November 1, 2020
All Saints

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Mass Schedule

Weekends
Saturday: 5:30 pm
Sunday: 7:30 am, 10:00 am & 12:00 noon

Weekdays & Holy Days
See schedule in bulletin.

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Religious Education Office / 973-835-1946
Mrs. Maryann Marren, Coordinator
Mrs. Betty Norton, Secretary

Youth Ministry / 973-835-0480
Our youth ministry is open to all Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Grade students. Come join us.

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

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2020
9:00 A.M.  Eileen McPartland

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020
8:00 A.M.  Kathleen & Ruth Fearon
            Martin Reddin
            Carmen Valentin
            Kenneth Lim
            Intentions of Donald Trump

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2020
8:00 A.M.  Michael Gurliaccio

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2020
8:00 A.M.  Lisa Soltis DeGregorio

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2020
5:30 P.M  Ralph Cortellessa
            Lois Maskley

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2020
7:30 A.M.  Parishioners
            Antoinette Assidio
10:00 A.M. Joseph Negrini, Sr.
            Elizabeth Marren
            Fred Puso
12 NOON  Vinny Scola
            John F. Cooke, Jr.

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 Polifonte  Herman Koenig
Evelyn Means  Bob Delventhal  Jacqueline Altamore
George Link  Michael Soojian  Valentina Manuele
Susan Nichols-Boggio  Ryder Sasso  Michael Gotti
Mike Tidaback  Robert Moreno  Lydia Rivera
Jerome Foray  Loretta LaSala  Infant Ronan Suatoni
Manuel Esguerra  Jessica Skorubski  Marianne Dorn
Robert Nebbia  Christopher Berry  Frank Polglaze
Sharon Acquaire  Noah Lorencozvit  Florence Grim
Josephine Venezia  Alex Coronel  Geraldine Kearns
Alice Roslund  Alejandro Salcedo  Bernie Shushan
Patrick Keegan  Patricia Charlesworth  Christie Farias

DECEASED:
Lois Maskley

WEEKLY COLLECTION
Sunday, October 25, 2020 - $3,830.00
Thank you for your continued support.

WEEKLY REFLECTION

Dear Friends in Christ,

Today, we celebrate the reality of the Mystery of Salvation. A reality that we evince in the “Creed” and which is very soothing: «I believe in the communion of saints». All saints, who have already passed from death into eternal life. They represent the Church of the Blessed, whom Jesus congratulates: «Fortunate are those with a pure heart, for they shall see God! » (Mt 5:8).

Because of this deep and profound unity we must feel close to all those saints that, before us, have believed what we now believe, have waited for what we are now waiting and, mostly, have loved God Father and their brothers, men also seeking the imitation of Christ’s love.

The saint apostles, the saint martyrs, the saint confessors, who have lived through history are, therefore, our brothers and our intercessors; on them, these prophetical words of Jesus have been fulfilled: «Fortunate are you, when people insult you and persecute you and speak all kinds of evil against you because you are my followers. Be glad and joyful, for a great reward is kept for you in God» (Mt 5:11-12).

The treasures of their sanctity are like family assets, which we can rely upon. These are the treasures in heaven, which Jesus invites us to store up.

This solemnity brings some comforting news, which invite us to joyous celebrations.
LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14 The Book of Revelation was written to give hope to the early Christians who were experiencing terrible persecution under the Emperor Domitian (81-96 AD). Today’s reading contains excerpts from two visions portraying in vivid imagery the salvation of the just. In the first vision, John has a glimpse of the last terrible days when a final assault on the earth is brought on by every evil power. But before this terror and devastation happens, the faithful will be marked with the seal of God to protect them and bring them home safely to heaven.

The figure 144,000 is symbolic and by no means implies that only 144,000 persons will be saved. The second vision takes place in heaven. It begins by mentioning “a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation and tongue.” (This speaks to the universality of God’s people.) These people standing now before the throne of God are martyrs and those who have remained faithful to God during a time of great persecution and trial. Their salvation comes from God who enabled them to remain faithful during a time of great trial. This vision is intended to give hope to all those currently going through a time of great trial and persecution. It is as if John is saying: “You remain faithful and you too will stand before the Lamb on the throne of God.”

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 24 The psalm has strong liturgical features, probably in celebration of the Ark’s coming to Jerusalem and God’s enthronement in the temple.

SECOND READING: 1John 3:1-3 John probes the mystery of God’s love revealed in and through Jesus Christ: “Beloved, see what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called children of God.” It is amazing to realize that we are God’s children: “Yet so we are.” Our challenge is to become who we are through Baptism.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12 The Sermon on the Mount (Matt 5-7) is considered the heart of Jesus’ teaching. The Beatitudes are considered to be the heart of the Sermon on the Mount. They list the qualities Christ wishes to see in his followers, qualities exemplified in the lives of the saints. Reflecting on the Beatitudes, Fr. Flor McCarthy writes. The beatitudes are the badges of a disciple of Jesus. The things they stand for are very beautiful – things such as peace, goodness, joy, love, gentleness, compassion, mercy, integrity.... A person who lives according to the beatitudes is already living in the kingdom of heaven. Eternal life will merely be the full blossoming of a plant that is green with life.

