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

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.

October 25, 2020
Thirtieth 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.
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 25, 2020

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2020
5:30 P. M. Ralph Cortellessa
Michael Gurliaccio
Thomas Norton – 3rd Anniversary

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2020
7:30 A.M. Parishioners
William A. Cori – 21st Anniversary
10:00 A.M. Intentions of Sidney Powell
Joe Rocco
Frank & Bella Oriole
Cynthia Imperatore
12 NOON Sara Destito
Michael Ferguson
Nancy Arthur
Eugeniusz Urban

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2020
8:00 A.M. Anthony Cafarello

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2020
8:00 A.M. David J. Pietkiewicz
Frank O’Donnell

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2020
8:00 A.M. Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2020
8:00 A.M. Alice DiMeglio

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2020
5:30 P.M. Eleanor Leppin
Eleanor Bolsman
Jared Fisher
Nancy Arthur

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2020
7:30 A.M. Parishioners
Intentions of Cindy Nausid
Gertrudis Tindoc
Benita Tindoc
10:00 A.M. Joseph Negrini, Sr.
Adoracion Pascua
Ralph Cortellessa
12 NOON Florence Korkuch
Eugeniusz Urban
Stanislaw Urban
Jozef Urban

Pray daily for our servicemen and women serving their country.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:
Mary Carton Jacob Hicks Judy Moran Gary Ragusa
Ava Rae Nebbia Matthew Polioste Lois Maskley
Evelyn Means Bob Delventhal Ryder Sasso
George Link Michael Soojian Valentina Manuele
Susan Nichols-Boggio Jacqueline Altamore
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Geraldine Kearns Alice Roslund Alejandro Salcedo
Bernie Shushan Jessica Skorubski
Patricia Charlesworth

DECEASED: Magaly DeVo

WEEKLY COLLECTION
Sunday, October 18, 2020 - $4,518.00
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WEEKLY REFLECTION
Dear Friends in Christ,

«Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the Law?»

Today, the Church reminds us of our “attitude before life” («The whole Law and the Prophets are founded on these two commandments»: Mt 22:40)

Several times, Jesus Christ would be asked, probably, similar questions. Jesus Christ replies the most important thing in their lives with the beginning of the Shema: To love God, our Lord, above “everything and everyone” and our neighbor as ourselves.

Afterwards, when the Last Supper is over, and with the example of the washing of the feet, Jesus Christ gives us a “new commandment”: to love each other as He loves us, with “divine strength”.

We need the decision to practice “de facto” this sweet commandment — which more than a commandment is elation and capacity— in dealing with others: men and things, work and leisure, spirit and matter, because they all are God’s creatures.

LITURGY OF THE WORD
The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING: Exodus 22:20-26 This reading from Exodus illustrates that there is an integral connection between love of God and love of neighbor. It especially underlines the call of the men in Israel to care for three groups of vulnerable people: women, orphans and aliens. In those times,
women depend on their fathers, husbands, and sons to care for them. If they lose their father or their husband, and have no sons, they are often reduced to begging for a living. Orphans are children with no legal male guardians. Aliens are those who are passing through the land and those without relatives.

Today’s reading is a strong exhortation to the men of Israel to care especially for the disadvantaged. Failure to do so would bring down God’s wrath. The words “I will kill you with the sword” are not to be taken literally. Rather, they are intended to convey how abominable it is in God’s eyes to fail to care for the most vulnerable in their midst. Love of God and love of neighbor, especially the needy, are intimately connected.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 18 This psalm is a prayer of confidence in God’s love and care.

SECOND READING: Thessalonians 1:5-10
Thessalonica is a thriving crossroad city in the Roman Empire. As a result of Paul’s anointed preaching, a dynamic Christian community is established and nurtured. In fact, this small Christian community becomes a wonderful example for many others, a model for all believers in Macedonia and Achaia. Their “lived faith” sounds forth to all around them. People everywhere can see by their lifestyle how they have embraced Jesus and his teachings.

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:34-40
Having failed to trap Jesus on the question of paying taxes, the Pharisees try it again. This time they have an expert in the law raise the question frequently asked of rabbis in those days: “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” Jesus’ answer combines two quotations from Deuteronomy and Leviticus. Jesus takes these words: “You shall love the Lord your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength.” From Leviticus 10 19:18, Jesus adds: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Jesus and the Pharisees do not dispute the importance of the law. Their disagreement has to do with emphasis. The Pharisees, who tend to be legalistic, underscore compliance to the law. In contrast, Jesus places emphasis on love. Also, the Great Commandment joins together love of God and neighbor—something that has not been previously done. In one of his epistles, John remarks: “How can you say you love God whom you do not see when you do not love your neighbor whom you can see”

