

## THE RECTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends of St. Francis Church,

I pray that you and your families all are well! We celebrate today Passion Sunday, less than two weeks from the Sacred Triduum, the most solemn time of the Church's year. The Gospel from St. John today recounts Our Lord's encounter in the Temple with those who ask Him, "Art Thou greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? And the prophets are dead, whom dost Thou make Thyself?"

Those who deny Christ's divinity, and who assert falsely that Our Lord never claimed to be God, ought to read today's Gospel. When Jesus ultimately answers, "Truly, truly I say to you, before Abraham was, I Am," the hearers take up stones to cast against Him. This is because Our Lord has just used the divine name for Himself - "I AM," the literal meaning of 'Yahweh'. Those in His audience have well understood Him, but have not believed. Their attempt to stone Him, however, is fruitless, because all things, past, present, and future, come to be only in God's good time.

Let us remember that it is God Who governs all things sweetly, and Who numbers even the hairs on our heads. Let us fear nothing from the world, but continue earnestly in our Lenten exercises, encouraged by the belief that, with God's grace, they will bear good fruits in our souls. May you and your families continue to make a good Lent, and may the good God bless you and grant you His 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

PASSION SUNDAY

MARCH 26—APRIL 1, 2017

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## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, April 2, Passion Sunday

8:30 am Mrs. Jean McInerny+

10:30 am *Pro Populo*

### MONDAY, April 3, Feria of Passiontide

7 am Jonathan Rowe+

### TUESDAY, April 4, Feria of Passiontide

7 am Peter Doetsch

### WEDNESDAY, April 5, Feria of Passiontide

7 am Mrs. Jean McInerny+

### THURSDAY, April 6, Feria of Passiontide

7 am Mrs. Jean McInerny+

### FRIDAY, April 7, Feria of Passiontide

7:00 am Patrick Jacobsen+

5:15 pm Celebrant's Intention

### SATURDAY, April 8, Feria of Passiontide

8:00 am Confraternity of Christian Mothers

### SUNDAY, April 9, Palm Sunday

8:30 am Members of St. Michael's Defense Guild

10:30 am *Pro Populo*

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

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

Monday through Thursday	7 am
Friday	7 am, 5:15 pm
Saturday	8 am
Sunday	<i>Low Mass</i> 8:30 am
	<i>Highb 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.

**Refreshments for Coffee Social:** Please feel free to bring food to share for the Coffee Social after the 10:30 mass on Sundays.

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

**First Friday Eucharistic Adoration** will next be held this 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!

**St. Martha's Guild** (formerly Altar Guild) will begin hosting potluck luncheons one Sunday per month beginning April 23, 2017. There is a sign-up sheet posted in the vestibule.

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

**Soup Supper:** Please come and join in Friday evening for the final Soup Supper of this Lent, a simple, meatless supper of soup and bread. Supper begins 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).

**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 26 : **\$3284.00**

Collection counters April 2: John Pepino and Rex Mulholland

Collection counters April 9: Philip McNeely and Frank Feuerborn

## 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.