

October 27, 2019

THIRTIETH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

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Jesus said to them,
“I tell you, the tax collector went home justified,
not the Pharisee; for whoever exalt themselves
will be humbled, and those who humble
themselves will be exalted.”

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Luke 18:14

MORSELS & TIDBITS FROM THE PASTOR



Rev. Artur Sowa, Pastor

October 27, 2019

The St. Francis of Assisi Community is a welcoming Christian family.

We believe in Jesus Christ and are guided by the Holy Spirit and the example of St. Francis.

We gather to celebrate, to grow in the knowledge of our faith rooted in the Catholic tradition, and to recognize our responsibility to reach out to the world.

Sunday Gospel in Everyday English

He told his next story to some who were complacently pleased with themselves over their moral performance and looked down their noses at the common people: “Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax man. The Pharisee posed and prayed like this: ‘Oh, God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, crooks, adulterers, or, heaven forbid, like this tax man. I fast twice a week and tithe on all my income.’

“Meanwhile the tax man, slumped in the shadows, his face in his hands, not daring to look up, said, ‘God, give mercy. Forgive me, a sinner.’”

Jesus commented, “This tax man, not the other, went home made right with God. If you walk around with your nose in the air, you’re going to end up flat on your face, but if you’re content to be simply yourself, you will become more than yourself (*from Luke 18*).

Notes on the Scripture

When we first encounter the Pharisee and the tax collector in the parable, we are at once given enough information about them to jump to all the usual conclusions. A Pharisee is by definition a person with a rigorous commitment to God, the law, ritual, and the moral code. A tax collector is a traitor to his country and his religion, making a buck off his fellow citizens by collaborating with a foreign oppressor. Which person would you expect will gain a hearing from God?

The smart money is on the Pharisee, but the smart money is about to go south. The thing is, the more we see of a person’s devotional life, the less he or she qualifies as a practitioner of true humility. Humility is the cornerstone of the spiritual life, and the more loudly people sound the horn before them as they pray, the less likely we are seeing signs of a genuinely converted heart. The tax collector admitted he was a sinner—no contest in the case of who was more moral. What made the tax collector justified was neither poverty nor morality, but his willingness to acknowledge his lowliness before God. It all starts with humility!

Stewardship

In October we celebrate stewardship and present our financial report to the parish, but stewardship is more than just finances. A healthy Stewardship spirituality starts with humility and leads us to practice two key virtues: gratitude and generosity. Being grateful helps us to keep God at the center of our lives. Giving thanks to God reminds us that all that we have is God’s gift. Generosity flows from gratitude. Gratitude enables us to recognize the blessings of God.

In the spirit of stewardship I invite you to consider joining one of many ministries at SFA. If you are able, please, share your gifts and talents with us. Thank you for your support and love for this wonderful community of ours. One milestone we were able to achieve this last year was paying off our mortgage. This is a major accomplishment and a sign of great generosity. May God continue to bless us here, at St. Francis of Assisi Parish.

All Saints & All Souls

On the feast of All Saints, Nov. 1st, we honored all those great champions of faith who gave us such a wonderful example of how to live and love. Who is your favorite saint? I hope you have one! Please join us for Masses at 7:45am and 7pm.

On the feast of All Souls, Nov. 2nd, which this year falls on Saturday, we will remember all our deceased loved ones. A special All Souls Mass will be celebrated in the morning at 10am. At this Mass we will remember all those who were buried from St. Francis in the past year. Who’s in your heart? Whom do you remember?

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Artur Sowa".

THIS WEEK AT ST. FRANCIS

Monday, October 28

- ◆ Social Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm (GR)
- ◆ Peregrine Novena, 7:00 pm (CH)

Tuesday, October 29

- ◆ Corinthians | Book of James, 8:30 am (SFC)
- ◆ VIRTUS "Protecting God's Children" Seminar, 6:30 pm (SFC)
- ◆ Catholic Charities Meeting, 7:00 pm (SFR)

Wednesday, October 30

- ◆ OA Meeting, 9:30 am (GR)
- ◆ Religious Ed, Grades 1-8, 4:30 pm (SFC)
- ◆ Bible Timeline, 7:00 pm (SFC)
- ◆ Corinthians | Book of James, 7:00 pm (SFC)

Friday, November 01 - All Saints Day

- ◆ All Saints Mass, 7:00 pm (CH)
- ◆ A.A. Meeting, 7:30 pm (NR)

Saturday, November 02 - All Souls Day



- ◆ Sacred Heart Mission, 8:30 am (Off Campus)
- ◆ Religious Ed, Grades 1-8, 8:30 am (SFC)
- ◆ All Souls Mass & Coffee And..., 10:00 am (CH, GR)
- ◆ Fifth Grade Mass Lesson, 4:30 pm (UH)
- ◆ Fifth Grade Family Mass & Coffee And..., 5:15 pm (CH, GR)

