

**TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 18, 2019**



SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 2019

5:30 P.M. Ramsey Ameen

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2019

7:30 A.M. Parishioners

Walter Donnelly

Intentions of the Sheridan Family

10:00 A.M. William "Bill" Higgins

Intentions of Msgr. Re Rocco

Neal Cennamo

12:00 Noon Vincent "Jim" Spina

Elaine Arendas

MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 2019

8:00 A.M. Vincent Ayton

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2019

8:00 A.M. Rev. Thomas Rainfort

Alice Boswell

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 2019

8:00 A.M. Rev. Otto Hearle

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23, 2019

8:00 A.M. Alice DiMeglio

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 2019

5:30 P.M. John S. Bisaccio – 6th Anniversary

John Lamiera

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 2019

7:30 A.M. Parishioners

Antoinette Lentini

10:00 A.M. Roy & Shirley Parian

Frank & Dorothy Orofino

Rocco Tarulli

12 NOON Elaine Arendas

Pray daily for our servicemen and women.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Mary Carton Jacob Hicks Estella Soto Ray Nyhuis

Ava Rae Nebbia Matthew Polifonte William Pannone

Gary Ragusa Alex Haines Evelyn Means

George Link Michael Soojian Valentina Manuele

Susan Nichols-Boggio Kevin Kerrigan Ryder Sasso

Mike Tidaback Robert Moreno Jordan Soroko

Dorothea King Jerome Foray Sister Annette

Manuel Esguerra Frank Michaelson Norberto Marin

Robert Nebbia Christopher Berry Frank Polglaze

Sharon Acquire Noah Lorencovitz Jessica Skorubski

Florence Grim Anton Grim George Macagnone

Alex Coronel Alice Roslund Jojie Agular

Christine Rock Bernie Shushan Jean'na Wojik Post

Herman Koenig Jason Skorubski Ernest Poeggel

DECEASED: Our Deceased Loved Ones

CHURCH MEMORIALS

Church Altar Candle in memory of Elaine Arendas requested by William Morrison.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday, August 11, 2019 - \$5,106.00

Thank you for your continued support.

WEEKLY REFLECTION

Dear Friends in Christ,

"I have come to set the earth on fire,
and how I wish it were already blazing!

This is from the Gospel for today. Jesus goes on to say that he *did not* come to establish peace on earth, but rather division.

My friends, Jesus spoke directly about this in today's Gospel. He spoke about dividing families, pitting father against son, and mother against daughter. Can this really happen? Do you have a sibling, parent, or child who is away from the church or not practicing their faith? Do you ever try to talk to that person about coming back? Is the conversation unifying or divisive?

What is this fire that Jesus speaks of? According to Bishop Barron, Jesus is speaking of a devouring fire. He goes on to state that Jesus' word burns things up, reduces things to cinders, and clears things out so that new things can grow. A "get along attitude" is never something that Jesus calls us for. Bishop Barron points out that the call to love others does not mean that we should have a bland indifference to things. If you are not against anything, then you are not for anything, Bishop Barron argues. He states that love is willing the good of the other. Thus, it involves passionate opposition *to what works evil in the other*. Bishop Barron gives the example of the brush fires in California and how there is brand new growth after the fires have cleared out all of the dead wood and underbrush that has accumulated over the years. This is the effect that the Word of God can have on our own lives and on the lives of others. To speak a word of love is to speak a word that is "incendiary" and that clears out the clutter.

Bishop Barron explains that in order to establish the Kingdom of God on earth, Jesus has to destroy and clear out certain things. His message should light a fire so as to burn up our attachment to wealth, power, pleasure and other things that hold us back. Let the fire of Jesus' word burn away those things that are holding you back. Be like the disciples on the road to Emmaus who, after their encounter with the risen Jesus, said: "Were not our hearts burning while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?" Luke 24:32. Yes, exactly! Let the fire of the Divine love consume you.

LOST AND FOUND

A pair of black sunglasses was found in the food booth and have been brought to the rectory. If they are yours, they are here waiting for you!

Also, if anyone took home a Ladies' Guild apron from the food booth, please return it to the rectory. Thank you.



ATTENDING MASS

For Catholics, attending Mass on Sunday (or a Saturday evening vigil Mass) is not optional. It is an obligation. The author of the Letter to the Hebrews addressed this in Hebrews 10:25 – “We should not stay away from our assembly, as is the custom of some, but encourage one another.”

The Catechism of the Catholic Church in paragraph 2181 explains why. “The Sunday Eucharist is the foundation and confirmation of all Christian practice.” As Catholics, we believe that the Mass is the highest form of prayer and worship.

The faithful should know that deliberately missing Mass without a serious reason is a mortal sin. This is explained in the Catechism, paragraph 2181. “For this reason the faithful are obliged to participate in the Eucharist on days of obligation, unless excused for a serious reason (for example illness, the care of infants) or dispensed by their own pastor. Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin.”

In going to Mass on Sunday, we follow the Third Commandment to keep holy the Sabbath.

A MESSAGE FROM DANIA

Parishioners of St. Francis:

I would like to thank each and every one of you for allowing me to serve as your organist and music director for the past 15 years. It has been both an honor and a privilege to be a part of this faith community. I am so very grateful for all of the love and support you have shown me over the years; I will never forget it. I am very much looking forward to spending my evenings, weekends, and holidays with my family, but please know that I will sincerely miss seeing all of you and hearing your sweet voices joining me in worship each week. St. Francis of Assisi Church will always hold a dear place in my heart.



