

## THE RECTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends of St. Francis Church,

I pray that you and your families are well! This week we celebrate the Feast of the Most Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ. In his meditation on the feast, Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, O.C.D., has these words for us:

“That blood which the Word, when He became incarnate, took from our human nature, He gave back to us—every drop of it—as the price of our redemption. And He gave it back, not as if constrained by anyone, but freely, because He willed to, because He loves us. ‘Christ...hath loved us,’ says St. John, ‘and washed us from our sins in His own Blood’ (*Ap* 1:5.) All the mysteries of our redemption are mysteries of love, and, therefore, all urge us to love. But the one on which we meditate today is especially moving, since it makes us consider the Redemption from its most terrible aspect- the shedding of the Blood of Jesus, which, from Calvary, flowed forth to crimson the whole world, to sprinkle all souls. Christ has redeemed us, ‘neither by the blood of goats or of calves, but by His own Blood,’ St. Paul exclaims in the Epistle (*Heb*, 9:11-15.) This is a great truth which, if really understood would more than suffice to make us genuine saints. We must have a ‘sense’ of Christ’s Blood, that Blood which He shed to the last drop for us, and which, through the sacraments, especially Penance, continually flows over our souls to cleanse them, purify them, and enrich them with the infinite merits of the Redeemer. ‘Bathe in His Blood, immerse yourself in His Blood, clothe yourself in the Blood of Christ,’ was St. Catherine of Siena’s continual cry.” (Fr. Gabriel of Mary Magdalen, O.C.D., *Divine Intimacy*, pp. 1140-1141.)

As we pause to meditate upon the magnitude of Christ’s offering for our redemption, let us seek to correspond in our little way, offering our sufferings and sacrifices to Him in loving gratitude. For we, after all, “have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.” (*Heb* 12:4.) May the good God bless you and your families!

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

Fr. McCambridge, FSSP

FRATERNITAS SACERDOTALIS SANCTI PETRI

*“Qui seminant in lacrimis, in exsultatione metent” (Ps 125, 5)*



## St. Francis of Assisi Church

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 26—JULY 2, 2016

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## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, June 26, Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am Doris Rowe+  
10:00 am *Pro Populo*

### MONDAY, June 27, Our Lady of Perpetual Help

7 am Doris Rowe+  
8 am Celebrant's Intention

### TUESDAY June 28, Vigil of Ss. Peter & Paul

7 am Doris Rowe+  
12:10 pm Celebrant's Intention

### WEDNESDAY, June 29, Ss. Peter & Paul, Apostles

7 am Jonathan Rowe+

### THURSDAY, June 30, Commemoration of St. Paul, Apostle

7 am Jonathan Rowe+

### FRIDAY, July 1, The Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ

7:00 am Molly Ratigan+  
5:15 pm Celebrant's Intention

### SATURDAY July 2, Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8 am Allington Family

### SUNDAY July 3, Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am Alex Kohn+  
10:00 am *Pro Populo*

### Regular Mass Schedule (For exceptions, see above.)

Monday and Wednesday	7 am, 8 am
Tuesday and Thursday	7 am, 12:10 pm
Friday	7 am, 5:15 pm
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 (unless otherwise noted). 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: Holy Hour at 6 pm, 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 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, Visitors to St. Francis Church!** Please join us after the 10:00 mass for our Coffee Social.

**Peter's Pence:** The annual "Peter's Pence" collection for the support of the Holy See will be taken today. The proceeds from this collection assist the Holy Father in his ministry to the poor throughout the world. Please be generous in your support of the merciful work of the Holy See.

**Rector on Vacation:** Fr. McCambridge will leave this Wednesday for vacation, returning on July 20. Please address any pastoral matters during that time to Fr. Evaristus.

**First Friday Eucharistic Adoration:** will next be held this Friday, July 1, 2016. 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!

**Photos for our Website:** Anyone having good, digital photos of parish life and events at St. Francis, please consider sharing them for posting to our website. Please send your photos to the email address <webmaster@stfrancislincoln.org>. Thank you; God bless you!

**The FSSP Priestly Vocations Assistance** Campaign is an annual campaign which encourages supporters of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter to contribute to the formation of priests at Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary, and assures them that their donations will be used 100% for that purpose. Reply envelopes are provided underneath the poster on display. Please be generous in providing for the formation of the priests who will serve your families in years to come!

**Cristo Rey Church "Kermes" Festival, 2016:** Cristo Rey Catholic Church will hold their annual Kermes Festival at the Lancaster Event Center, Saturday, July 9, noon – 9pm. Enjoy authentic Hispanic food, live entertainment, and games for the family. Admission free for children under 12; 12 and older pay only \$1.

**Please Pray for the Sick and Suffering:** Jerry Vilda, Shirley Bauer, Michael Ostry, Ruth Phelan (mother of Mrs. Cindy Ecoff), Barbara McMeekin (mother of Mrs. Jennifer Butcher), Rev. Mr. Philip Gerard Johnson.

## FINANCES

Collection for Sunday June 19:	<b>\$2598.40</b>
Collection counters June 26:	Dan Fix and John Quinto
Collection counters July 3:	Frank Feuerborn and Troy Butcher

## 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.