Sunday, November 03

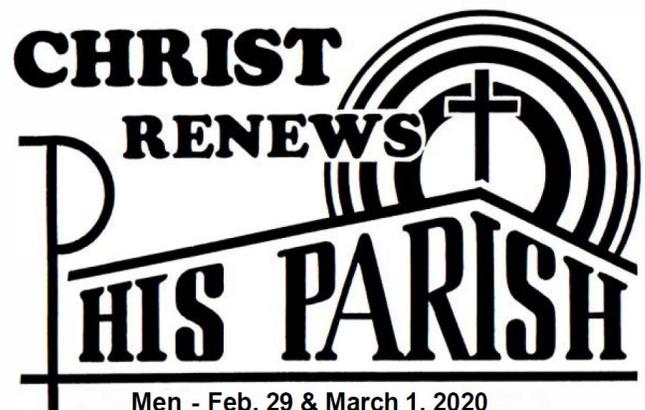
- ◆ Daylight Savings Time Ends
- ◆ Extravaganza, 7:00 pm (SFR)

SAVE THE DATES



Saturday, Nov. 2 at 10:00 AM
we will celebrate the
Mass for All Souls Day.

At this Mass we remember in a special way, all who were buried from our parish in the passed year. Everyone is invited to come and to remember their loved ones who have departed this world for their eternal reward. Coffee and... will follow the Mass.



Men - Feb. 29 & March 1, 2020

Women - March 14 & 15, 2020

Register online: <http://www.sfaorland.org/Christ-renews-His-parish.html>

PARISH LIFE COMMISSION

Trunk or Treat

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus
and Mom's Group
Sunday October 27

Decorating at 2PM and the fun begins at 2:30

Prizes for best decorated car,
family costume and
individual costume.

Bring candy to share!
Contact Alana Mitrovich at
ammitrovich@gmail.com for more info



Mom's Night Out Friday November 8 at 7 p.m. in Upton Hall

Moms, this is an evening for you to enjoy the company of other women in a relaxed and creative atmosphere. Get a babysitter and come to a painting party just for women. This project will include pouring acrylic paint on small canvases. Everyone can do this. It is simple and fun!



Just sign up in the church office: 460-0042.
All supplies and snacks are provided. Bring your beverage of choice. \$7 material fee.

PAINTING HOPE

Sunday, November 17th, 2 p.m. in Upton Hall, lower level of St. Francis of Assisi

Let's have some fun in a painting party which is a fund raiser for Zelda's Kitchen Witches! Join us as we create canvases with imagery of hope. This is an easy project that everyone can do.

Zelda's Kitchen Witches provides new kitchen items to women fleeing domestic violence and women who are homeless. The women are moving into transitional housing seeking an independent life. All proceeds from this event are donated to this worthy organization.

All painting materials and refresh will be provided. Donation: \$25. Call the office to register: 708-460-0042



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS

PASTA
Night Dinner
Fundraiser

Enjoy an Italian Dinner with
Pasta, Meatballs, Salad & Dessert

Saturday, November 9th
4pm to 8pm
Upton Hall

Only \$10 per Adult (\$12 at door)
\$6 kids 4-12 (under 4 FREE)
Drinks available for purchase

Proceeds to help Sacred Heart Parish
and St Francis of Assisi Youth Group.

Special Thanks To:
Papa Joe's - Orland Park
Kenwood Liquors - Homer Glen

Pigeon Forge and Smokey Mountain Show Trip

June 1-6, 2020

The incredible price of \$565 per person includes:

- Motor coach transportation
- 5 nights lodging including 3 consecutive nights in the Smokies
- 8 meals, 5 breakfasts and 3 dinners
- Admission to Titanic: The World's Largest Museum Attraction
- 2 Dinner shows: SOUL OF MOTOWN and AMERICA'S HIT PARADE; 2 evening shows: WONDERS OF MAGIC and COUNTRY TONITE and the SMITH MORNING VARIETY SHOW.
- Free time in historic downtown Gatlinburg
- Guided tour of the Great Smokie Mountains

Please add \$189 for single occupancy. Final payment is due on March 25.

To add peace of mind, Travel Protection Plan is available for an additional \$45 per person. These checks should be made payable to Travel Insured International.

Reservations will be taken on a first come first serve basis. For information on how to join in the fun contact Barbara Walder at barbwalder@yahoo.com or 708-351-8994.



THE ROSARY

Saturday, November 2nd

SPECIAL TIME: 9:00 AM

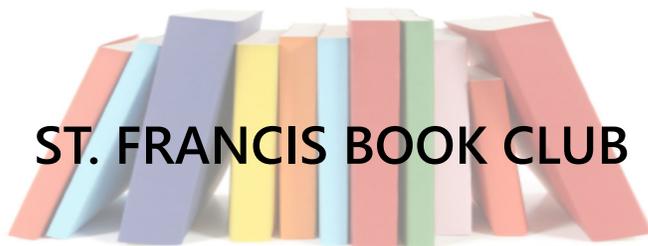
Please join us to pray the Rosary for Life on the first Saturday of each month.

