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

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.

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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.
SATURDAY, JULY 4, 2020
5:30 P.M. Jared Fisher
Robert Weigand
John Carolan
Marie Kulak

SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2020
. 7:30 A.M. Parishioners
Ray Nyhuis
10:00 A.M. Joseph Negrini, Sr.
Jose Veneracion
Jan Gesla
Ralph Cortellessa
12 NOON Deceased Members of the Wick Family

MONDAY, JULY 6, 2020
8:00 A.M. Angelo Natale

TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2020
8:00 A.M. Eileen Tuite

THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2020
. 8:00 A.M. Joseph & Gea Giavannone

FRIDAY, JULY 10, 2020
8:00 A.M. Teresa Tachine

SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2020
5:30 P.M. Intentions of Deborah Schaefer
John McMurray
Leonard Schneider, Jr.

SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2020
. 7:30 A.M. Parishioners
Leonard Schneider, Jr.
Frances Romeo
10:00 A.M. Jan Gesla
Sister Annette Lucchese, OSF
12 NOON Deceased Members of the Kelly Family

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
Lydia Rivera Jason Skorubski Jessica Skorubski
Richard Barnett Manuel Esguerra Kenny Sequeira
Robert Nebbia Christopher Berry Frank Polglaze
Sharon Acquaire Noah Lorencozit Florence Grim
Josephine Venezia Richard DeFalco Alex Coronel
Geraldine Kearns Alice Roslund Alejandro Salcedo
Bernie Shushan Jean’a Wojik Post Patrick Keegan

DECEASED: Patricia Engels Englebrecht

WEEKLY COLLECTION
Sunday, June 21, 2020 - $3,982.00
Thank you for your continued support

WEEKLY REFLECTION
Dear Friends in Christ,
Jesus said “I am meek and humble of heart”

Could you please define the word humility in your own words? Every religion and culture preaches or encourages humility. Jesus says: “For those who exalt themselves will be humbled and those who humble themselves will be exhausted” (Matthew 23:12).

The life of Jesus was a life of humility and the prophet Zechariah prophesied his humble entry into the world: “See, your king shall come to you; a just savior is he, meek, and riding on an ass, on a colt, the foal of an ass” (Zechariah 9:9). Jesus enjoins his disciples to follow his humble pattern of life when he said: “Learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart.” Jesus was indeed a gentle giant. He had all the powers in heaven and on earth and yet he treated people with tenderness and compassion. He teaches us not only the virtue of humility but also the power of gentleness. He calls us to cultivate the virtue of gentleness, because he wants us to be as gentle as doves. We should know that Meekness (gentleness) is not weakness. “Nothing is so strong as gentleness, nothing so gentle as real strength,” says St. Francis de Sales.

Humility is the first stage of life in the spirit because to be humble is to be Christ-like. Humility is the first step towards life in the spirit.

It is not easy to measure humility. How does a humble person look like? We can paint a portrait of a humble person with the following criteria:

• Someone who knows himself well – acknowledges his strength and accepts his weakness and failures.
• One who respects other people.
• Someone who is willing to learn from others.
• One who accommodates the opinion of others, etc.
• One who is willing to take corrections and is disposed to receive criticisms.
• Someone who sees something good in others.
• A silent donor (helper). So, what is humility and what other qualities can you find in a humble person?
In response to his disciples’ request to teach them to pray, Jesus gives them a model of prayer which, because it comes from the Lord himself, has come to be known as the Lord’s Prayer.

We begin by praising God, whom we acknowledge as Father, and opening ourselves up to his will. Only then do we ask him to sustain our lives, to help us stay in right relationship with others and to keep us from sin. What more do we need? God does not need our prayers, but we need to pray. “Your Father knows what you need before you ask him.” (Matthew 6:8) Rather than telling God what he doesn’t already know, prayer reminds us of our dependence upon him. That is why even the Lord’s Prayer begins with praise of God before asking for his help. Nevertheless, Jesus invites us to be bold in praying: “Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.”

Praying with the Church is also important. It reminds us that our relationship to God as Father implies a relationship to one another as brothers and sisters.

Independence Day is a patriotic holiday for celebrating the positive aspects of the United States. Many politicians appear at public events to show their support for the history, heritage and people of their country.

