



MASS INTENTIONS



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2012

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

8:00 a.m. Gloria DeMarco
10:00 a.m. Frank Negrelli
12:00 noon Ruth Kelley
6:00 p.m. The Parish

MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2012

Weekday

2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20

6:30 a.m. All Souls
9:00 a.m. Larry Grapo

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2012

John Bosco

2 Sm 18:10, 14, 24-25, 30-19:3; Mk 5:21-43

6:30 a.m. All Souls
9:00 a.m. Laddie & Rose Waldegar

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2012

Weekday

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6

6:30 a.m. Encarnacion Mangalile
9:00 a.m. Dillhoefer & McCarthy Families

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2012

Presentation of the Lord

Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40

6:30 a.m. All Souls
9:00 a.m. Silvia Rincon

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2012

Blaise

Sir 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29

6:30 a.m. Anthony DeFabio
9:00 a.m. Folk, Hamilton & Hochadel Families

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2012

Weekday

1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34

8:15 a.m. Domenica Russo
4:30 p.m. John & Anna Cardilino

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2012

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

8:00 a.m. Clara Adornetti
10:00 a.m. Wendy DiVita Murphy
12:00 noon Julie Guarino
6:00 p.m. The Parish

WEEKEND COLLECTION SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2012

	Period	Cum To Date
Actual Collection	\$18,295	
January Electronic Giving	\$2,952	\$14,760
Variance to Budget Plan	(\$4,905)	(\$11,795)
Reduction in Savings (variance to need)	(\$8,205)	(\$110,795)

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Eucharistic Exposition

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on First Friday, February 3rd, 9:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Come and spend some quiet time with the Lord.

LIFE IS CHANGED, NOT ENDED.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD!

Elvira Ferrante
Jeanne McGuire
Joseph Bondi

PARISH NOTES

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2012

6:00 p.m. PSR

MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2012

8:40 a.m. Rosary/CH
 10:00 a.m. School Open House
 6:30 p.m. School Open House
 7:00 p.m. Novena/CH
 7:15 p.m. Confessions/CH
 7:15 p.m. Rosary/CH (Behind Altar)
 7:30 p.m. Prayer, Healing & Eucharistic Adoration/
 CH (Behind Altar)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2012

8:40 a.m. Rosary/CH
 9:30 a.m. Scripture Study/AR
 11:30 a.m. Confessions
 6:30 p.m. PSR
 6:30 p.m. Praesidium Meeting/AR
 8:00 p.m. Hillcrest Meeting/AR

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2012

8:40 a.m. Rosary/CH
 12:30 p.m. Rosary/OMR
 7:00 p.m. AA/CAF
 7:00 p.m. RCIA/OMR
 9:00 p.m. Men's Basketball/Gym

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2012

8:40 a.m. Rosary/CH
 7:00 p.m. Choir/CH

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2012

8:40 a.m. Rosary/CH
 12:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration/CH

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2012

8:40 a.m. Rosary/CH
 9:00 a.m. CYO/Gym
 3:30 p.m. Confessions

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2012

6:00 p.m. PSR
 6:00 p.m. LifeTeen

AR – Activities Room, **OMR** – Office Meeting Room,
CH – Church, **CAF** – Cafeteria, **MR** – Music Room,
LIB – Library, **REC** – Rectory,
PC – Parish Center, **CHAP** – School Chapel

SERVERS SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 4

4:30 p.m. N. Fink – R. Fink – M. Jochum

FEBRUARY 5

8:00 a.m. J. Betley – V. Fini – M. Frato
 10:00 a.m. M. Carbone – J. Iademarco – B. Pestotnik
 12:00 noon M. Fedeli – D. Jurcisin – A. Melaragno
 6:00 p.m. L. Brown – R. Green – S. Insana

View from the Caddyshack II

STEVE ANGRISANO THIS SATURDAY AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CHURCH.

Attention, Eucharistic Ministers: *If you are bringing the Eucharist to the homebound, nursing homes, or hospitals, please e-mail or phone Joanne Sheldon in the Parish Office. We need to gather an accurate and up-to-date list of those being served.*

The Pro-Life Movement Today: *Pro-life advocates are divided over the incremental approach to legislative regulation of abortion. The Pro-Life Action League (Chicago) and the American Life League argue that any law that would allow abortion in some but not in all cases cannot be supported. The American Right to Life League argues that such laws “merely prune the abortion weed and strengthen its root.”*

The opposing view holds that we cannot wait for Roe to be overturned when immediate opportunities exist to reduce the number of abortions. The incremental approach is saving lives. Americans United for Life likens this process to a military strategy, with each victory helping to build momentum without losing focus on the ultimate goal of ending abortion. (These articles were adapted from “Capitol Gains,” published in the January 2012 magazine U.S. Catholic, pages 26-29.)