JUNK IN THE TRUNK

The Ladies Guild is holding a **Junk-in-the-Trunk sale** on September 7th, 2019, (Rain Date, 9/14) 9AM to 3PM. Food and a 50-50 raffle are planned. Exhibitor space is 16 x 17 (size of 2 parking spaces) and will accommodate one car and one table. Cost is \$25.00. To reserve a space contact Diane at 973-839-1416 / ladydi240@yahoo.com or Claire at 973-835-9344 for further details. Reservation forms are also at the rectory.

NEWS FROM ST. FRANCIS LADIES' GUILD

St. Francis Ladies Guild has partnered with St. Catherine of Bologna Church in their collection of new school supplies.

A tote has been placed in the Narthex in hopes that anyone who would like to donate some new back to school supplies will place them in there. Some suggested items are pencils, paper, notebooks, binders, crayons, & backpacks.

Anything you can give will be greatly appreciated by children whose parents cannot afford to buy new for the coming school year.

Thank you and God bless you for your kindness!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Grades 1st to 10th

“Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one’s life does not consist of possessions.

Lk. 12:15

Please remember vacation from school is

Not vacation from God & Church

Religious Education Classes resume in September.

Registered families will receive the calendar by mail in August. Hope to see you at Mass.

Registration is Now Open for NEW STUDENTS FOR THE FALL

All children attending public school from grades 1-9 should register.

Classes are Mondays: 4:15-5:15 (grades 1-5);

Classes are Sundays: 6:45-7:45 (grades 6-8)

Classes are Sundays – once a month: 6:45-7:45 (grades 9-10)

Please Call the Religious Education Office at 973-835-1946.



PEACE BE WITH YOU

The gesture of offering the sign of peace dates back to Roman times; to a time shortly after the Crucifixion. The spiritual symbolism of the act is found in the Gospel of Matthew, where Jesus said, "If you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift" (Matthew 5:23-24).

The early Christian community took the instructions of Jesus to heart and included that gesture of peace into their celebrations of the Eucharist. It was a custom in Mediterranean culture at the time (and still is today) to greet family and friends with a kiss.

This gesture is found throughout the liturgical history of the Church and from the time of St. Gregory the Great was seen as a pre-requisite for the reception of Communion.

The sign of peace is a highly symbolic act. It is meant to point towards the disposition of heart required for receiving the Holy Eucharist. It reminds the faithful that in order to be in full communion with Christ, one must first "love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength," and not forget to "love your neighbor as yourself" (Mark 12:30-31).

Next time you are at Mass and turn to your neighbor at the Sign of Peace, maybe you will recall that you are living out part of the greatest commandment; love your neighbor as yourself.

Courtesy of *Philip Kosloski/Aleteia*

SHOWERS OF BLESSINGS

Showers of blessings fall into our life,
In ways that are strange and unknown.
We take them for granted not thinking
Of the love that descends from God's throne.

Warmth of sunshine, fragrance of flowers,
The rain He supplies for the seeds –
Then the results from the harvest of yield,
Abundant to meet all our needs.

The homes we live in, the clothes we wear,
Much food and good health day by day.
These are a few of God's blessings
That are constantly coming our way.

Start counting the blessings God sends you...
You'll find the total real high.
God always provides for His children
With a vast and abundant supply.

Frances Culp Wolfe

AN INVITATION TO ALL LAY MINISTRY MEMBERS – PLEASE SAVE THE DATE! SEPTEMBER 21, 2019

We are happy to announce that on Saturday evening, September 21, St. Francis will host a gathering of all ministry members to give thanks, share a wonderful dinner, enjoy each other's company ...and maybe even have a few laughs. We're calling this event the *Ministry Mingle*.



While our joy is found in serving the parish and the Lord, no thanks necessary, the parish has decided to host this

event as an outward acknowledgment of its deep appreciation for all that you do. All Choir Member, Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Lazarus team members, Catechists, and Ladies' Guild members are welcome. Please expect to hear more about this from your ministry coordinator soon and please do respond, "Yes" to the invitation. Dinner will be a variety of hot foods and side dishes, served buffet style. We've already received a donation of a few bottles of red wine; feel free to BYOB. We look forward to seeing you there, and the more the merrier.

PARISH HAPPENINGS -September

9/6-9/7	Overnight Adoration – 7pm -10:30 am
9/7	First Saturday Mass at 11 am followed by the Patriotic Rosary
9/7	Junk in the Trunk 9am – 3pm / rain date 9/14
9/21	Ministry Mingle – following 5:30 pm Mass

LAKELAND NURSING HOME

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 2019

Pat Demarest & Barbara Garruto

LECTORS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 2019

5:30 P.M. Brenda McWeeny & Giovanna Vollaro

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 2019

7:30 A.M. Jason Velante

10:00 A.M. John McMurray & Mary Letterese

12 NOON Linda O'Connell & Debbie Ackerly

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 2019

5:30 P.M. Peg Carolan & Maria Invernon

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 2019

7:30 A.M. Gina Martellacci & Sandy Weigand

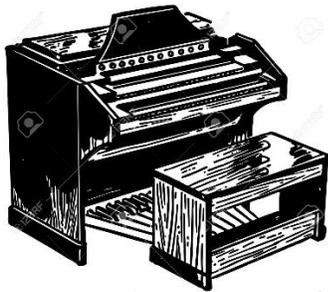
10:00 A.M. Judy Moran & Al Kunz

12 NOON John Arendas & Fred Ackerly



Dear

Dania



Thanks for beautiful music and for building a beautiful choir, leading us in song. And making a joyful noise to the Lord!



Thank you for your 15 years of dedicated service.



We ♥ you and we will miss you !!!

The Community of St. Francis Parish

