

## THE RECTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends of St. Francis Church,

“Faith is the virtue by which we firmly believe all the truths God has revealed, on the word of God revealing them, who can neither deceive nor be deceived.” (Baltimore Catechism #122.) Today we hear the Gospel account of Christ’s cure of a faithful leper, and of the servant of the faithful Centurion. Let us hear the words from the meditation for today’s mass from *Divine Intimacy*:

“Observe the humble faith of the leper: ‘Lord, if Thou wilt, Thou canst make me clean.’ He is so certain that Jesus can heal him that he feels nothing else is necessary for his cure other than the Lord’s will. Christian faith does not wander about in subtle reasonings; its logic is simple: God can do all that He will; therefore, His will alone is necessary. Yet the leper does not insist; one who lives by faith knows that God always wills whatever is best for him, even if it brings him suffering. Therefore, instead of insisting, he prefers to abandon himself to God’s good pleasure.

“Next comes the centurion. The strong, proud Roman soldier is not ashamed to personally beg Jesus, a Galilean, to help his paralyzed servant. Our Lord is touched by this humble, charitable act, and says at once, ‘I shall go and heal him!’ But the centurion continues, ‘I am not worthy that Thou shouldst enter under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant shall be healed.’ At this point, humility becomes still more profound, and faith reaches its maximum: it is not necessary for the Lord to go; His power is so great that a word spoken from afar suffices to perform any miracle. Jesus Himself ‘marveled and said: “Amen I say to you, I have not found so great faith in Israel!” Is this not a complaint against those who live so close to Him, who perhaps live in His own house, receiving constant favors from Him, while their faith remains weak, and therefore, inefficacious?’ (Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, O.C.D., *Divine Intimacy*, pp. 163-164.)

If we hope for great blessings and graces from God, we must seek to be strong in faith, a strength we can gain through prayer, particularly, of course, an Act of Faith: “O my God, I firmly believe that Thou art one God in three Divine Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; I believe that Thy Divine Son became man, and died for our sins, and that He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe these and all the truths which the Holy Catholic Church teaches, because Thou hast revealed them, Who canst neither deceive, nor be deceived.”

Let us seek to imitate the leper and the centurion in their faith, and may 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

THE THIRD SUNDAY  
AFTER THE EPIPHANY

JANUARY 22—28, 2017

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## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, January 22, Third Sunday after Epiphany

8:30 am For an end to abortion  
 10:30 am *Pro Populo*

### MONDAY, January 23, St. Raymond of Penafort, Confessor

7 am Christopherson Cortes+  
 8 am Celebrant's Intention

### TUESDAY, January 24, St. Timothy, Bishop & Martyr

7 am Christopherson Cortes+  
 12:10 pm Celebrant's Intention

### WEDNESDAY, January 25, Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

7 am Alison & Penny Parker  
 8 am Celebrant's Intention

### THURSDAY, January 26, St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr

7 am Celebrant's Intention  
 12:10 pm Celebrant's Intention

### FRIDAY, January 27, St. John Chrysostom, Bishop, Confessor & Doctor

7:00 am Lillian Bohaty+  
 5:15 pm Celebrant's Intention

### SATURDAY, January 28, St. Peter Nolasco, Confessor

8:00 am Alison & Penny Parker

### SUNDAY, January 29, Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

8:30 am Alison & Penny Parker  
 10:30 am *Pro Populo*

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

Monday & Wednesday	7 am, 8 am
Tuesday & 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> 10:30 am

**Confessions** are heard one half-hour before each Mass, except the 8 am masses on Monday and Wednesday, and the First Friday 5:15 pm 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 10:30 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

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 after the 10:30 mass for our Coffee Social.

**Catechism Classes Resume:** Catechism classes will resume tomorrow evening, Monday, January 23, at 7:00 pm.

**First Friday Eucharistic Adoration** will next be held Friday, February 3, 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!

**Mass Requests:** There is currently a four-month backlog of mass intentions. All are requested to always kindly use the envelopes provided in the vestibule for this purpose, and to observe the limits given thereon to the number of masses requested. Thank you for your kind consideration!

**Please Pray for the Sick and Suffering:** Elise Clarke, Fr. Calvin Goodwin, FSSP, Debra Bergfeld, Jennifer Wachter, Jerry Vilda, Shirley Bauer, Michael Ostry, 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:** Ray Syslo.

## FINANCES

Collection for Sunday January 15:	\$3184.00
Collection counters January 22:	Philip McNeely and Dan Fix
Collection counters January 29:	John Pepino 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.