Since 11/2 is All Soul's Day with Mass at 10:00 AM, the Rosary will be earlier at 9:00.

We meet in the Eucharistic Chapel at the base of the Bell Tower

"Love the Madonna and pray the Rosary, for her Rosary is the weapon against the evils of the world today."

St. Padre Pio



ST. FRANCIS BOOK CLUB

The book selected for **November 19** is
"Sold on a Monday"
by Kristina McMorris

1:00 pm in the Niehaus Room

ALL ARE WELCOME!

NOTE: There will be no Book Club meeting in December.

EDUCATION & FORMATION COMMISSION

CARDINAL BERNARDIN SCHOOL JOB POSTING

Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Catholic School is looking to hire **part-time MAINTENANCE** help.

The 25-hour-a week position is non-benefits eligible; salary is \$15.00/hour. Applicant would work Monday through Friday from 5pm until 10:30pm and must be at least 18 years of age. Interested candidates must pass a full background investigation through the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Responsibilities include general cleaning; moving and/or setting up furniture; vacuuming and cleaning carpets; sweeping, mopping and waxing floors; gathering and disposing of refuse inside and outside of the school; cleaning and supplying restrooms. If interested, email Mr. Ray Yanowsky at rayyanowsky@steseton.com

CJB Athletic Program Mass on Nov. 10

The Athletic Program of Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School is inviting all to participate in the communal 10:30 am Liturgy at St. Francis of Assisi Parish on Sunday, November 10, 2019.

This will be the first of four Liturgies, one at each supporting Parish for the Cardinal Joseph Bernardin 2019-20 school year, where we can unify as one athletic program celebrating The Source and Summit of Christian Life and The Liturgy, The Eucharist.

There will be a section of The St. Francis of Assisi Church designated for our seating. Attendance is greatly encouraged to strengthen Our Faith as One, but not mandatory.

The student/athletes attending are encouraged to display their school pride by wearing your Cardinal Joseph Bernardin athletic uniform as well as the parents/guardians, coaches, and staff. There will also be some student/athletes participating in the Liturgy, i.e. Offertory Gift Bearers, at each Parish's Liturgy.

RESPECT LIFE

"An unexpected pregnancy can be a difficult and frightening time, and it's important that your friend knows you are thinking of her and supporting her... Your support might be the only support she receives. Even if we never know how, the smallest things we do can change someone's life. You can make a difference in her life. Will you?"

*USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities,
"10 Ways to Support Her When She's
Unexpectedly Expecting"
www.respectlife.org/support-her*

8TH GRADE PARENTS:

We need chaperones for October 30th for the Feed My Starving Children project. Please give the RE office a call if you can help us out. (708) 460-0155.



2019 Mission Trip Reflection, by, Caroline Hooks

My name is Caroline Hooks and I am a parishioner at Saint Francis. When I first heard about the mission trip from my sister, she had great things to say about it. She said it was an incredible experience and loved every moment. When I went to the informational meeting, I heard even more amazing things about the week. Classmates and adult leaders were talking about how they loved helping and



growing closer to God. I knew this was something I wanted to do. This was a chance to get closer to God and deepen my faith.

As we embarked on St. Louis the nerves kicked in. I still didn't really know what to expect, as hearing and doing don't always reflect each other. After we arrived and got settled, we all went to the gym where we would be having our programs and fellowship for the week. As people were talking and meeting, I could only focus on what my assignment was going to be. Again, the nerves kicked in. As they announced our team (and all team tasks), we assembled for details and introductions. Unfortunately, the assignment I got was different than the one I requested. I had wanted to work with kids, but all they had was labor work. I was now more worried about the week, but knew to keep positive and it would all be fine.

As we arrived at our resident house the next day, things were a tad bumpy and unorganized. The paint was not there and other needed supplies were missing too. In the spirit of keeping busy, we headed outside to tackle the yardwork. It was hot and bugs were outnumbering us. What I realized throughout this whole process was that even when things don't go as planned sometimes God asks us to come together as a team, trusting in him that he'll help figure all things out for the best. The next day we did get our paints and painted the whole room. It was a lot of work but, again we were able to overcome as a team and do it. After that, we got a new house assignment and worked on that for the remainder of the mission week. Through those days, I absolutely grew closer to my team, grew in faith and was having a lot of fun

helping out!

My assumptions about what my trip was going to be like were way different than what actually happened. I was very lucky to be able to go with my dad on this mission. At the end of my trip, my dad told me I barely talked to him and he assumed it was because I was having a lot of fun and learning more about what faith meant to me. I did have lots of fun on this trip, was growing closer to God in many ways and making new and closer friendships. I am really excited to go again on this trip and be a part of the special week serving a community in need. I am very blessed.