Pam's Story: *Pam knows the pain of considering an abortion. More than 24 years ago, she and her husband Bob were serving as missionaries to the Philippines and praying for a fifth child. Pam contracted amoebic dysentery caused by a parasite found in contaminated food or drink; she went into a coma and was treated with strong antibiotics before they discovered she was pregnant. Doctors urged her to abort the baby for her own safety and told her that the medicines she took would cause irreversible damage to her baby. She refused the abortion and cited her Christian faith as the reason for her hope that her child would be healthy. While pregnant, Pam nearly lost their baby four times, but still refused to consider an abortion. She and her husband made a pledge to God: “If you will give us a son, we’ll name him Timothy and we’ll make him a preacher.”*

Pam spent the last two months of her pregnancy on bed rest. She eventually gave birth to a healthy baby boy on August 14, 1987. Pam's son is indeed a preacher. He preaches in prisons, makes hospital visits, and serves with his father's ministry in the Philippines. He also plays football. Pam's son is Tim Tebow.

Rooted in Faith – Forward in Hope: *Current total: \$2,075,248 (126% of our parish goal). You will find pledge cards at the kiosk. You may drop it in the collection basket or drop it off at the Parish Office. 70% of all pledges will come back to the parish.*

Vocation View: *Come after me. Jesus called Andrew and Peter and John. He calls still in our day. Are you willing to drop your nets and follow?*

Some words to live by: *“My political views are those of the Lord's Prayer.” (St. John Bosco)*

Some humor to survive by: *Did you know that dolphins are so smart that within a few weeks of captivity they can train people to stand at the very edge of the pool and throw them fish?*

- *My grandpa started walking 5 miles a day when he was 60. Now he's 97 and we have no idea where he's at.*
- *I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me.*
- *Every time I hear that dirty word “exercise,” I wash my mouth out with chocolate.*
- *When you think about it, God has to be the best inventor of all time. He took one of Adam's ribs and made it into a loudspeaker.*

Fr. Jim Caddy

Thanks to students of SFA and teachers who designed cards that are for our Homebound. They love them!



We are slowly gaining on collecting names of Eucharistic Ministers (EM's) who are taking Communion to our homebound parishioners. Are you one who hasn't called yet to be listed in our data?

We can also use more EM's who might be interested in volunteering in nursing homes or individuals' homes. They so greatly appreciate this ministry. Please call Joanne or Roberta.

Can You Help?

Do you have time to drive a parishioner to a doctor's appointment or to church or other short trips? Call the office and ask for Joanne or Roberta for more information.



Ministry of Praise

Are you homebound or do you know someone who is? I ask if maybe you would like to join the Ministry of Praise. You serve the parish by praying for its members and their needs. Let Roberta or Joanne know if you want more information.

Retreat for the Homebound

During the Lenten Season, I will offer the opportunity for a few homebound parishioners to make a retreat without even leaving their homes. I will come to you. We will read scripture and pray together and do some reflection. All will be adapted to your needs. Or, if there is a group that wants to have a retreat together, we can do that. Call the office and ask for Joanne for more information.

RCIA –

Please continue to support and pray for our RCIA catechumens and candidates as they prepare for the celebration of the Easter sacraments.

Prayers for the Sick

Please keep the following members of our parish community in your prayers

Jeanne McGuire, Carlene Pekol, Beatrice Bondra, Joseph Tosto, James Monastra, Ilona Paulin, Bette Anderson, Blanche Smyth, Lucille Gambatese. Sean Barker, Maxwell Peppers, Michael Peppers, Frank Stanek

One may request prayers for the ill (oneself or another) by calling the Parish Office and requesting the person's name be listed in the bulletin. Please note that names will be published for two consecutive weeks. If you wish the name to be continued, you may call and renew the request. Please make certain that the ill person does not object to having his/her name placed in the bulletin.

Lenten Series



Sr. Julianne will facilitate two six-week Lenten series beginning Ash Wednesday.

PRAYER SERIES:

Learn about and experience different ways of praying.

February 22nd, 29th, March 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th
1:00-3:00 p.m. in the Activities Room
St. Francis of Assisi Parish Center

SCRIPTURE SERIES:

A focus on Scripture and the Eucharist using the *Threshold Bible Study*

Book cost – \$10.00

February 22nd only – 8:00-9:00 p.m.
February 29th, March 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th
7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Activities Room
St. Francis of Assisi Parish Center

Give yourself a gift of prayer or scripture for Lent.

