

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 25, 2019**



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
12:00 P.M. Elaine Arendas

MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2019

8:00 A.M. Robert Peneno – 1st Annivesary

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2019

8:00 A.M. Raquel Salvato
Intentions of Rick & Gina Salvato

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29, 2019

8:00 A.M. Fred Kressary – 5th Anniversary

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30, 2019

8:00 A.M. Joseph & Gea Giavannone

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 2019

5:30 P.M. Aldo Benenati
Ann Buffalino
Ted Luciani

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

7:30 A.M. Parishioners
Mary Aileo Gazella
10:00 A.M. Anthony Cutro
Rev. Mr. Joseph Crowley
12:00 P.M. Elaine Arendas

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 Jojie Agular
Robert Nebbia Christopher Berry Frank Polglaze
Sharon Acquaire Noah Lorencovitz Jessica Skorubski
Florence Grim Anton Grim George Macagnone
Alex Coronel Alice Roslund Alejandro Salcedo
Christine Rock Bernie Shushan Jean'na Wojik Post
Herman Koenig Jason Skorubski Ernest Poeggel
Kenny Sequeira Bridget Shirazi

DECEASED: Ted Luciani Keith Rietema

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday, August 18, 2019 – \$4,908.00
Thank you for your continued support.

WEEKLY REFLECTION

Dear Friends in Christ,



Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough. LUKE 13:24"

The narrow gate, also called the narrow door, is referred to by the Lord Jesus Christ both in Matthew 7:13-14 and in Luke 13:24. He compares the narrow gate to the "broad road" which leads to destruction (hell) and says that many people will be on that road. Otherwise, Jesus says that "Small is the gate that leads to eternal life, and only few will find It."

First, we must understand that Jesus himself is the Door through which all must enter eternal life. There is no other way because he alone is the Way to Life.

Jesus told us in the Bible that is THE DOOR OF THE SHEEP while the sheep hear the voice of the GOOD SHEPHERD and follow him along the narrow way to eternal life.

Our Question is HOW NARROW IS THE NARROW GATE? ARE ONLY A FEW PEOPLE TO BE SAVED?

Jesus responds to a question by using a metaphor about entering God's Kingdom. Struggle to enter through the narrow door or in other words "WORK HARD TO GO THROUGH THE NARROW DOORWAY". He is speaking about the entrance to God's kingdom as if it were a small doorway to a house.

Why is it hard to enter into the narrow gate? There are reasons why people were not striving to enter into the strait because of the opposition of the human pride, our natural love of sin and the opposition of satan and the world is his control.it is

So, before you reach heaven, you have to endure many obstacles you were to pass through the eternal Life.

Heaven is not for lazy people, but still is our home sweet home.



NEWS FROM ST. FRANCIS LADIES' GUILD
 St. Francis Ladies Guild would like to partner with St. Catherine of Bologna Church in selected joint charitable efforts, such as their July 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.



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.

PARISH HAPPENINGS -September

- 9/3 Ladies’ Guild Mtg. – Mass in chapel at 7pm – meeting in church hall at 7:30pm
- 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 5:30pm Mass

**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, after 5:30pm Mass, 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 Members, Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Lazarus team members, Catechists, Ladies’ Guild members and Parish Council/Trustees 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.



COLLECTION OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES

The collection of needed school supplies has come to an end.

Many, many thanks to all who donated school supplies for local children whose parents cannot afford to buy them the many items they need to help them get the most benefit from their school experience. As always, St. Francis of Assisi parishioners have demonstrated their generosity and kindness toward children by donating a large number and variety of needed school supplies: backpacks, pencils, pens, crayons, notebooks, etc. in all colors and sizes. Many schoolchildren can now look forward to the start of a new academic year, with the tools they need to succeed!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE JUST MARRIED AT ST. FRANCIS CHURCH



**Darren James Goskowski
 &
 Nicole Kristen Glade**

August 18, 2019 at 3pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

On September 14th we celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. It represents Christ's victory over sin and death.

Won't you join us for an hour during our overnight Eucharistic Adoration to thank Our Lord for His "yes" for us in the Garden of Gethsemane although He knew this "yes" would result in His suffering and death on the cross.

Adoration will begin at 7 PM on Fri., Sept 6th to 10:30 AM on Sat., Sept 7th. The sign up sheet is in the Narthex. Please include your name, email & designate your **home or cell phone** number so that we can contact you to confirm your time and give you the entry code. One or many Adorer can be present at any given time.

To assure the safety of those participating in overnight Adoration, only those who have signed up will be permitted in the Church during the overnight hours.

The Church doors will be open for Adoration from 9:00AM to 10:30 AM for those who would like to stop in for an unplanned visit.

Our First Saturday Novena Mass will begin at 11:00 AM followed by the Patriotic Rosary which is being said for the needs of our country and all who dwell within it.

Many thanks to all those who participate in this ministry and a warm welcome to those who would like to join us!!

CARNIVAL SUPER 50/50 WINNERS

Congratulations to the winners of the Super 50/50 raffle drawn on August 3rd. They are as follows:

50% - St. Francis Church - \$3,329.50
25% winner – Carolyn Monroe - \$1,664.75
15% winner – Anthony DiGirolamo - \$998.85
10% winner – Chester Walasek - \$665.90

We thank everyone who participated in the raffle.

CARNIVAL PROFIT

To date, all invoices have not been received for payment. When everything is finalized, we will publish the profit to our parish.

*So faith, hope, love remain,
these three: but the greatest
of these is love.
1 Corinthians 13:13*

THE SUNDAY SABBATH

The Third Commandment says, "Take care to keep holy the sabbath day as the LORD, your God, commanded you...the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD, your God."

From the beginning the Jewish people have always observed Saturday as the sabbath. So why do Catholics go to church on Sunday?

In short, it's all about Jesus! The Catechism of the Catholic Church in paragraph 2174 says this: "Jesus rose from the dead 'on the first day of the week.' Because it is the 'first day', the day of Christ's Resurrection recalls the first creation. Because it is the 'eighth day' following the sabbath, it symbolizes the new creation ushered in by Christ's Resurrection. For Christians it has become the first of all days, the first of all feasts, the Lord's Day."

And in paragraph 2176 the Catechism tells us that "Sunday worship fulfills the moral command of the Old Covenant, taking up its rhythm and spirit in the weekly celebration of the Creator and Redeemer of his people."

We see Sunday Mass from the very beginning of the Church. In Acts 20:7, St. Luke recalls, "On the first day of the week when we gathered to break bread..." And finally, in paragraph 2177 of the Catechism, we read "Sunday is the day on which the paschal mystery is celebrated in light of the apostolic tradition and is to be observed as the foremost holy day of obligation in the universal Church."

For further study: Acts 20:7 • CCC 1343 • CCC 2168-2195



LAKELAND NURSING HOME SCHEDULE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

Sandy Polglaze

LECTORS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 2019

5:30 P.M. Pat Demarest & Joan Ruffino

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

7:30 A.M. Erika Reid
10:00 A.M. Annie Rivera & Judy Moran
12 NOON Henry Mendoza

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 2019

5:30 P.M. Karen Cisco & Lynn Magnini

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

7:30 A.M. Jason Velante & Cesar Vasquez
10:00 A.M. Alycia Pasek & Melissa Rivera
12 NOON Diane Morano & Ronnie Caropreso