Caramel Apples/Caramel Corn Fundraiser

October 26 & 27

After all Masses.

\$5 Each



Proceeds go towards funding for the National Catholic Youth Conference. We have eight parishioners who will attend the three day pilgrimage to Indianapolis November 21-24.

Adult Faith Formation

AROUND FOR AWHILE, by Fr. Ed Upton

On the weekend of October 12 & 13, Fr. Artur spoke on Stewardship. He encouraged parish participation in the many ministry possibilities at St. Francis.

Ordinarily, when another priest or deacon preaching, I do not have to prepare a homily. However, because of the shortage of priests, I am frequently asked to assist at parishes other than St. Francis for Sunday liturgy. So, I still need to prepare homily. I thought I would share a homily, not given at St. Francis.

Luke 17:11-19, 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

As I reflected on the Gospel, my attention was drawn to seemingly small and insignificant words/phrases. These provided me new insight and suggested a deeper meaning to this story of the ten lepers.

First, Luke says Jesus traveled THROUGH Samaria and Galilee. Galilee was the home base of Jesus/ His place. Samaria, was the home of the Samaritans, a group who Jews did not accept. Luke does not name the village where this miracle takes place. He says only, Jesus passed through Samaria and Galilee. His not naming the village implies this location is neutral, a place for all. So, Jesus' encounter with the men with leprosy, is in the context of openness – a place without prejudice or judgment.

Think how location affects us. When a person names a neighborhood in Chicago; gives the name of a suburb, or a subdivision within the suburb, how often do we attach some judgment / determine a status/or lack thereof about a particular location. This one is wealthy, this one not up to our standards.

Our propensity toward judgment about particular places, and thus about the people who live there, is challenged by this passage. Jesus is non-judgmental ALL ARE WELCOME to his grace.

Secondly, Luke says, the men were AT A DISTANCE because as lepers, they were outcasts. Jesus is not afraid to be with them. He accepts them. He tells them to go the priests. The priests were the legal determiners of the specific skin diseases and their danger. The priests were to determine if they could be allowed back into the community. Again, as we reflect, is this a way we might feel at times; cut off; feeling the Lord does not listen to us. The Lord, even if we feel distant, is always with us, even though by law Jesus must be apart, He heals.

Thirdly, two words are used to describe what

happened to those men when they went to the priests. Nine were cleansed; one was healed. Not simply two words to describe the same event.

Cleansing is external, this is what the priests could see. The illness was no longer visible.

Healing is interior describing an internal change of heart.

Jesus is not just extolling the Samaritan for thanking him, he is teaching this man opened his heart - he is now a man of faith, a changed man. He returned because he

understood his internal healing.

In this Gospel simple words teach much: Jesus welcomes all; he many seem to be at a distance, but he remains present. His healing brings faith; for that we thank Him.

RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD, *Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.*

Today's readings invite us into prayer, into relationship with God. Because relationships feel more natural when we know one another well, Sirach encourages us to know God better.

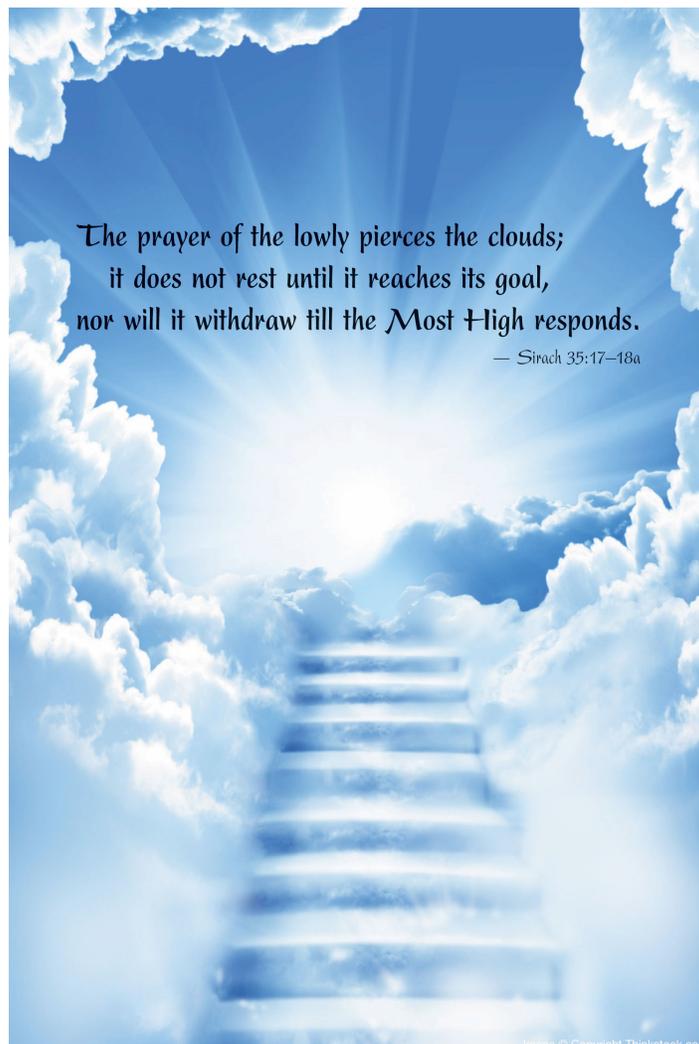
In his wisdom, Sirach tells us what God is like: fair, open-minded, compassionate, and attentive. "The Lord will not delay," he says. Knowing that God's help comes right on time, whenever we need it, calms our hearts and helps us trust the Lord.