As Catholics, today we have the joy of celebrating our Lord’s death and resurrection at Mass; as Americans, on this Independence Day we also have the joy of celebrating the birth of our nation.

As both Americans and Catholics, we can be especially grateful that in the United States, “the land of the free,” we enjoy the freedom to follow our conscience to worship and serve God as we believe and choose.

That day, we celebrate with barbeques and beer, or wine and fireworks, lift up a prayer of petition for those whose religious freedom is denied, and lift up a prayer of gratitude that we do have the liberty to live as “one nation, under God.”

**MY HOPE IN JESUS**

There’s a wondrous peace within me,  
Through my faith in God above;  
I’ve been sanctified by Jesus  
And His sacrificial love!  
I’ve gained strength amidst my trials,  
And my patience was put to test –  
But, like “passing through the furnace,”  
I was tempered as I was blest.  
I accept, through prayer, my sorrows  
And as tribulations come,  
May my hope in Jesus sustain me,  
’Til this earthly life is done.  

*Mary S. Chevalier*
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

On this first weekend of July, we celebrate our Independence! What a better time than now, as our Churches re-open, to thank God for the privilege of being able to come before Him in praise, adoration and thanksgiving!

As we emerge from this pandemic, we pray in thanksgiving for all the doctors, nurses and essential workers in hospitals and nursing homes, for all the First Responders, for all those essential workers in food store and sanitation and delivery services and all those who put their lives on the line to help others during these uncertain times. We also pray for all those who are ill and recovering, and those who have passed away during this time.

What better way to do this than to spend some time with Jesus in Adoration!! We will be resuming our OVERNIGHT ADORATION on Friday, July 3rd at 7PM through Saturday, July 4th at 9:30 AM. There will be a 10:00 AM Mass in the Church continuing our First Saturday Novena Mass to Our Lady of Fatima and to celebrate the Birth of our Nation. This will be followed by the Patriotic Rosary thanking God for the many blessings He has showered on us and praying for the needs of our country.

Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex. Won't you join us? One or many adorers can sign up for any given time. Please include your name & phone number (noting home or cell) so that we can contact you to confirm your time and give you the entry code.

For the safety of the adorers, NO ONE will be permitted entry who has not signed up and been given the code. Please do not attempt entry before 9 AM if you have not signed up for Adoration. The Church will be open at 9:30AM for those who wish to make an unplanned visit. Many thanks to those who have signed up.

GOD BLESS AMERICA

Because of these uncertain times where the need to come together in prayer is so great, we will be participating in a Public Square Rosary Crusade which is being held across the Nation on Saturday, July 11th, 2020 at Noon. Our Nation is in great need of public prayer, repentance, and conversion. We will be joining with so many others asking God to bless and save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother.

Please plan to arrive at 11:45 AM in front of St. Francis Church so we can begin at Noon. Please wear a mask and practice social distancing and bring a lawn chair for your own comfort. Won't you join us?

Please contact Sandy Weigand if any additional questions arise at 973-835-4113 and leave a message if I am not available. I will return your call. Thank you.

GOD IS THERE

In the dark times of my life
I wonder if God cares,
I question my faith and hope
For the trials are difficult to bear.

I often question my commitment
When my spirits are very low;
I wonder if this will be
The end – the final blow.

No matter what my struggle,
No matter how great the pain,
He is always there beside me,
For ever-present is His name.

He is the Great Almighty
Who knows me through and through,
And with this understanding
I’ll do the best that I can do.

Barbara Joan Million

LECTORS

SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2020
5:30 P.M. Dom Cortellessa

SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2020
7:30 A.M. Margaret O’Neill
10:00 A.M. Giovanna Vollaro
12 NOON Joe Darlington
This weekend we celebrate Our Independence Day. So, please pray for our Nation

Dear God, I pray You will be put in Your rightful position in this country. Give the leaders of this nation the wisdom and integrity to lead our nation in the best direction. Give each one discernment I pray, when making decisions or drawing up the legislation and laws that they pass. And may the decisions that they reach be godly and wise. As the days become increasingly dark in our country, I pray that the light of Your love will shine on this land. May peace reign in our nation and protect us from those that would seek our downfall, I pray. I really thank You that you have placed me in this land and I am grateful that I am a citizen of this nation. Thank You, Lord, for my country. In Jesus' name, Amen.