

THE RECTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends of St. Francis Church,

I pray that you and your families are well! We have come to the beginning of the Church's year, the holy season of Advent, that of preparation for the coming of the Christ-child, Our Infant Lord. Knowing that the season will bring with it much business (or "busy-ness") and many things to do, let us resolve now to take time for frequent reflection on what is most important, and for frequent prayer. This is the time for us to make room in our hearts for Christ, Who will find no room in the inn at Bethlehem. Because Advent is a penitential season, let us remember that, in addition to prayer, almsgiving and fasting are the traditional means of doing penance. By joining earnestly in the spirit of penance and mortification during Advent, we dispose ourselves to better participate in the joy of Christmas. 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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 29—DECEMBER 5, 2015

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY, November 29, First Sunday of Advent

8:30 am David & Edie LaPlante Family
 10:00 am *Pro Populo*

MONDAY, November 30, St. Andrew, Apostle

7 am Patrick Hornback
 8am Celebrant's Intention

TUESDAY, December 1, Feria of Advent

7 am Evelyn Teerlink
 12:10 pm Celebrant's intention

WEDNESDAY, December 2, St. Bibiana, Virgin & Martyr

7 am Allington Family
 8 am Celebrant's intention

THURSDAY, December 3, St. Francis Xavier, Confessor

7 am Mr. & Mrs. Sean & Anne (Rinkevich) Harton
 12:10 pm Celebrant's Intention

FRIDAY, December 4, Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

7 am Michael David Halsey+
 5:15 pm Celebrant's intention

SATURDAY, December 5, Votive Mass of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

8 am Patrick Hornback

SUNDAY December 6, Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 am Patrick Hornback
 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>Highb Mass</i> 10:00 am

Confessions are heard one half-hour before each Mass (unless otherwise noted), 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—4:50 pm, Dolorosary at 4:30 pm, Benediction at 5:00 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 (October-May)

Monday 7 - 8 pm

Confraternity of Christian Mothers (September-May)

After Mass on the second Saturday of the month

St. John Bosco Youth Group

Not yet organized for this year.

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

Monetary Donations are Requested for families in need at St. Francis. Donations will be used to purchase relief items to be distributed on the Feast of St. Nicholas. Checks should be written to St. Francis Church, and can be given to Jeff or Annette Kohn. **All donations need to be received by today, November 29th**, so that purchases can be made this coming week. Thank you for your generosity!

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration will be held this Friday, December 4. 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.

Advent Day of Recollection: There will be an Advent day of recollection given this Saturday, December 5. The day will begin with Mass and will include conferences, Benediction, and opportunity for confession. All adults and teens of St. Francis are encouraged to come! A light breakfast and lunch will be provided. There will be a \$5 fee to pay for meals. Please register using the list in the vestibule; envelopes are provided for the fee.

A St. Nicholas Day Party will be held next Sunday, December 6th, after the 10:00 am Mass. We will have a potluck dinner, and families with children are asked to bring a bag of candy to share. The candy will be distributed to small children as part of the feast day celebration. For questions please call Annette Kohn at (402) 805-4155 or (402) 805-7230.

Christmas Caroling: On Sunday December 13th at noon, we will be going to Lancaster Manor to sing Christmas Carols. All are welcome to join in. We will gather for treats at St. Francis after caroling. Please bring cookies or snacks to share.

2016 FSSP Liturgical Calendars and Ordos: There is a sample in the vestibule of the 2016 liturgical calendar from the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter. To purchase calendars or ordos, please use the order envelopes provided in the vestibule. **Please deposit orders, with payment, in the mailbox outside the church office by December 13.**

Christmas Cards from the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter are available in sample packets in the vestibule. Each packet contains four cards, and each card tells the recipient of his remembrance in a novena of Masses to be offered at Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary. Information on ordering additional cards is included in the packet.

Youth Group Coffee Sales Drive: To raise funds for its mission trip planned for June, 2016 to work with the Missionaries of Charity in Chicago, the Youth Group is doing a Mystic Monk coffee fundraiser. Coffee orders will be taken after both masses on the Sundays of November 22, November 29, and December 6, downstairs in the social hall. Jingle Bell Java and the Christmas blends are available. Orders will be placed so that they are received in time for Christmas. Coffee is available in five-pound (5-lb.) or twelve-ounce (12-oz.) bags, and as ground or whole bean. If you would like to place an order, but aren't able to stay to do so, please contact Annette and Jeff Kohn at (402) 805-4155 or (402) 805-7230.

Ushers Needed: Volunteers are requested from among the men to serve as ushers, especially for the 10:00 am mass. Please call Fr. McCambridge to volunteer; thank you!

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 November 22:	\$2391.00
Collection counters November 29:	Troy Butcher and John Quinto
Collection counters December 6:	Philip McNeely and Rex Mulholland

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.