In his second Letter to Timothy, Saint Paul demonstrates his own trust in God. Despite the grueling struggles Saint Paul has faced because of his Christian faith, he praises the Lord for rescuing him time and again.

Today's Gospel draws

us close to Jesus too, revealing his special love for the poor and humble. As Jesus tells his parable about

the prayer habits of a Pharisee and a tax collector, our hearts long to become as gentle as Christ's.



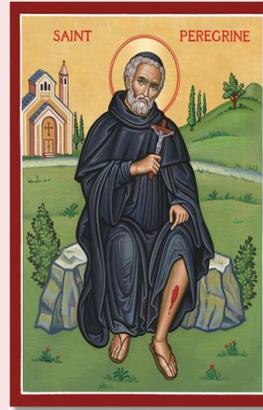
HELP WANTED AT ST. GEORGE PARISH

Looking for a part-time job working three days a week?

St. George Parish in Tinley Park is looking for someone who can prepare our weekly parish bulletin. Skills needed include knowledge of the Publisher program and the ability to create a bulletin that is eye catching, appealing and an engaging read for our parishioners.

If you are interested or have any questions, please call Darlene Georges at 708.532.2243 Ext. 507

HUMAN CONCERNS COMMISSION



St. Peregrine Novena through November 4 St. Peregrine is the patron saint for persons suffering from illnesses of all types in particular cancer. Saint Peregrine was healed of a cancerous ulcer on his leg which was considered beyond saving. The fame of this event in 1325 spread rapidly round the western Church.

Christians, and especially the sick, began to invoke his name and seek his intercession for the relief of their suffering and even for a cure from sickness. The canonization of St. Peregrine in 1726 increased people's devotion to him which spread to the universal Church.

7:00 pm in the church, St. Francis of Assisi will begin offering a novena to St. Peregrine. The novena will be held for 9 Mondays. All parishioners are welcome to participate.

Need someone to talk to about Alzheimer's?

Contact Alzheimer Association at 800-272-3900, the counselors are available 24/7/365.

SAVE THE DATE

Catholic Charities Committee meeting Tuesday, October 29, 7:00 pm



All who humble themselves will be exalted



SWIFT SouthWest InterFaith Team

2004 - 2019
Celebrating 15 Years of Interfaith Harmony!

South West Interfaith Team



Sharing Food and Faith

~ Open Dialogue ~

Interfaith Dinner

Christian, Muslim and Jewish Perspectives

DATE: Sunday, November 10, 2019
TIME: 5:30pm - Registration / 6:00 - 8:00pm - Program
PLACE: Zion Lutheran Church - Tinley Park, IL

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH

Don't miss this unique & exciting Interfaith experience!

PRE-REGISTRATION & TICKETS REQUIRED!

Tickets on sale until Nov 8th - \$20 per person

Tickets not sold at the door.

Must be purchased through your Place of Worship.

Seats are limited so get your tickets right away!

For Tickets, contact:

Mohammed Nofal

708-253-2834

~ FOOD DRIVE ~

Bring along non-perishable food items to donate to Respond Now

Christians, Muslims and Jews Working Together for Respect... Understanding... Religious Harmony

SWIFT is a Non-Profit Organization made up of synagogues, churches & mosques located in the South & South-West suburbs of Chicago.
 For information on SWIFT:
www.SWIFTinterfaith.org (708) 253-2834
info@SWIFTinterfaith.org



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"SWIFT South West Interfaith Team"



Check out the progress being made on the Help Build Hope Housing project. SFA participated along with 6 other parishes to construct all the walls needed for this house being completed by Habitat for Humanity.

Volunteers needed to make home visits with our friends from Sacred Heart Mission in Hopkins Park, Illinois on **Saturday November 2, 2019**. We are collecting items to deliver to those in need and to stock the mission's pantry.

NEEDED ARE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- Hot Dogs and Buns
- Napkins
- Paper towels
- Toilet paper
- Paper Plates
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Mouthwash
- Soap
- Shampoo
- Other personal hygiene items...



We will leave from Upton Hall (lower exterior doors adjacent to the parking lot) at 9:00 am on Saturday November 2, 2019. If interested, please contact Linda or Tim McCormick at 708-478-3195, or at timothyjmc-cormick@comcast.net.

