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.

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.
SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2020
5:30 P.M. Victor Bonaceto
John McPartland

SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2020
7:30 A.M. Parishioners
Marie & William Moran
Jean & Bob Richter
10:00 A.M. Joan Cutro
John McMurray
Brenda Reichle
12 NOON Donata Perrone

MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2020
8:00 A.M. Mary Jane Di Angelis

TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2020
8:00 A.M. Michael Di Angelis

THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2020
8:00 A.M. Chiara Di Angelis Ribble

FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2020
8:00 A.M. Agnes & William A. Cori

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2020
5:30 P.M. In Honor of All Fathers –
Living & Deceased

SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 2020
7:30 A.M. Parishioners
In Honor of All Fathers –
Living & Deceased
10:00 A.M. In Honor of All Fathers –
Living & Deceased
12 NOON In Honor of All Fathers –
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Pray daily for our servicemen and women serving their country.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:
Mary Carton Jacob Hicks Estella Soto
Ava Rae Nebbia Matthew Polifonte Lois Maskley
Gary Ragusa Herman Koenig Evelyn Means
George Link Michael Soojian Valentina Manuele
Susan Nichols-Boggio Kevin Kerrigan Ryder Sasso
Mike Tidaback Robert Moreno
Jerome Foray Sister Annette Lydia Rivera
Richard Barnett Manuel Esguerra Kenny Sequeira
Robert Nebbia Christopher Berry Frank Polglaze
Sharon Acquaire Noah Lorencovitz Florence Grim
Josephine Venezia Richard DeFalco Alex Coronel
Geraldine Kearns Alice Roslund Alejandro Salcedo
Bernie Shushan Jean’na Wojik Post Patrick Keegan
Jason Skorubska Jessica Skorubska

DECEASED: John Carolan Leonard Schneider, Jr.
Ray Nyhuis

Deceased Parish Council Members – John Carolan and John McMurray. We are grateful for their time served and their presence is surely missed. May they rest in peace.

WEEKLY COLLECTION
Sunday, June 7, 2020 - $4,782.00

Online Giving:
April - $6,500.00
May - $2,930.00
Thank you for your continued support.

WEEKLY REFLECTION
Dear Friends in Christ,

Corpus Christi

“My Lord and my God” exclaimed the apostle Thomas when he finally touched Jesus Himself. Thomas found it really difficult to believe in the Resurrection. For many today, to believe that Jesus is God is difficult. To believe that we eat His flesh and drink His blood is practically impossible. Yet, God is with us! God is present in our lives daily. God seeks us each, personally and individually, so that we can share His life.

Just as the early followers of Jesus found it difficult to accept these teachings, so also today we find it difficult to accept. When we read of the early followers of Jesus, we begin to see that belief does transform their lives completely. They can no longer contain themselves and speak of the “wonderful works of God” to all who will listen to them.

The challenge to each of us today is the same: are you willing to obey this God and to do His will.

The Gospel from John today speaks clearly also: “Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.”

We Christians can be honest today: we are invited to believe that Jesus is God. We are invited to believe that God is Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We are invited to believe that Jesus has given Himself to us as flesh and blood to eat and drink. We are invited to believe that this flesh and blood are given to us in the Holy Mass.
We are invited to believe that God Himself will transform us if we believe in Him and try to do His will. My sisters and brothers, we have been invited. May we partake of the banquet!

*From the history of the Catholic Church.*

**THE EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION** is also known as a Corpus Christi procession because of its association with the Feast of Corpus Christi. The full name of this feast is Corpus et Sanguis Christi, or the Body and Blood of Christ. “The feast of the Blessed Sacrament was established in 1246 by Bishop Robert de Thorte of Liege at the suggestion of St. Juliana of Mont Carvillon. It was extended to the universal Church by Pope Urban in 1264. The office composed by St. Thomas Aquinas and customary procession was approved by Popes Martin V and Eugene IV.

Celebrated in June, the first Sunday after the feast of the Trinity” (Modern Catholic Dictionary, by John A. Hardon, S.J.). St. Juliana, a young Belgian nun in Retinne in the thirteenth century, while in prayer received the inspiration for a feast that celebrates and promotes the gift of the Real Presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist, and from that moment, the Feast of Corpus Christi spread throughout the province, continent, and world.

The Feast of the Body and Blood of the Lord and the procession with the Blessed Sacrament, celebrating the sacrament and signifying God’s presence in our world and in our lives and reminding us of our common pilgrimage to Heaven, is a prayerful and edifying act of the entire Church. Devotions are generally not mentioned in the Code of Canon Law. However, because of its importance in the life of the Church it is referred to in canon 944: “When it can be done in the judgment of the diocesan bishop, as a public witness of the veneration toward the Most Holy Eucharist, a procession is to be conducted through the public streets, especially on the solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ.”

**GOD IS GOOD**

Morning glories upon the fence –
A lovely shade of blue
Wave to me each morning and
Seem to say, “How are you?”
Their perky, little blooms are bright,
Bringing cheer to my day.
They greet each dawn with a smile
And send me on my way.
“God is good,” I think just then
And so, I too, can smile.
“God is good,” I know all day;
He’s with me every mile.
“I feel You smiling down on me;
Feel blessings from above.
For morning glories, thank You, God,
And thank You for Your love.”