PARISH HAPPENINGS
10/17 – 11/1 – Sign up for daylong Eucharistic Adoration
10/28 – K of C Blood drive 1-7pm – church hall
11/3 Eucharistic Adoration - 9AM - 8PM
11/6 -11/7 – Overnight Adoration

Diapers for Babies
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 finish on November 1st. The month of October being Pro-Life Month.
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.
Thinking of being a member, log in on: www.kofc.org/joinus

JUNK IN THE TRUNK
The St. Francis Ladies’ Guild was proud to sponsor two recent events: a Soup Sale, and our annual Junk in the Trunk, an outdoor flea market with vendors offering bargains to the public, who socialized and found inexpensive treasures. Ladies’ Guild members were most generous in giving their time and energy (and culinary talents for the Soup Sale). As always, Dale and his crew provided invaluable assistance in setting up and breaking down; many ladies helped to prepare and serve bagels and coffee, hot dogs and water. Others sold 50/50 raffle tickets, prepared flyers, and publicized the event, which provided a day of pleasant socialization, shopping, and a sense of community. Sincere thanks to all who helped to make these happy times happen, and those who patronized us.
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

ROSAKY RALLY

On October 10, 31 people gathered in front of St Francis Of Assisi Church, Haskell, NJ with our pastor, Fr. Greg Golba. We prayed the Rosary to Our Lady in commemoration of the 103rd anniversary of her final apparition at Fatima, praying for the needs of our country and in reparation for the sins against Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
November is the month dedicated to the departed Souls. We should pray always for those who have gone before us but in a more special way during this month, praying for the souls of family and friends. What better gift to our loved ones who have gone before than by coming before Our Lord offering prayers and sacrifices for their souls, thereby bringing them sooner into Heaven. Pray too for the souls who have no one to pray for them that they too might soon be able to see the face of God for all eternity.

There will be Overnight Adoration on Friday, November 6th which will begin at 7:00 PM and conclude at 10:30 AM on Saturday Nov. 7th, followed by a Mass for the Holy Souls at 11:00 AM.. A sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex. Only those who sign up will be permitted in the Church during the overnight hours. Please leave your name and phone number so that we can contact you to confirm your scheduled time and give you any additional updates. Please wear a mask. Because of social distancing, only 3 people/families will be permitted to sign up for a given hour.

Come spend some time with Our Lord!

A Time for Prayer

With the state of our country as it is, the civil unrest, the continuing pandemic, the limited access to our churches, our schools, our businesses and our stores, the lack of employment, we come before Our Lord in adoration and reparation, praying for the needs of our Country and our Church.

On Election day, November 3rd, we will be opening the Church for a daylong period of Eucharistic Adoration from the conclusion of the 8:00 AM Mass to the official closing of the polls in N.J. at 8:00 PM. We are looking for you to join us by choosing an hour to come before Our Lord in prayer.

Please contact me, Sandy Weigand, if you are interested in joining us in prayer at this critical time in our country. We need scheduled adorers as well as opening the Church to those who would like to stop in for an unscheduled visit. Please call (973-835-4113) or text (973-896-5072) and leave a message. I will return your call. There will also be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Please print your full name and a contact number. Thank you!

Please help to make this happen!
May God bless you and may He bless and watch over the U.S.A.

LECTORS
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2020
5:30 P.M.  Pat Demarest
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2020
7:30 A.M.  Jason Velante
10:00 A.M.  Giovanna Vollaro
12 NOON  Henry Mendoza
Reading for 30th Sunday
EX 22:20-26
Thus says the LORD:
"You shall not molest or oppress an alien, for you were once aliens yourselves in the land of Egypt. You shall not wrong any widow or orphan. If ever you wrong them and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry. My wrath will flare up, and I will kill you with the sword; then your own wives will be widows, and your children orphans. "If you lend money to one of your poor neighbors among my people, you shall not act like an extortioner toward him by demanding interest from him. If you take your neighbor's cloak as a pledge, you shall return it to him before sunset; for this cloak of his is the only covering he has for his body. What else has he to sleep in? If he cries out to me, I will hear him; for I am compassionate."

Responsorial Psalm

I love you, Lord, my strength.
Reading 2 1 THES 1:5C-10
Brothers and sisters:
You know what sort of people we were among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, receiving the word in great affliction, with joy from the Holy Spirit, so that you became a model for all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth not only in Macedonia and in Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has gone forth, so that we have no need to say anything. For they themselves openly declare about us what sort of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God and to await his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus, who delivers us from the coming wrath.

Alleluia

Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love Him and we will come to Him.

Gospel MT 22:34-40
When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a scholar of the law tested him by asking, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?"
He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."
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