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PARISH MEMBERSHIP
You are invited to join our parish family. We are committed to meeting the needs of all members. Please register by contacting our Parish Office. (Please notify the Parish Office of change in address or phone number and if you are moving out of the parish.)

RELIgIOUS DEVOTIONS
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena is on Monday after 8:00 am Mass
Novena Prayers in Honor of the Blessed Mother and St. Anthony: Are said every Tuesday after 8:00 am Mass
Prayer Group: Meets at 11:00 am - every Thursday
Adoration: Every Friday after Mass
Divine Mercy: Daily recitation of Chaplet after Mass

MINISTRIES
Join the various ministries and associations:
Ministry of Lector, Eucharist, Usher, Altar Server, Respect Life and Lazarus Ministry, St. Francis Ladies Guild, Emmaus Prayer Group, Youth Group, Carnival, Knights of Columbus and other volunteers associated with the Church of St. Francis of Assisi.

We extend a warm welcome to all our parishioners, all new members and guests celebrating with us today.

October 4, 2020
Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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We are a Catholic Community, rooted in the Trinity, sustained by the Eucharist and the Word of God, called to witness, to serve and to educate.

MASS SCHEDULE
Weekends
Saturday: 5:30 pm
Sunday: 7:30 am, 10:00 am & 12:00 noon
Weekdays & Holy Days
See schedule in bulletin.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE / 973-835-1946
Mrs. Maryann Marren, Coordinator
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YOUTH MINISTRY / 973-835-0480
Our youth ministry is open to all Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Grade students. Come join us.

BAPTISM: Parishioners are welcome to have their children baptized at St. Francis of Assisi. Please call the rectory for an appointment to discuss the arrangements.

SACRAMENT OF Penance: Saturday: 4:30-5:00 pm or at other times upon request.

MARRIAGE: Arrangements to be made at least 1 year in advance by calling the Parish Office.

R.C.I.A.: Anyone interested in an update of their faith or wanting to become Catholic, call the Parish Office.

MINISTRY OF THE SICK AND ELDERLY: For the confined, elderly and/or shut-in, be they at home or in the hospital, please call the Rectory. Holy Communion is offered to any person permanently or temporarily homebound. For the seriously sick and dying contact the Rectory immediately.
Dear Friends in Christ,

Today, we contemplate the mystery of the shunning of God, in general, and of Christ, in particular. Men’s repeated resistance and rejection of God’s love, is quite extraordinary.

But today’s parable specifically refers to the Jewish rejection of Christ: «Finally, he sent his son, thinking: ‘They will respect my son’. But when the tenants saw the son, they thought: ‘This is the one who is to inherit the vineyard. Let us kill him and his inheritance will be ours’. So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard and killed him» (Mt 21:37-39). This is not easy to understand: is it because Christ came to redeem the whole world, while the Jews were awaiting their own “messiah” who would grant them the dominance of the whole world...

When I was in the Holy Land I was given a tourist pamphlet about Israel where they describe the most famous Jews in history: from Moses, Gideon and Joshua to Ben Gurion, who was responsible for the creation of the State of Israel. However, in that pamphlet it does not appear Jesus Christ’s name. And Jesus is the best-known Jew in history: today He is known in the whole world, though He died two thousand years ago.

Great persons are admired, throughout time, but they are not loved. Today, nobody loves Cervantes or Michael Angel. However, Jesus is the most
beloved personage in history. Men and women give their live for Him. Some through martyrdom; others, drop-by-drop, living only for Him. There are thousands of them in the whole world. And Jesus is the most influential figure in history. Some worldwide accepted values today have a Christian origin. Not only, but today it is to be noticed a rapprochement to Jesus Christ, and also amongst the Jews. Let us especially beg to God for the conversion of the Jewish people, because this people, of great values, if converted to Catholicism, could bring great benefits to the whole of mankind.

2020 Diocesan Ministries Appeal
“Love Thy Neighbor”
For your convenience, you can support the Annual Appeal by making an on-line gift. Simply go to www.2020appeal.org and follow the instructions. You can either make a one-time gift or a pledge with five monthly payments made automatically for your convenience, or a continuous monthly gift that repeats each month from year-to-year.

Please participate in the 2020 Appeal today!