Call 440-449-7880 or e-mail

julianne.mccauley@leeca.org to register.



PRE-CANA DAY

The parish will hold their annual Pre-Cana Day on Sunday, April 1, 2012 in the Parish Center. Diocesan regulations require any couple getting married in the Catholic Church to attend a Pre-Cana day prior to their wedding. If you are planning on getting married at St. Francis, please call the Parish Office to sign up. Seating is limited so please call as soon as possible. Cost for the day which includes all meals and materials is \$75.00 per couple.

Please call the Parish Office at 440-461-0066 with any questions that you may have regarding Pre-Cana.

Celebrants for February 4-5, 2012

Saturday, February 4, 2012

4:30 p.m. Fr. Dool

Sunday, February 5, 2012

8:00 a.m. Fr. Dool

10:00 a.m. Fr. Dool

12:00 p.m. Fr. Caddy

6:00 p.m. Fr. Caddy



What is the Catholic Understanding of Communion?

COME AND SEE

Monday, February 13, 2012,

7:00 p.m.

St. Francis of Assisi
School Cafeteria.

"Living with Benedict"

The Benedictine Monks of St. Andrew Abbey welcome young men between the ages of 18-45 who wish to discern a monastic vocation to attend the "Living with Benedict" weekend retreat February 10-12. Contact Fr. Gerard, OSB, at gerard@cbhs.net or call 216-721-5300, ext. 207.

Always Our Children

The support group for parents and friends of gay and lesbian Catholics meets the second Sunday of each month (February 12th), 2:00-3:30 p.m. The meeting takes place in the John Paul II Room, in St. John Vianney Church, located at 7575 Bellflower Road in Mentor.

Gay and Lesbian Family Ministry

There will be a Lenten Day of Reflection held at the Center for Pastoral Leadership on Saturday, March 10th, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The theme: The Gift of the Eucharist: Receive-Give Thanks-Break-Share-Live.

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY



**Happy Birthday to Alice Germano
as she celebrates her 92nd Birthday!**

If you or someone you know will be celebrating a 90th or beyond birthday, please let us know so that we can acknowledge your special day!



McDonald's 2-for-1 Cards Are Back

You may obtain a McDonald's two for the price of one (sandwiches) cards for \$10.00 from the Parish Office. The cards may be used only at the Mayfield Heights restaurant. Proceeds benefit our school.

Blood Pressure Check

The Wellness Ministry will be checking blood pressures next weekend. Please stop behind the Altar after all Masses (except 6:00 p.m.).

Attention, Confirmation Candidates

Confirmation Retreat is **Sunday, February 5, 2012, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.** We will begin with Mass at 10:00 followed by a great retreat day facilitated by Mrs. Marylou Beers!



LifeTeen

February 5 - Super Bowl Sunday

No LifeNight

February 12 -

LifeNight -

If you are a teen and have not met us yet, please join us!

We want to meet you!

February 19 -

LifeNight

February 26 -

LifeNight



ALUMNI COMMITTEE

The Saint Francis of Assisi School Alumni Committee is looking to recruit new members. The Alumni Committee's mission is to:

- promote the school
- keep alumni of all ages abreast of what is happening in our school community
- planning of events for all alumni
- fund raising for school endowment
- networking with other alums
- community outreach

As a member of the committee we ask that you:

- attend monthly meetings
- help attract and retain new members
- maintain social media
- create and maintain alumni database

We are having a meeting Thursday evening, February 9, 7:00 p.m. in the school. If you are an alum or someone just interested in serving on this worthwhile committee, we encourage you to attend. Please call the Parish Office for more information or any questions.

I continue my reflections on Eucharistic Prayer III...

Old Translation:

May He make us an everlasting gift to You and enable us to share in the inheritance of Your saints, with Mary, the virgin Mother of God; with the apostles, the martyrs, (Saint N.) and all Your saints, on whose constant intercession we rely for help.

Lord, may this sacrifice, which has made our peace with You, advance the peace and salvation of all the world. Strengthen in faith and love Your pilgrim Church on earth; Your servant, Pope (N.), our bishop (N.), and all the bishops, with the clergy and the entire people Your Son has gained for you. Father, hear the prayers of the family You have gathered here before You. In mercy and love unite all Your children wherever they may be.

