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.

June 21, 2020
Twelfth 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.

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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.
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 –
Living & Deceased

MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2020
8:00 A.M. Bernadette Di Angelis

TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2020
8:00 A.M. Kathy Boyle

THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2020
8:00 A.M. Holy Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2020
8:00 A.M. Anthony Cafarella

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2020
5:30 P.M. George Macognone
Deceased Members of the Renick Family
John McMurray

SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2020
7:30 A.M. Parishioners
Leonard Schneider, Jr.
Lorraine Rega
John Jay Ackerman
10:00 A.M. Redencion Glorioso
Roy & Shirley Parian
Frank & Dorothy Orofino
Rocco Tarulli
12 NOON Eileen McPartland

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
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Josephine Venezia Richard DeFalco Alex Coronel
Geraldine Kearns Alice Roslak Alejandro Salcedo
Bernie Shushan Jean’na Wojik Post Patrick Keegan

DECEASED: Ralph Cortellessa Ray Nyhuis
John McMurray Leonard Schneider, Jr.
John Carolan

CHURCH MEMORIALS
Church Altar Candle in memory of Mary &
Joseph Purcella requested by Family.

WEEKLY COLLECTION
Sunday, June 14, 2020 - $6,425.00
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WEEKLY REFLECTION
Dear Friends in Christ,
Do not be afraid! Jesus repeats this message time and again. It is a message those around him need to hear. It is a message all of us need to hear. Do not be afraid! This knocks the spider's web from the dark corners of our lives.

Do not be afraid, Jesus tells the disciples late one night when he walks across the lake and climbs into their boat. Take heart! You don’t have to struggle against this storm any more.

Do not be afraid, he tells the anxious, worried father whose child lies deathly sick. Only believe, and your daughter will get well; she’ll be restored to you.

Do not be afraid, he tells disciples sitting in a circle round him. Not now, not ever! Your Father knows every last hair on your head, and he delights to give you the kingdom.

Jesus repeats this message—because it’s important, and because we find it hard to accept. He’s aware that fear comes easy to us, as easy as breathing. Jesus repeats this message. Do not be afraid! He repeats it as he sends out seventy of his disciples to prepare the way in every place he will visit.

There are four fears from which Jesus wants us free.
—The fear of needs.
—The fear of things.
—The fear of failure.
—The fear of people.

Jesus wants us free from all of these. He releases us from every form of fear through this sacramental sharing in his life, this freedom feast.

During the week to come, when we are dispersed in so many directions, each of us will, no doubt, feel rising in our hearts at least one of these forms of fear. This fear will try to disrupt our discipleship, interrupt our journey to the kingdom. But if we listen, we will also hear Jesus telling us once again: Do not be afraid!
Father's Day Prayers

O God, We thank you for these men.
Men who have taken on the impossible task of following in Your footsteps
We thank you for their courage and strength.

And our prayer is that as they learn what it means to be a father That You would Father them.
We pray that you would teach them how to be good fathers no matter how old or young their children are.

Give them hearts like your heart
That they may become known for Compassion, tenderness, and mercy.
May they live lives full of love and grace.
May they not be afraid to discipline
And may they lead their families with great wisdom and gentleness

Anoint them to be warriors in Your kingdom
To wage war for their families in prayer
To be defenders and guardians of all that is true and good
Make them aware of the spiritual battle that You call them to engage in. Amen

SHOW ME THE WAY

Please, dear God, give me the strength
To endure the future years.
Show me how to work at length
Through both laughter and tears.
Help me see the brightest day,
Help me know what’s right or wrong.
Help me on in every way
For the journey is hard and long.
Please, dear God, give me Your hand.
Teach me to take the right road.
So, when I make my last stand,
Lighter shall be my load.

Joan P. Ross

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.
Father’s Day

There are no words to describe the value of the role dads play in the life of their family. God has placed a high calling on men to lead their families in humility and love, as they have been loved and led by their Father in heaven. Thank God! And thank God for all the fathers who provide as best they can for their families! Thank you, Fathers!

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today we return to “Ordinary Time,” which means time outside of any “liturgical period” such as Advent, Christmas, Lent or Easter. But after the joyful time of Easter we now return to “ordinary time” with a jolt because the theme of the Mass readings for today might be put into the classification of “Why do bad things happen to good people?” which was the title of a popular book a few years ago. However, there is an antidote for unfortunate situations and we should take note of this because we all experience times or situations that test us to the limit. Let us take a look at how this came out in the following:

The First Reading is from the Prophet Jeremiah (20:10-13) who was always trying to run away from God because he didn’t want to be a prophet. Also, because he was being persecuted by his own people (for preaching what God wanted his people to hear), he wanted God to punish those who were after him. However, God kept telling Jeremiah that in due time he would see his vindication over his enemies. The lesson that we can learn from this reading is that “God’s ways are not our ways,” and only when we are patient and wait for His timing can we expect to see our reward.

The Responsorial Psalm is (69:8 – 35). This beautiful prayer is one that Jeremiah might have prayed because it is in line with his thinking. However, the psalmist here recognizes and accepts the faithfulness of God and is willing to wait. In the meantime, he admonishes others to “seek God that your hearts might revive. For the Lord hears the cry of the poor.”

The Second Reading is from St. Paul’s Letter to the Romans (5:12 –15). We might remember that Paul often compares or contrasts the role that Jesus fulfilled against the time and life of Adam (representing all mankind) who, without the guidance of the Holy Spirit and without “The Law,” was dominated by Satan, the father of lies. However, the “gift” that is mentioned here is the gift of Salvation that could only come through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is this gift of “hope” that God holds out to all the faithful.

The Gospel Reading is from the Gospel of Matthew (10:26-33). This passage is filled with hope and should be referred to whenever we are in one of those “tough spots” that plague all of us at various times. It could easily refer to Jeremiah, who was killed by his adversaries but is recognized as one of the greatest prophets. We might never be faced with death at gunpoint or some other disaster, but we are often faced with serious trials that test us to the limits. This is when we should turn to God for guidance and direction. Something to think about during your prayer time this week!

May God give us peace in our sorrow, consolation in our grief and strength to accept His Will in all things.
Amen

LECTORS

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2020
5:30 P.M. Lynn Magnini

SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2020
7:30 A.M. Barbara Garruto
10:00 A.M. Sue Kummer
12 NOON Henry Mendoza
Gospel Today
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 10:26-33

God created everything on earth, and He knows us right down to the hair on our heads. He wants us to listen to the word of Jesus, and believe. Whoever accepts Jesus on earth, will be accepted by His Father in heaven. The works of the Apostles continues.

SUMMER IS HERE!

Look around at God’s world. What is your favorite summer activity?

Draw a picture of you and Jesus together. What are you doing?

Eating ice cream? Skating in the park?
Swimming at the lake, beach or pool?
Is your hair pulled up, or under a hat?

Don’t forget to put sunscreen on!

SWEET as HONEY

Matthew 10:30

Even the hairs of your head are counted.

Yes Honey, He sure is.

J.D., God is smart!

I mean really, really smart!

I can’t even count how many hairs are in one curl, and He can count my whole head!
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