Diapers for Babies
Anyone who has had a child knows how expensive diapers, wipes, and formula have become. The Knights of Columbus would like to remove this obstacle to the choice for life by providing much needed economic assistance.
St. Francis Council K of C will hold a “Diaper Drop” at St. Francis parish to collect diapers, wipes, baby food and formula. We plan on giving these items to The Lighthouse, a pregnancy care center, located on Hamburg Turnpike in Wayne, NJ.
We will start collecting items on October 3rd and finish on November 1st. The month of October being Pro-Life Month.
We would like St. Francis parish to be the surrogate parents to children saved from abortion.
Drop off is in the church narthex. If you are not attending Church services in-person, call Frank La Sala, FDD-PGK at 973-839-8399 or franklasala@earthlink.net for a pick up.

Just a reminder that there is a box in the narthex for ‘EYES FOR THE NEEDY’. We collect not only old or broken glasses, but also will accept watches, jewelry and hearing aids.

Remember: The eye is the most precious and useful organ of the human body. It is indeed a masterpiece of God’s handywork; let’s help those who need glasses to aid their eyesight.

Thinking of being a member, log in on: www.kofc.org/joinus

PARISH HAPPENINGS
Sat., 10/10 – America Needs Fatima Public Square Rosary at 11:45 AM in front of the church.
Sat., 10/10 & 10/11 – Ladies’ Guild Soup Sale after all Masses.

LADIES’ GUILD MEETING
The Ladies’ Guild will be holding their first meeting on Monday, October 5th with Mass at 7 PM in the church and the meeting to be held at 7:30 PM in the church hall. All ladies are welcome. Upcoming events will be discussed.
10 SIGNS OF A SAFE PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

1. SCREENING of staff/volunteers
2. Adults train in safe environment strategies and signs of abuse.
3. Code of conduct enforced.
4. Open Communication between parents and staff/ staff and children/ children and parents.
5. Parents always Welcome.
6. Children educated in right relationships & what to do if a relationship isn’t right.
7. All children treated with Dignity and Respect.
9. Adequate supervision of youth. team approach – accountability - no 1 : 1 isolation
10. All abuse is reported.

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ST. FRANCIS COUNCIL # 2617 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD DRIVE

The St. Francis Council will be sponsoring a Blood Drive on Wednesday October 28th from 1pm to 7pm in the church basement. Social distancing will be monitored and face masks are required. Although walk-ins are welcome, we would like more on-line registration to help with keeping the social distancing at a minimum.

You can register on line at   www.vitalant.org

GOD’S LOVE FOR US

Life is wrapped in deepest mystery,
A privileged moment of birth,
Emergence to every dimension
And soon swallowed up in the world.

What kind of a road map do you have?
The God of Love gives many choices. He knows complexities will come
And you’ll have to choose from many voices.

If your road leads to suffering, it is not lost;
God knows our miseries and our pain.
If we shed tears, they will be wiped away’
He is most loving and our love is not in vain.

Know that God is close to us and not to be feared;
He takes us into His arms and in Him we trust.
As a loving parent, He has set us free
And we believe, without a doubt, that He is just.

Sister Marcella LaKoske, P.P.

LECTORS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2020
5:30 P.M.  Dom Cortellessa

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2020
7:30 A.M.  Erika Reid
10:00 A.M.  Chris Marren
12 NOON  Fred Ackerly
Readings for 27 Sunday
IS 5:1-7

Let me now sing of my friend, my friend's song concerning his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside; he spaded it, cleared it of stones, and planted the choicest vines; within it he built a watchtower, and hewed out a wine press. Then he looked for the crop of grapes, but what it yielded was wild grapes.

Now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard: What more was there to do for my vineyard that I had not done? Why, when I looked for the crop of grapes, did it bring forth wild grapes? Now, I will let you know what I mean to do with my vineyard: take away its hedge, give it to grazing, break through its wall, let it be trampled! Yes, I will make it a ruin: it shall not be pruned or hoed, but overgrown with thorns and briers; I will command the clouds not to send rain upon it. The vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished plant; he looked for judgment, but see, bloodshed! for justice, but hark, the outcry!

Responsorial Psalm
The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

PHIL 4:6-9
Brothers and sisters: Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Alleluia

Gospel  MT 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: "Hear another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went on a journey. When vintage time drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to obtain his produce. But the tenants seized the servants and one they beat, another they killed, and a third they stoned. Again he sent other servants, more numerous than the first ones, but they treated them in the same way. Finally, he sent his son to them, thinking, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance.' They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?"

They answered him, "He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the proper times." Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes? Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."
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