2020 DIOCESAN MINISTRIES APPEAL “Love Thy Neighbor” The ability to reach out to people in need through our Diocesan Ministries Appeal is completely dependent on the number of faithful parishioners who participate by making a gift. That is why every gift counts! Your support helps bring hope to thousands of people who come to our Catholic Charities agencies each year. It also supports seminarian education, our diocesan priests’ residence, extraordinary healthcare needs of our priests and our urban elementary schools. In addition, parishes receive half of all funds received over their parish goals, with over $713,000 returned last year to parishes – over $3.25 million in five years! Please help your neighbors in need and our own parish by making a gift today! For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at www.2020appeal.org

PARISH HAPPENINGS
11/1 – K OF C Diapers for Babies – last day for Contributions
11/6 – 11/7 - Overnight Adoration 7pm til 10:30am Followed by Mass at 11am

GOD BLESS AMERICA

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
BISHOP’S CALL ON THE FAITHFUL TO VOTE AS INFORMED CATHOLICS

Bishop Sweeney has asked that every priest in the Diocese offer some opportunity to pray for the country on Election Day, November 3rd. Here at St. Francis, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed after daily Mass, and will be reposed at 8pm, after the polls have closed. You are invited to pray for our country during these challenging days.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has published a statement entitled “Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship”. This is what our Bishops, who are responsible for leading and guiding the faithful have to say:

“A Catholic voter cannot vote for a candidate who favors a policy promoting an intrinsically evil act, such as abortion, euthanasia, assisted suicide, subjecting workers or the poor to subhuman living conditions, redefining marriage in ways that violate its essential meaning, or racist behavior, if the voter’s intent is to support that position. . . At the same time, a voter should not use a candidate’s opposition to an intrinsic evil to justify indifference or inattentiveness to other important moral issues involving human life and dignity.”

Bishop Edward C. Malesic, JCL of the Diocese of Cleveland explains what it means to be a Catholic voter it this way:

Once again, we find ourselves in a very polarized election cycle with candidates that do not reflect the complete breadth of Catholic moral teaching. Yet, it is our solemn duty as citizens of our republic to cast a vote for the candidate who best supports the greatest ideals and moral teachings of our Catholic faith, the faith that we hold and practice as the means of our personal salvation and as a benefit for the common good of the pluralistic society in which we live.

In casting our ballot, whether for those already proposed by a particular party or for those we choose to write in, we must have properly formed consciences. A properly formed conscience comes through prayer, Scripture and studying the teaching of the Church that is promoted and protected by the apostles and their successors, the bishops. A well-formed conscience is devoted to doing God’s will more than it is to supporting any particular political party.

The consistent teaching of the Church regarding the intrinsic evil of abortion seeks to secure all other rights as well. We are not a “single issue” Church; there are other extremely important rights that we must defend, to be sure; but these additional rights flow from and are rooted in the fundamental right to life itself.

When we cast our vote, we must not remain indifferent to those positions and policies that would negatively impact religious freedoms, erode the traditional family, or make it difficult for the poor to access adequate education, housing and healthcare. We must carefully consider how to fix our broken immigration system, address the worldwide refugee crisis, preserve our natural resources, protect the environment and strive for humane solutions to global conflict and terrorism”.

St. Pope John Paul II stated, “Above all, the common outcry, which is justly made on behalf of human rights – for example, the right to health, to home, to work, to family, to culture – is false and illusory if the right to life, the most basic and fundamental right and the condition for all other personal rights, is not defended with maximum determination.” (Christifideles laici, No. 38)

Let us pray to the Holy Spirit to enlighten us and guide as we exercise the precious right to vote and to remember always that we are, first and foremost, people of God.
**Reading for all Saints**  
RV 7:2-4, 9-14

I, John, saw another angel come up from the East, holding the seal of the living God. He cried out in a loud voice to the four angels who were given power to damage the land and the sea, “Do not damage the land or the sea or the trees until we put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.”

I heard the number of those who had been marked with the seal, one hundred and forty-four thousand marked from every tribe of the children of Israel. After this I had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue. They stood before the throne and before the Lamb, wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice: “Salvation comes from our God, who is seated on the throne, and from the Lamb.”

All the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They prostrated themselves before the throne, worshiped God, and exclaimed: “Amen. Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honor, power, and might be to our God forever and ever. Amen.”

Then one of the elders spoke up and said to me, “Who are these wearing white robes, and where did they come from?” I said to him, “My lord, you are the one who knows.” He said to me, “These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress; they have washed their robes and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb.”

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**Responsorial Psalm**

Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

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**Reading 2**  
1 JN 3:1-3

Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Everyone who has this hope based on him makes himself pure, as he is pure.

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**Gospel**  
MT 5:1-12A

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.”
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