**TO BE PREPARED:**

RE-OPENING THE CHURCH – MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS FROM OUR BISHOP

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL:

FACE MASKS - ARE REQUIRED TO BE WORN WHILE IN THE CHURCH AND ON CHURCH PREMISES

HAND SANITIZER - BRING IT WITH YOU, AND USE BOTH BEFORE AND AFTER
LEAVING THE CHURCH (THE CHURCH IS ALSO IN THE PROCESS OF OBTAINING A SANITIZER STATION FOR THE NARTHYX)

SEATING – IF YOU CAME TO MASS IN THE SAME CAR AS A FAMILY, YOU MAY SIT AS A FAMILY. ALL OTHERS ARE TO SIT AT LEAST 6 FEET APART FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION - PLEASE DO NOT BREAK THE 6 FOOT DISTANCE RULE; EXIT YOUR PEW, STAND ON THE SPOT MARKED ON THE FLOOR OR THE AISLE, AND MOVE FORWARD AS THE PERSON IN FRONT OF YOU ADVANCES TO THE NEXT MARK. WHEN YOU ARE BEFORE THE PRIEST, WITH YOUR MASK STILL ON, RECEIVE THE BODY OF CHRIST IN YOUR HAND. MOVE AWAY AT LEAST 6 FEET, REMOVE YOUR MASK, CONSUME THE CONSECRATED HOST, REPLACE YOUR MASK AND RETURN TO YOUR SEAT.

SINGING – THE HYMNALS HAVE BEEN REMOVED. PLEASE DO NOT SING – THIS COMMANDER FROM OUR BISHOP. KEEP YOUR MASK ON, AND IF THERE IS MUSIC PLAYING, JUST ENJOY IT SILENTLY. WHEN THE BISHOP DECIDES IT IS ACCEPTABLE TO RESUME SINGING, WE WILL LET YOU KNOW.

COLLECTION – THERE WILL BE BASKETS AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH. PLEASE LEAVE YOUR OFFERING IN THE BASKET AS YOU EXIT THE CHURCH. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY.

AFTER MASS – PLEASE DEPART THE CHURCH PREMISES; IN THIS TIME OF PANDEMIC, SOCIALIZING IS NOT POSSIBLE AND IT IS NOT SAFE. WE LOOK FORWARD TO A TIME WHEN WE MAY ONCE AGAIN ENJOY FELLOWSHIP AMONG OUR PARISHIONERS.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR MASK – CONSIDER KEEPING AN EXTRA ONE IN THE CAR – WE DO NOT WANT TO TURN ANYONE AWAY FROM CHURCH, BUT NO ONE MAY ENTER WITHOUT A MASK.

THANK YOU!

As a parish family please recite this prayer each day at 8PM.

Pope Francis’ Prayer for Protection and Help

“O Mary,
you always shine on our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who at the cross took part
in Jesus’ pain, keeping your faith firm.

You know what we need,
and we are sure you will provide
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,
we may return to joy and to feasting
after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who has taken upon himself our sufferings and
carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to
the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy
Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of
those of us who are in trial, but deliver us from
every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.”

How can the St. Francis of Assisi community help end the virus crisis? Pray the rosary. We are asking everyone to pray the rosary every day, at noon (Christ was crucified at noon) or at 8:00pm if you are working. Any time will do, if these hours are not good for you. If we actually do believe what we profess to believe, that prayer is powerful and communal prayer even more powerful, our prayers will bear fruit. Mother Mary always listens. You do not have to sign-up or sign-on, just pray.

Not by bread alone...

...does one live.
THE PENITENTIAL RITE
As Catholics, it’s important that we celebrate the Eucharist with a clean heart. That’s why at the beginning of each Mass we have the Penitential Rite. We take a moment of silence to call to mind our sins and ask for God’s mercy and forgiveness. This is done in a few different ways.

We may repeat after the priest or deacon, “Lord have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.” In this we ask pardon from all three persons of the Trinity. We may also say or sing “Kyrie eleison.” This is Greek for “Lord, have mercy.”

Finally, we may recite a longer prayer called the Confiteor, a Latin word which means “I confess,” in which we say:

“I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord, our God.”

The Penitential Rite ends with the prayer of the priest, “May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life.”

In the Penitential Rite, our venial sins are forgiven. But this general confession of sins does not replace individual confession with a priest. We must always remember that if we have committed any mortal sins, we must make a sacramental confession before receiving the Eucharist.

LECTORS
SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2020
5:30 P.M.  Martha Bisaccio
SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2020
7:30 A.M.  Erika Reid
10:00 A.M.  Judy Moran
12 NOON  Linda O’Connell

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2020
5:30 P.M.  Pat Demarest
SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 2020
7:30 A.M.  Margaret O’Neill
10:00 A.M.  Debbie Griffin
12 NOON  Armando Haro

THE MONTH OF JUNE IS DEVOTED TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Novena Prayer to the Sacred Heart
Efficacious Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
I. O my Jesus, you have said: ‘Truly I say to you, ask and you will find, knock and it will be opened to you.’ Behold I knock, I seek and ask for the grace of...... (here name your request) Our Father... Hail Mary... . Glory Be to the Father... . Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

II. O my Jesus, you have said: ’Truly I say to you, if you ask anything of the Father in my name, he will give it to you.’ Behold, in your name, I ask the Father for the grace of...... . (here name your request) Our Father... Hail Mary... . Glory Be To the Father....

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

III. O my Jesus, you have said: ’Truly I say to you, heavenly and earth will pass away but my words will not pass away.’ Encouraged by your infallible words I now ask for the grace of... . . (here name your request) Our Father... . Hail Mary... . Glory Be to the Father...

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, for whom it is impossible not to have compassion on the afflicted, have pity on us miserable sinners and grant us the grace which we ask of you, through the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, your tender Mother and ours. Say the Hail, Holy Queen and add: St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus, pray for us. – St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

Padre Pio recited this novena every day for all those who requested his prayers.

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PLEASE NOTE:
Starting Monday, June 15th – the parish office will be open Monday – Friday from 8:30AM 1PM until further notice.