate drug laws.
- 69-year old Emilio Rivera of 110 County Street (apartment 74) in New Bedford for Class A drug possession, conspiracy to violate drug laws, Class E drug possession and Class A drug distribution – second offense (4/16/1998). Class A drug usually means heroin.
- 31-year old Edwin Carrasquillo of 20 Holly Street (apartment 1) in New Bedford for Class B drug distribution, Class A drug possession, Class B drug possession, warrant arrest, Class A drug distribution – second offense (2/5/2009)

On March 11, 2019, New Bedford police raided 11 Viall Street (apartment 3N) and charged the following individuals:

- Miguel Sevilla-Freire of 11 Viall Street in New Bedford with possession to distribute Class B drug and conspiracy to violate drug laws.
- Angel Miguel Sevilla of 54 Roosevelt Street in New Bedford with possession to distribute cocaine, conspiracy to violate drug laws and Class B drug distribution – second offense.

When it comes to drug dealing, Viall Street is one of the problem streets in New Bedford and part of the **South End of New Bedford's Drug Dealer Mile**. Giovanni Cruz Ferrer of 15 Viall Street (apartment #3) was arrested at 162 Davis Street in New Bedford on 2 February and is being charged with fentanyl distribution, fentanyl distribution – second offense and had two outstanding warrants at the time.



Nearly one-third (29%) of those arrested for distribution/trafficking of hard drugs lived on six streets in New Bedford:

*New Bedford's six worst drug dealer infested streets*

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## **Wareham's Annual Oyster Fest and 5K Road Race, May 26**

On Sunday May 26, 2019, the Annual Oyster Festival will be held in downtown Wareham.

From 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Main Street will be closed to through traffic from Sawyer Street to Center Street.

The 5K road race will begin at 10:00 a.m. with runners on Main Street, High Street, Marion Road, and Warr Avenue. Please use extreme caution in the area.

People attending the event will park at the town hall, located at 54 Marion Road, and shuttles will be running throughout the day to bring visitors to and from the event area.

The Wareham Police Department wishes everyone a safe and enjoyable Memorial Day weekend, while keeping mind the extreme sacrifice soldiers and their families have made for our freedom.

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# Dartmouth raccoon tests positive for Rabies Virus

Earlier in the week Dartmouth Animal Control responded to a residence in the vicinity of Fisher Pines Way for an incident involving a raccoon and a person. On May 21, 2019, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health advised the Town of Dartmouth Board of Health and Dartmouth Animal Control that the raccoon tested positive for having the rabies virus. Additional raccoons have tested positive for rabies in the adjacent Town of Westport this year.

Rabies is fairly common in Massachusetts with over 5,000 animals testing positive since 1992. Most cases involved wild animals such as raccoons, skunks, bats, woodchucks and foxes but every year some pets, especially cats and farms animals also contract the rabies virus.

The rabies virus is a serious disease that affects the central nervous system in all mammals. Bats, cats, coyotes, dogs, foxes, skunks and woodchucks are a few examples of common mammals to this area. The rabies virus is usually a disease found in animals but it can transmit to humans from an infected animal.

Rabies is spread when an infected animal bites another animal or person. The saliva of the infected animal contains the rabies virus. Rabies infection can also occur when saliva from an infected animal gets into a scratch or other wound, the eyes, nose or mouth of a person or animal.

While contracting the rabies virus is almost always fatal, it is also 100% preventable. A few simple steps can safeguard from this deadly virus.

- Contact your physician immediately if you have been in contact with wildlife.

- Notify Dartmouth Animal Control of wildlife that exhibits strange behavior.
- Keep vaccinations up to date for cats and dogs.
- Assure children and adults do not approach wildlife.
- DO NOT handle any wildlife including babies or young.
- Leave the handling of wildlife to professionals. Only licensed wildlife rehabilitators and problem animal control agents can handle wildlife that is not sick.
- Do not feed your pets outside. Even an empty bowl will attract wildlife.
- Keep pets leashed or within a fenced yard and do not allow to roam freely.
- Keep garbage contained in barrels with tight-fitting covers.
- Exclude wildlife from entering your home with a chimney caps and repair any holes that allow wildlife to enter your home.

Residents are urged to report any human or pet contact with wildlife to Dartmouth Animal Control by calling 508-910-1840, or to contact the Dartmouth Police Department at 508-910-1735.