New Translation:

May He make of us an eternal offering to You, so that we may obtain an inheritance with Your elect, especially with the most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with Your blessed Apostles and glorious Martyrs (with Saint N.) and with all the Saints, on whose constant intercession in Your presence we rely for unailing help.

May this Sacrifice of our reconciliation, we pray, O Lord, advance the peace and salvation of all the world. Be pleased to confirm in faith and charity Your pilgrim Church on earth, with Your servant N. our Pope and N. our Bishop, the Order of Bishops, all the clergy, and the entire people You have gained for Your own.

Commentary:

The intercessions for the Church begin with a reference to the "offering." The community asks that the Spirit makes them an "eternal offering" to the Father. This offering will assist in making us sharers in the divine life with the saints. Where they are, we long to be. That is why the saints are mentioned here. We might note that this happens twice in the traditional "Roman Canon." The Church wishes to share eternity with the saints and relies on their help for intercession. Mary is specifically mentioned by name. The apostles are mentioned as a whole, along with the martyrs and the patron saint of the Church (or of the day). This section parallels the Roman Canon, as I mentioned before. However, the saints are mentioned only in one place (unlike the two sections of the Roman Canon); and the list is considerably shorter.

The next section prays for the peace and salvation of the whole world. This extends the desire for salvation beyond the boundaries of the Catholic Church. The Church prays that all might benefit from the sacrifice, not just herself. This clearly reflects the insights and theology from the Second Vatican Council. We do not see this kind of prayer in the Roman Canon. Further, the usage of "Pilgrim Church" was a phrase often used in the Council. Finally, the prayer for the Holy Father, bishop, etc., is a restructuring of some material found in the Roman Canon.

On a Side Note:

You might notice I have made several contrasts to the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I) several times. I recently attended a conference by a well-known liturgist, Fr. Paul Turner. He explained that initially after Vatican II, there was a movement by some liturgists to reorganize/clean up the traditional Roman Canon that had been the standard liturgy for centuries. The other three (post-council) Eucharistic Prayers have a distinct structure and flow. The Roman Canon is a bit of a hodgepodge of prayers and reflects its age, development, and tradition throughout the centuries. In the end, it was decided that the Roman Canon should remain as it stood. The present translation of the Roman Canon that you hear every few weeks reflects the Missal of Blessed Pope John XXIII (1962).

Healing Grief Support Group

St. Anselm – St. Francis of Assisi

Monday evenings, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

St. Anselm

(Resurrection Room, School Building)

January 30, 2012 [The Grief Process](#)

February 6, 2012 [Coping Skills](#)

February 20, 2012 [Scripture and Prayer](#)

February 27, 2012 [Moving Forward](#)

To register, contact Jean Fitzgerald (440-729-5130) at St. Anselm.

DO YOU WANT TO ENRICH YOUR PRAYER LIFE? DO YOU NEED HELP IN PREPARING FOR MASS? DO YOU WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE LITURGICAL SEASONS OF THE YEAR...SCRIPTURE... THE LIVES OF THE SAINTS...THE TEACHINGS OF THE CHURCH?

If you answered "YES" to any of these questions, then you will want to subscribe to *The Magnificat*, a monthly publication which will meet many of your spiritual needs. We will be placing an order for a group subscription; deadline for orders is Tuesday, January 31st. The cost of a single subscription is \$34.95 per year.

To place your order, leave your name and phone number at the Parish Office, by phone (440-461-0066) or email (info@stfrancism.org). You will be contacted regarding payment. Please do not call the Parish Office with questions; direct all inquiries to Catharine Zbiegien at 440-473-0318 or cookx8@aol.com.

You can check it out at www.magnificat.com.

FOOD PICK-UP VOLUNTEERS

January 29 Mike & Joanne Grace St. Augustine



February 5 David & Joelle Ehrbar Bishop Cosgrove

February 12 Kellie Ruppe Bring Food

February 19 Mike Wagner Lutheran Church

February 26 Mary Moran St. Augustine

Answer the Call

The Catholic Men's Fellowship Conference will gather on Saturday, February 25th, at Villa Angela-Saint Joseph High School, for a day of spiritual awakening. There will be break-out sessions for high school and college students. Application forms will be found at the kiosk. Call 877-208-5585 or visit www.cfmneo.com for more information.

Never tire...

"Never tire of firmly speaking out in defense of life from its conception and do not be deterred from the commitment to defend the dignity of every human person with courageous determination. Christ is with you: be not afraid!"

~ Pope John Paul II – Address to visiting bishops,

February 3, 2001 ~