If you are unable to attend but could make a donation, please drop off your donations at the parish office during normal hours (8:30am – 4:30pm) and/or in the Narthex before regularly scheduled masses. Please mark the items as "Sacred Heart Mission Donation."

SAVE THE DATE!

CJB Casino Night
Let The Good Times Roll



Friday March 6th, 2020

DINOLFO'S BANQUETS OF HOMER GLEN

Enjoy an evening of casino games, raffles, auction items, dinner, open bar, dancing, and live entertainment all while raising funds for Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Catholic School.

Come and Bet on Education!

Please visit cjbgala20@givesmart.com for more information on tickets, raffles, and sponsorships.



Thank you for your generosity!

We sent a check for **\$3,424.78** to Mary Star of the Sea Catholic School, Freeport, Grand Bahama Island to help with the hurricane relief.

It is greatly appreciated.

Peace,
Sr. Gael

Volunteers needed to MAKE A DIFFERENCE

for families with young children

During a recent volunteer meeting at the DuPage PADS main office in Wheaton, I learned that homelessness in DuPage County is affecting more families with young children. For the period 7/1/18 - 6/30/19:

There was a 20% increase in clients served:

Age 0-5: Up 54%

Age 25-34: Up 37%

A total of 1200 clients were served

39,000 nights of shelter were provided

119,959 meals were provided

352 clients gained housing (via supportive Housing program) in 122 units of housing.

Without the commitment of volunteers, this work would not be possible. With the continued support of our parish and engagement, WE CAN and CONTINUE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE in the lives of individuals and families served by DuPage PADS. Our compassionate crew of Night Owls provides overnight site monitoring the first AND fifth Fridays of the months October - April, the members of the Advance Meal Prep team will continue to assist with dinner preparations, and parish teens accompanied by adults, will serve the fifth Fridays, November 29 and January 31st.

There are many opportunities available. I look forward to hearing from you!

Debbie Burzinski
dburzinski@comcast.net

We want to thank our parishioners/their friends for donating a total of 307 coats and miscellaneous hats, scarves, mens trousers, sweaters and gloves. We also collected \$242 cash which will be sent to the Neat Repeats/Women's Crisis Center. We speak for the veterans and Southwest Crisis Center recipients in thanking everyone for their care and concern for those in need!

Thanks go out to all our volunteers: Jerri LaRocher, with her granddaughter; James & Mikaela Arredondo, Paula Belski, Teri Sankey, Alice Rzeszutko, Ann Carroll, Kay Saletta, Jeannine Witowski, Jerry & Debby Obler, Sheila and John Pacholski. Thank you, Ann, for making the posters for the easels. While I was in sunny Florida, I left my daughter Laurie to manage the weekend of coat drive details and along with some of the volunteers to help guide the teens who were doing all the sorting, counting and bagging of coats. These wonderful teens were: Allyson Dudlo, Anais Gonzalez, Robert Kutt, Brandon McCarthy, Andrew Hofsletter, Natalie Rabka, Tristan Ryan, Morgan Spratt, Logan Stafford, Krista Wojcikiewicz. Special thanks to Kay Saletta & Jerry Obler for delivering the women & children's coats to Neat Repeats. We really appreciate all the Helping Hands.

As always, thanks to the parish staff for getting the news out there, setting up, and recruiting teen volunteers. You are a great group. Thanks to all!

Lee Knapik & Laurie Arredondo, Chairpersons

LITURGY COMMISSION

HELP NEEDED!



Are you available once a month to help with washing and ironing of the purificators used during the Mass?



Contact Sr. Gael - 708-460-0042

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Friday's Solemnity of All Saints and Saturday's Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed fit well at the beginning of November. The liturgical readings of this final month in the Church year are keyed to the end of time and the fulfillment of Jesus' saving acts. Nowhere is this more fully celebrated than in Mexico, where November 2 is the "Day of the Dead." Missionaries moved an ancient Aztec festival from midsummer to November, linking the festival to Christian themes. Today, it is a time for remembering the dead and celebrating the continuity of life, principally by festive picnics in cemeteries. There are special foods and games, and people socialize with other families and tell favorite stories about their dear ones. The sweetness of life is honored by sugary desserts and treats. Flowers, music, lights, and feasting assure that the day is not at all morbid. Traditionally, the day begins with Mass, a procession to the cemetery, and a morning feast. Most families have a special dinner with the pan de muerto, or "bread of the dead." A toy skeleton is baked into the loaf, and the one who bites into it is considered lucky indeed. The dead are not feared, but deeply loved, and this joyful family feast points both to age-old customs and Resurrection faith.

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HOLY MATRIMONY

With joy,
we announce the marriage of

Raymond Blake & Elzbieta Kaminski
October 19, 2019

May your lives always be blessed with
God's love!



