

## THE RECTOR'S DESK

*"Laetare"* — "Rejoice, O Jerusalem, and come together all you that love her."

Dear Friends of St. Francis Church,

I pray that you and your families are well! Today, our Holy Mother Church puts upon our lips words of rejoicing, as we have reached the halfway point of the Lenten season. In her wisdom, the Church gives her children both a little respite from their weariness in doing penance, and also encouragement to continue well the second half of their course toward Easter.

Our rejoicing today will have a bittersweet quality, however, as it brings a farewell. This will be Father Evaristus' final Sunday assigned at St. Francis, after serving close to two years here. Toward the end of the week, Father will begin his travel back to Nigeria, to resume service at the Fraternity's apostolate there. It has been a great blessing for all of us to have Father here, both for common life in the rectory, and for the additional weekday masses and confessions made possible by his priestly ministrations. Please, if you can, take the opportunity to thank Fr. Evaristus, and to assure him of your prayers.

Regrettably, Father's departure will occasion a return to having normally only one mass per weekday, beginning next week. I wish to confer with those who frequently attend daily masses, in order to discern what schedule will best serve the needs of our congregation. In particular, I will seek to learn which combination of our current, weekday mass times (7 am, 8 am, 12:10 pm, and 5:15 pm,) will best facilitate attendance at weekday masses. Those having thoughtful suggestions are welcome to call my office, (402) 477-5145, option '5', then option '2'.

Let us take heart today, rejoicing as Our Mother Church encourages us! If our Lent has thus far not been what we had resolved, in these days we will find new strength for the task. If our Lent has been good, we will be refreshed to continue, and perhaps do even better. Through the intercession of the Blessed Mother and of St. Joseph, May the good God bless you and your families, and grant you peace!

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
(LAETARE SUNDAY)

MARCH 26—APRIL 1, 2017

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## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, March 26, Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)

8:30 am Jonathan Rowe+  
10:30 am *Pro Populo*

### MONDAY, March 27, Feria of Lent (Comm. of St. John Damascene, Confessor)

7 am Luke Culley  
8 am Celebrant's Intention

### TUESDAY, March 28, Feria of Lent (Comm. of St. John Capistrano, Confessor)

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

### WEDNESDAY, March 29, Feria of Lent

7 am David McMyne  
8 am Celebrant's Intention

### THURSDAY, March 30, Feria of Lent

7 am Mrs. Jean McInerny+  
12:10 pm Celebrant's Intention

### FRIDAY, March 31, Feria of Lent

7:00 am Mrs. Jean McInerny+  
5:15 pm Celebrant's Intention

### SATURDAY, April 1, Feria of Lent

8:00 am Allington Family

### SUNDAY, April 2, Passion Sunday

8:30 am Mrs. Jean McInerny+  
10:30 am *Pro Populo*

### Lenten Schedule of Masses, Confessions, and Devotions

(For exceptions, see above, and the "Announcements" section.)

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> 10:30 am

### Sorrowful Mother Novena (Dolorosary):

Friday 4:30 pm

### Stations of the Cross

Friday (except Good Friday) 7:15 pm  
Good Friday 12:00 pm

**Confessions in Lent** are heard one half hour before the Saturday and Sunday masses, and the 7 am and 12:10 pm weekday masses, and on Fridays, 7:30 pm until finished. Confessions will be heard at other times by a reasonable request.

**The Rosary** is prayed one half-hour before each Sunday Mass.

### Lenten Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

**First Friday** (April 7): 8 am - 5:00 pm, Benediction at 4:50 pm.  
**Other Fridays**: 4-5 pm Holy Hour, Benediction at 4:50 pm.

**First Saturday** (April 1): Simple exposition for fifteen minutes following Mass.

### St. Martha's Guild (formerly "Altar Guild")

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 18, 7:00 pm

### 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. Please feel free to bring food to share for the refreshments!

**Mass Requests:** For the time being, anyone desiring to request a mass, please contact Fr. McCambridge.

**First Friday Eucharistic Adoration** will next be held Friday, April 7, 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!

**Second Collection:** There will be a second collection taken today. This is a combined collection which includes: Catholic Relief Services, Home Missions, Black & Indian Missions, Catholic University of America, Catholic Communications Campaign, and Retirement Fund for Religious.

**Church Cleaning:** Our next church cleaning day has been set for this **Saturday, April 1** after the 8am Mass and First Saturday Devotions, thus beginning at about 9:30 am. Please come to help clean the church in anticipation of Easter; many hands make light work — may God reward you! Please keep posted for upcoming changes to the cleaning the church schedule, and volunteer opportunities....

**St. Martha's Guild** (formerly Altar Guild) will begin hosting potluck luncheons one Sunday per month beginning April 23, 2017. Keep posted for more information, and the forthcoming sign-up sheet.

**The Stations of the Cross** will be made on the Fridays of Lent at 7:15 pm, but on Good Friday at noon.

**Soup Suppers:** Please come and join the faithful of St. Francis Church for simple, meatless suppers of soup and bread, every Friday during Lent. The suppers will begin at 6:15pm, preceding the Stations of the Cross.

**Easter Duty:** All are reminded of the obligation for Catholics, once having made First Holy Communion, to receive Holy Communion during the Easter season, which is understood in the United States as being between the First Sunday of Lent and Trinity Sunday (the Sunday after Pentecost).

**The Confraternity of Christian Mothers** has for its primary aim and purpose the Christian education of children by mothers. The secondary object is to perform works of charity and mercy towards members. Any good, practicing Catholic woman, married or widowed, though she has no children, may be admitted as a member. Unmarried women may be associate members. Regular meetings are held where prayers are offered for one another and their children, discussions are held, and advice is given regarding the Christian rearing of children. Please contact Mrs. Eileen Quinto with questions at (402) 904-4275 or [prairie5@neb.rr.com](mailto:prairie5@neb.rr.com).

**Help Needed with the 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil**, which began on Ash Wednesday, March 1, and will run through April 9. St. Francis associates have been asked to keep the vigil on Wednesdays from 10 am-2 pm, on the public sidewalk in front of the Planned Parenthood facility, at the Northwest corner of 48th St. and Old Cheney. The hours of 12:00-2:00 pm need volunteers; please give some time to this spiritual work of mercy. God bless you!

**Please Pray for the Sick and Suffering:** Elise Clarke, Debra Bergfeld, Jennifer Wachter, Jerry Vilda, 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.

## FINANCES

Collection for Sunday March 19 :	<b>\$3695.00</b>
Collection counters March 26:	Dan Fix and Troy Butcher
Collection counters April 2:	John Pepino 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.