

## THE RECTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends of St. Francis Church,

I pray that you and your families are well! In today's Gospel, Our Lord tells us "If you ask the Father anything in My name, He will give it you... Ask and you shall receive, that your joy may be full." What does it mean to ask in Jesus' name? Let us first reflect upon some truths concerning His will, or wills, to be precise.

Jesus has two wills, the human will which is His alone, and the divine will, which He shares with the Father and the Holy Ghost. Jesus' human will is always aligned with the divine will, so that there can be no possibility of disparity of will between the Son as human and as divine, nor among the three persons of the Trinity.

To ask in Jesus' name, therefore, we can recognize two conditions. First, that which we ask must be according to His mind, for He certainly will not intercede with His Father for a request contrary to His own will, as this would likewise be contrary to His Father's will. Second, the prayer must depend upon the mediatorship of Jesus. By His death on the cross, He merited for us not only the graces of our redemption, but also the power to grant to us every favor which is pleasing to His Father. By asking of the Father something pleasing to Jesus, and through His merits, we ask in the name of Jesus.

As we prepare liturgically for Christ's Ascension, we recall that He would entrust His loved ones to "another Paraclete" -- the Holy Ghost, Who descended on Pentecost. Similarly, before His death on the cross, He entrusted them to one another, saying to the Virgin, "Behold thy son," and to St. John, "Behold thy mother." Clearly, Christ's will is that we live not only with the indwelling of the Trinity, but especially under the guidance of our Blessed Mother. Let us seek to be attentive to the Paraclete's gentle promptings, and to live in union with the Virgin Mary's Immaculate Heart, that we might discern what to ask in the Holy Name of Jesus. May the good God bless you and your families, and grant you His peace!

In the Joy of Our Lord, the Risen Christ,

Fr. McCambridge, FSSP

FRATERNITAS SACERDOTALIS SANCTI PETRI

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



## St. Francis of Assisi Church



FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

MAY 21-27, 2017

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## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, May 21 Fifth Sunday after Easter

8:30 am Rita Kessler+  
10:30 am *Pro Populo*

### MONDAY, May 22, Feria in Paschaltide

7 am Robert Anthony Bruns, Jr.+

### TUESDAY, May 23, Feria in Paschaltide

8 am Debra Bergfeld

### WEDNESDAY, May 24, Vigil of the Ascension of Our Lord

7 am Faith Mulholland

### THURSDAY, May 25, Ascension of Our Lord (Holyday of Obligation)

8 am Betty Norlund  
7 pm Celebrant's intention

### FRIDAY, May 26, St. Philip Neri, Confessor

7 am Men to be Ordained Priests of the FSSP today

### SATURDAY, May 27, St. Bede the Venerable, Confessor & Doctor

8 am John & Elizabeth Fluehr  
10 am (First Solemn Mass of Rev. Matthew Vierno, FSSP)

### SUNDAY, May 28, Sunday after the Ascension

8:30 am Poor Souls in Purgatory+  
10:30 am (First Solemn Mass of Rev. Anthony Dorsa, FSSP)

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

Monday & Wednesday	7 am
Tuesday & Thursday	8 am
Friday	5:15 pm
Saturday	8 am
Sunday	<i>Low Mass</i> 8:30 am <i>High Mass</i> 10:30 am

**Confessions** are heard one half-hour before each Mass. 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.

**Coffee Social:** After the 10:30 mass on Sunday

#### St. Martha's Guild

(Care of Altar, vestments and linens, flowers, and hospitality)

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 16, 7:00 pm

#### 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

One Saturday evening per month, plus a monthly service activity, each as announced.

#### 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 downstairs for refreshments after the 10:30 am Mass.

**Holyday of Obligation:** This Thursday is the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord, and a Holyday of obligation; Masses will be offered at 8 am and 7 pm.

**Priestly Ordinations for the FSSP** will be this Friday, May 26, at 10 am, at North American Martyrs Church in Lincoln.

**Change to Mass Time and Devotions this Friday:** Considering the schedule for ordinations this Friday, and the associated celebration to follow, mass at St. Francis will be celebrated at 7:00 am, rather than at 5:15 pm that day. There will be no public devotions held that evening.

**Knights of Columbus Council at St. Francis:** Current Knights of Columbus who would be interested in forming a council at St. Francis, as well as men who would be interested in becoming Knights and joining such a council, are requested to speak with Michael Bruns, (402) 613-1568. Thank you!

**Volunteers Needed for Ushers and Collection Counters:** Fr. McCambridge requests that there be more volunteers to serve as ushers and collection counters on Sundays. Currently, there are few of either, leaving the men who now serve to be called upon too frequently. He would like to see the workload more evenly distributed. Please call Mr. Dan Fix, (402) 310-3321. Thank you!

**Mass Intention Requests:** Envelopes are once again available in the vestibule for mass requests; please kindly honor the limits specified on the envelopes. Place completed request envelopes in the mailbox outside the church office.

**Ignatian Retreat for Men:** Fr. James Buckley, FSSP, will give an Ignatian retreat for men, June 8-11, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary. Please contact Mr. Dennis Kilcoyne, <business@fsspolgs.org>, for information and registration. The cost for the retreat will be \$195.00.

**First Friday Eucharistic Adoration** will next be held Friday, June 2, 2017. 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!

**Summer Etiquette Camp for Girls:** Camp Mater Dei is a summer camp for girls 13-16 years of age, designed to teach girls how to model themselves after the Mother of God. Girls have the opportunity to meet other girls with similar interests, while having fun in the Black Hills of South Dakota. **The dates for Camp Mater Dei will be August 14—23, 2017.** Fr. Terrence Gordon, FSSP will be the chaplain again this year. The camp is sponsored by Immaculate Conception Church, the FSSP parish in Rapid City, South Dakota. For more information visit [www.campmaterdei.weebly.com](http://www.campmaterdei.weebly.com).

**Please Pray for the Sick and Suffering:** Elise Clarke, Debra Bergfeld, Jennifer Wachter, Shirley Bauer, Michael Ostry, Fr. Calvin Goodwin, FSSP, Patrick Hornback (brother of Mrs. Liz Feuerborn), Mr. Whitfield (father of Mrs. Nicolette Spicer), Ruth Phelan (mother of Mrs. Cindy Ecoff), Barbara McMeekin (mother of Mrs. Jennifer Butcher), Fr. Philip Gerard Johnson.

**Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:** Robert Anthony Bruns, Jr. (father of Mr. Michael Bruns).

## FINANCES

Collection for Sunday May 14:	<b>\$3805.00</b>
Collection counters May 21:	Philip McNeely and Troy Butcher
Collection counters May 28:	Dan Fix 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.