We joyfully welcomed
the following children
into our Christian
community

October 20, 2019

Claire Rose Connelly
Daughter of Timothy & Ashlee (Mizera) Connelly

Rylan John Coyle
Son of Jeremy & Christina (Schaer) Coyle



Gregory Bartz
Antonio DiGerlando
Rosana Gochuico
Robert Kurey
Madelon Lorden
Dennis Niswonger
Tony Zambuto

SICK RELATIVES & FRIENDS

William Anderson
Jonas Astrauskas
Sister Ellen Mary
Brenner
Maria Eugenia
Fernandez
Joanne
Follenweider
Lynn Gainer
Carol Gervais
Carol Grunow
Jack Killoren
Debbie Lipien
Sr. Bernard Lynch
Marge McFadden
Vince McNulty
Bill O'Neil
Giovanna Picciolini
Annette Popernik
Mikaela Rix
Anne Ross & baby
Jim Slattery
Debra Sovich
Louis Tassone
Joe Tumpich
Marianne Vancina
Christina
Valentinas
Marjane Warren
Dorothy Weber
Jack Weber

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 26

5:15 PM Richard Prosser, rq. by Patricia Prosser and Mary T. Foley, rq. by St. Francis RE Staff and Frank Zito, rq. by Charlotte Shestokas

Sunday, October 27

7:30 AM Jean & Marguerite Abt, Charles & Madeline Pelicant, Valentine & Adele Bay, Laura DeSimpel & Frances Umporowicz, rq. by Emil Skorup and Martin Barret, rq. by Family and Mark Bennecke, rq. by Terri Sankey

9:00 AM Loretta Meyer & Ronald Kuliguwski rq. by Joe & Joan Georgetti and Elaine Graff, rq. by Terri & Debbie Myron and improved health for Mariola Baran, rq. by mother

10:30 AM Domenic Totorici, rq. by Ray & Marian Peregoy and Elaine Graff, rq. by Rick & Theresa Fiscella and Terrance Glynn, rq. by Pat Adams and Livia Roberti, rq. by Chuck & Maria Steffens and Lillian Monahan, rq. by Connelly & Norman Family

12:00 PM People of St. Francis

Monday, October 28

7:45 AM Thaddeus Grekowicz, rq. by The Grekowicz Family

Tuesday, October 29

7:45 AM Michael Gombas, rq. by Family

Wednesday, October 30

7:45 AM Ed Kwiatkowski

Thursday, October 31

7:45 AM People of St. Francis

Friday, November 01

7:45 AM Mary T. Foley, rq. by Chuck & Maria Steffens and Jimmy Kuehler, rq. by William & Antoinette Ficaró

7:00 PM All Saints Mass

Saturday, November 02

10:00 AM All Souls Mass

5:15 PM John & Mary B. Foley, rq. by Family and Ernie Horvath, rq. by Barbara Horvath and Christina Bonato, rq. by Tina Bonato and Michael Weber, rq. by Maria Weber and Rose & John Lopez, rq. by Maria Weber

Sunday, November 03

7:30 AM Helen & Walter Gliwa, rq. by The Grekowicz Family and Marie Jeanne Skorup, rq. by Emil Skorup and Annie Frances Davern, rq. by Kay Flanagan and Mark Bennecke, rq. by Fred & Virginia Pesek

9:00 AM Ray Zielinski, rq. by Rosemary & Stephen and Evelyn & Paul Strobel, rq. by Dick & Mary Roberts and Clement Sarge, rq. by Family and Mary T. Foley, rq. by Kay & Jerry Saletta

10:30 AM Yasmeen Shaheen, rq. by Nick & Barb Radice and Terrance Glynn, rq. by Tom Kil-martin and Frank Zito, rq. by Barb Moser and Jack Lebert, rq. by Anne & Paul Lebert

12:00 PM People of St. Francis

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16

Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30; Ps 13:4-6; Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39; Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31; Lk 13:31-35

Friday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

Saturday: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40, or any readings from no. 668 or from the Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016

Sunday: Wis 11:22 -- 12:2; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14; 2 Thes 1:11 -- 2:2; Lk 19:1-10

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Please visit the St. Francis Liturgical Minister Web Terminal for the most up to date schedule or to volunteer.

