

THE RECTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends of St. Francis Church,

I pray that you and your families are well! This week's Gospel from St. Luke gives the account of Christ's Sabbath-day healing of the man with dropsy. In response to the disapproval of the scribes and Pharisees at His having worked this cure on the Sabbath, Our Lord goes on to tell them a parable against seeking the "the first places at the table." Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, O.C.D., comments:

"To be rooted in love, we must also be rooted in humility, for only he who is humble is capable of really loving God and his neighbor. The Gospel continues with a practical lesson in humility, condemning those who seek the first places. We should not think that this refers only to material places; it refers also to those places which our pride seeks to occupy in the esteem and regard of others. It is really humiliating to note how our self-love always tries to make us take a higher place than that which is due us, and this to our own confusion, 'for he that exalteth himself shall be humbled.' 'Let us always take the lowest place,' says St. Bernard, 'there is no harm in humbling ourselves and believing ourselves less than we really are. But there is exceeding harm and great evil in wishing to elevate ourselves, even if only a finger's breadth, above what we are and in preferring ourselves to even one. There is no danger in stooping too much to pass through a low doorway, whereas there would be great danger in lifting our head even an inch above the lintel, as we would strike against it and injure our head; similarly, we should not be afraid that we shall humble ourselves too much, but should fear and abominate the slightest movement of presumption.' Let us, like the saints, ask God to send us a humiliation every time our pride tries to raise us above others; this will be the surest way to become rooted in humility. At the same time, we shall be rooted in charity and shall thus possess the two fundamental characteristics of a Christian soul." (*Divine Intimacy*, pp. 902-903.)

If I wish to grow in humility, the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be a wonderful means. I can resolve and remember frequently to say the brief prayer at the end of the Litany of the Sacred Heart: "Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make our hearts like unto Thine!" May the good God bless you and your families!

In the Love of the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph,

Fr. McCambridge, F.S.S.P.

FRATERNITAS SACERDOTALIS SANCTI PETRI

"Qui seminant in lacrimis, in exsultatione metent" (Ps 125, 5)



St. Francis of Assisi Church

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY

AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 8-14, 2013

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY, September 8, Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am Kathy Judd
10 am *Pro Populo*

MONDAY, September 9, Feria

7 am Celebrant's intention

TUESDAY, September 10, St. Nicholas of Tolentino, Confessor

7 am John-Henry Feuerborn

WEDNESDAY, September 11, Feria

7 am Mary Scholastica Moran

THURSDAY, September 12, Most Holy Name of Mary

7 am Henry Schowengerdt

FRIDAY, September 13, Feria

6 pm Barb and Linda LaPlante

SATURDAY, September 14, Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8 am James and Nathan Canarsky

SUNDAY, September 15, Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am Br. Nicodemus Mary, F.Ss.R.
10 am *Pro Populo*

Regular Mass Schedule (for exceptions, see above)

Monday through Friday 7 am
Saturday 8 am
Sunday *Low Mass* 8:30 am
Highb Mass 10:00 am

Confessions are heard one half hour before each mass in the Regular Mass Schedule, and on Fridays for the first half-hour of evening devotions. Confessions will be heard at other times by a reasonable request.

The Rosary is prayed a half-hour before each Sunday Mass.

Sorrowful Mother Novena (Dolorosary):

Friday 6:30 pm

Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament:

First Fridays: 8 am - 6:50 pm, Dolorosary at 6:30 pm, Benediction at 6:50 pm.

Other Fridays: 6 pm Holy Hour, Dolorosary at 6:30 pm, Benediction at 6:50 pm.

First Saturdays: Simple exposition for fifteen minutes following mass.

Legio Mariae (Legion of Mary)

Monday 5:30 pm (for the Summer)

Altar Guild

As announced

Coffee and rolls: After the High Mass on Sunday

Catechism for Adults

First and third Tuesdays 7 - 8 pm

Catechism for Children

Wednesday (academic year) 7 - 7:45 pm

Confraternity of Christian Mothers (September-May)

After Mass on the third Saturday of the month

St. John Bosco Youth Group

Second and Fourth Tuesday of the month 7 pm

Altar Boys' Meeting

Second Saturday of the month 9 am

Choir

Wednesday 6-7 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Welcome to Newcomers and Visitors to St. Francis Church! Please join us after the 10:00 mass for our Coffee Social.

St. Francis Church Picnic: Please remember that our Church Picnic is today, 12:00 noon, at Pioneers' Park. Maps are available in the vestibule; we look forward to everyone's company!

St. Francis Church Family Night: This Friday, September 13, will be a Family Night. All are welcome, considering our congregation to be a kind of family! Devotions will be from 4:45-5:45 pm and mass at 6 pm, followed by potluck supper and recreation for all. Please join us!

Catechism for Adults will be offered on the first and third Tuesday evenings of each month, beginning September 17. The first subject to be considered will be various aspects of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. In hopes that these conferences will be of broader appeal and greater usefulness than the Men's Group, the St. Joseph Men's Group will not meet this year, to give place to them.

Wednesday Catechism will resume once the seminarian teachers have been assigned.

The St. John Bosco Youth Group will begin meeting once seminarian leaders have been assigned, with a planned schedule of meetings on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

Maintenance Position at Sacred Heart Church: Sacred Heart is seeking a full-time employee to perform maintenance for the buildings and grounds of Sacred Heart Church and School. Applicant should have basic carpentry skills and some plumbing and electric knowledge. Position includes snow removal and some cleaning. Applicant must be proficient in English. Please send inquires to Laura Knaus at laura-knaus@cdolinc.net or call (402) 476-1783.

Legion of Mary Visits to Auxiliary Members: The Legion of Mary will conduct visits to its Auxiliaries over the course of the next two months. Auxiliaries are asked to please be generous in responding to the efforts which will be made to contact you. If your contact information has changed since last year, please notify the Secretary of the *Mater Dei* praesidium, Miss Rosemarie Remlinger, by calling (402) 601-7512.

Please Pray for the Sick: Shirley Bauer, Therahlee Guevara, Sr. Angela, O.C.D., Philip Gerard Johnson, Br. Bernard Marie, O.S.B., Ernie Sabatka.

FINANCES

Collection for Sunday, September 1: **\$2373.50**
Collection counters September 8: **Dan Fix and John Pepino**
Collection counters September 15: **Frank Feuerborn and John Quinto**

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI DRESS CODE

To dress becomingly for God and neighbor, and in keeping with the reverence due to the Blessed Sacrament, kindly refrain from wearing shorts, tee-shirts, tank-tops, revealing blouses, sleeveless or backless dresses, or form-fitting clothing of any sort. Please do let dresses and skirts fall below the knee. With due regard to time and circumstance, all are encouraged to wear decorous attire befitting sacred and divine worship.