

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 13—19, 2015

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY, September 13, Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am Members of St. Michael's Defense Guild
 10:00 am *Pro Populo*

MONDAY, September 14, Exaltation of the Holy Cross

7 am David Webster+

TUESDAY, September 15, Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7 am Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Thompson-Briggs

WEDNESDAY, September 16, St. Cornelius, Pope & St. Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

7 am Confraternity of St. Peter

THURSDAY, September 17, Stigmata of St. Francis

7 am Marjorie Gentrup

FRIDAY, September 18, St. Joseph of Cupertino, Confessor

7 am Casper Gentrup+

SATURDAY, September 19, St. Januarius, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs

8 am Oscar Overkamp+

SUNDAY September 20, Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am Intentions of Confraternity of St. Peter
 10:00 am *Pro Populo*

Regular Mass Schedule (For exceptions, see above.)

Monday through Friday	7 am
Saturday	8 am
Sunday	<i>Low Mass</i> 8:30 am <i>High Mass</i> 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 one 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: 6pm Holy Hour, Dolorosary at 6:30 pm, Benediction at 6:50 pm.

First Saturday: Simple Exposition for fifteen minutes following Mass.

Altar Guild

As announced

Coffee Social: After the 10:00 mass on Sunday

Catechism for Children (September-May)

Wednesday 7 - 8 pm

Confraternity of Christian Mothers (September-May)

After Mass on the second Saturday of the month

St. John Bosco Youth Group

Second and Fourth Tuesday of the month 7 pm

Altar Boys' Meeting (September-May)

Second Saturday of the month 9 am

Choir

Wednesday 6 - 7:30 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

Backyard BBQ to Welcome Father Evaristus: Saturday, September 19, 2015 5:00 pm, at the home of Andrew and Megan Livingston. All St. Francis associates are invited! RSVP: meganliving@yahoo.com or 402-499-3887.

First Communion Catechism: Those parents with children who will be seven years of age or older by April 24, 2016, and who have not yet made First Holy Communion, please call Fr. McCambridge to discuss preparation for reception of that sacrament. God bless you!

Additional Weekday Masses: For those interested in assisting at daily masses which might be added to the current schedule, please kindly complete a brief questionnaire (to be found in the vestibule) concerning your interest and preferences. Thank you, and may God bless you!

A Filial Appeal to the Holy Father for the Synod on the Family: Those willing to add their names to a filial appeal to our Holy Father, Pope Francis, assuring him of our prayers, and expressing our hope for the Synod's clear affirmation of Catholic teaching, please do so by using the website <<http://www.filialappeal.org/>>, or by writing on the printed sheet posted in the vestibule. God bless you!

Sidewalk Counselors Needed on Tuesdays to offer hope and help to mothers with appointments for abortions. One or two-hour shifts available, training is provided. You would work with an experienced counselor at all times. Men and women of all ages needed. Contact Pam at (402) 489-7968, or <bobandpammccabe@yahoo.com>.

The 40 Days For Life Prayer Vigil begins Wednesday, September 23. More details are forthcoming.

Second Collection next Sunday: A second collection will be taken next Sunday, September 20, for the Bishop's Lay Committee for Vocations. God bless you for your generosity!

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration will next be held Friday, October 2. The sign-up sheet is posted in the vestibule, please be generous in devoting your time in adoration of Our Lord, and in reparation to His Sacred Heart.

St. Francis Church Picnic: Our annual church picnic will be on Sunday, October 4, the Feast Of St. Francis. As in recent years, the picnic will be at Pioneers Park; more details are to follow.

Please Pray for the Sick: Shirley Bauer, Michael Ostry, Barbara McMeekin (mother of Mrs. Jennifer Butcher), Sr. Angela, O.C.D., Philip Gerard Johnson, Br. Bernard Marie, O.S.B.

FINANCES

Collection for Sunday September 6:	\$3681.00
Collection counters September 13:	John Quinto and John Pepino
Collection counters September 20:	Philip McNeely and Frank Feuerborn

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.