	November 2 5:15 PM	November 3 7:30 AM	November 3 9:00 AM	November 3 10:30 AM	November 3 12:00 PM
Presider	Fr. Jay Suero	Rev. Rich Young	Rev. Ed Upton	Rev. Artur Sowa	Rev. Artur Sowa
Deacon	VOLUNTEER NOW	VOLUNTEER NOW	Mike Kiley	John Donahue	Michael Pindelski
Sacristan	Valerie Piazza	Dolores Grekowicz	Betty Kameron	Marjorie Curran	Adrienne Wieczorek
Lector	Pat Trebe (1) Jill Dwyer (2)	Alice Rzeszutko (1) Richard Klein (2)	Kim Reid (1) Diane Ostrowski (2)	George Kaminski (1) Cynthia Patrick (2)	Thomas Glynn (1) James Massimilian (2)
Eucharistic Minister	Harriet Antkiewicz Thomas Cech Camille Clavio Carol Funk Lorraine Martenson Peter Piazza Valerie Piazza Casimir (Casey) Pytel Fr. Jay Suero Martin Terpstra	Michael Doyle Patricia Doyle Daniel Faxel Gael Gensler Patricia Goldberg Patricia Grasso Dolores Grekowicz Richard Rzeszutko Rev. Rich Young VOLUNTEER NOW	Joyce Bakotic Nancy Biggio Nancy Celeski Patricia Flynn Joan Giorgetti Betty Kameron Mike Kiley Jocelyn Mangila Kathleen Ostrowski Judee Tan David Trzesniewski Rev. Ed Upton	Kathleen Biederman Susan Campagna Michael Curran John Donahue Mary Greenan Karen Koehler Robert J. McGuire Sharon Moe Sheila Pacholski Sheila Ramsey Vince Saavedra Rev. Artur Sowa	Diane Budz Deborah Burzinski Mary Jo Noreikis Marilyn O'Sullivan Joan Ondrus Nancy Palacz Michael Pindelski Rev. Artur Sowa Adrienne Wieczorek Thomas Wieczorek
Altar Server	Aaron Vales Ronan Vales Anna Walsh	Taylor Healy Jack Strolia Mia Strolia	Brett Laird Amanda Mackowiak Gabi Vittori	Patrick Curran Brendan Siemiawski Michael Szumowicz	Josh Kane Ryan Kane Julia Malysz
Usher	Cathy Arzbaecher (HU) Jim Arzbaecher Linda Malinowski (sub requested) Lawrence McGrenera Nancy Sullivan Lee Springer	Dominic Zambuto (HU) Mike Oik VOLUNTEER NOW VOLUNTEER NOW	Roger Malinowski (HU) Diane Mackowiak Wayne Kameron Richard Wysocki Peter Walsh Oriano Pagnucci	Wade Walder (HU) (sub requested) Janice Ota James Winters Jay Modelski Lynn Pajon Kelly Struck	Luke Hosty (HU) Don (David) Hodson Rosalie Hodson Laura Tucco

Parish Stewardship

	<u>10/13/2019</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Budgeted	\$ 23,480.00	\$ 375,680.00
Collected	<u>\$ 25,135.00</u>	<u>\$ 362,731.00</u>
Net	\$ 1,655.00	(\$ 12,949.00)

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You can also use the yellow form in your envelope packet or call the office to sign up: 708-460-0042

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MASS SCHEDULE: Saturday - 5:15 PM; Sunday - 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM and Monday-Friday at 7:45 AM

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The Parish offices are located in the lower level of the church. Entrance is via the walkway at the west side of the church building. Hours 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM, Monday thru Friday. Evenings and weekends are by appointment. The Chapel is located at the north-east corner of the Church.

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The Religious Ed Offices are located in the St. Francis Center, up the hill, west of the church. Religious Ed office hours ar Monday thru Thursday, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM. The Religious Ed offices are closed on Fridays.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
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9250 W.167th St., Orland Hills, IL 60487
Phone: 708-403-6525
Interim Principal: James P. Antos
Web page: www.cjbschool.org

REGISTRATION Become a registered member of the parish by completing a registration form which is found in Church.

BECOME A CATHOLIC - R.C.I.A. The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. Anyone interested in becoming a Catholic, please contact the parish office at 708-460-0042

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Baptism usually takes place on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays of the month at 1:30 PM. Prior to the Baptism, parents need to call the office to make arrangements. A baptismal conference will be set up with the parents.

CARDINAL JOSEPH BERNARDIN CATHOLIC SCHOOL Our elementary Catholic regional school is located on the campus of St. Elizabeth Seton parish at 167th & 94th Ave. For registration information, contact the school at 708-403-6525.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Sessions are held on alternating Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays for Grades K-8, and on Saturdays for Grades 1-8, at the St. Francis Center (on the hill). Grades K-4 meet from 4:30 to 6:00 PM and grades 4-8 meet from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. Saturday sessions meet from 8:30 - 10:00 AM. Children's Liturgy of the Word meets on Sundays during the 9 & 10:30 AM Masses for children 4-year-olds to 4th grade, September-April. Call 708-460-0155 for more information.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Communal celebration of the Sacrament will be held during Advent and Lent. Individual confessions are heard on Saturdays at 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE Weddings need to be scheduled at least 4-6 months in advance upon approval of a priest. Couples are reminded to secure the church date before the reception hall. Please check our website for more details.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK Anointing is celebrated every Monday, immediately after the 7:45 AM Mass. Those of advanced age or suffering from a chronic or serious illness are invited to be anointed. A priest is available to offer the Sacrament whether the ill person is at home or in the hospital. Please call 708-460-0042.