

## QUAMQUAM PLURIES: ON DEVOTION TO ST. JOSEPH

*Encyclical of Pope Leo XIII promulgated on August 15, 1889.*

To Our Venerable Brethren the Patriarchs, Primates, Archbishops, and other Ordinaries, in Peace and Union with the Holy See.

Although We have already many times ordered special prayers to be offered up in the whole world, that the interests of Catholicism might be insistently recommended to God, none will deem it matter for surprise that We consider the present moment an opportune one for again inculcating the same duty. During periods of stress and trial -- chiefly when every lawlessness of act seems permitted to the powers of darkness -- it has been the custom in the Church to plead with special fervor and perseverance to God, her author and protector, by recourse to the intercession of the saints -- and chiefly of the Blessed Virgin, Mother of God -- whose patronage has ever been the most efficacious. The fruit of these pious prayers and of the confidence reposed in the Divine goodness, has always, sooner or later, been made apparent. Now, Venerable Brethren, you know the times in which we live; they are scarcely less deplorable for the Christian religion than the worst days, which in time past were most full of misery to the Church. We see faith, the root of all the Christian virtues, lessening in many souls; we see charity growing cold; the young generation daily growing in depravity of morals and views; the Church of Jesus Christ attacked on every side by open force or by craft; a relentless war waged against the Sovereign Pontiff; and the very foundations of religion undermined with a boldness which waxes daily in intensity. These things are, indeed, so much a matter of notoriety that it is needless for Us to expatiate on the depths to which society has sunk in these days, or on the designs which now agitate the minds of men. In circumstances so unhappy and troublous, human remedies are insufficient, and it becomes necessary, as a sole resource, to beg for assistance from the Divine power.

This is the reason why We have considered it necessary to turn to the Christian people and urge them to implore, with increased zeal and constancy, the aid of Almighty God. At this proximity of the month of October, which We have already consecrated to the Virgin Mary, under the title of Our Lady of the Rosary, We earnestly exhort the faithful to perform the exercises of this month with, if possible, even more piety and constancy than heretofore. We know that there is sure help in the maternal goodness of the Virgin, and We are very certain that We shall never vainly place Our trust in her. If, on innumerable occasions, she has displayed her power in aid of the Christian world, why should We doubt that she will now renew the assistance of her power and favor, if humble and constant prayers are offered up on all sides to her? Nay, We rather believe that her intervention will be the more marvelous as she has permitted Us to pray to her, for so long a time, with special appeals. But We entertain another object, which, according to your wont, Venerable Brethren, you will advance with fervor. That God may be more favorable to Our prayers, and that He may come with bounty and promptitude to the aid of His Church, We judge it of deep utility for the Christian people, continually to invoke with great piety and trust, together with the Virgin-Mother of God, her chaste Spouse, the Blessed Joseph; and We regard it as most certain that this will be most pleasing to the Virgin herself. On the subject of this devotion, of which We speak publicly for the first time to-day, We know without doubt that not only is the people inclined to it, but that it is already established, and is advancing to full growth. We have seen the devotion to St. Joseph, which in past times the Roman Pontiffs have developed and gradually increased, grow into greater proportions in Our time, particularly after Pius IX., of happy memory, Our predecessor, proclaimed, yielding to the request of a large number of bishops, this holy patriarch the patron of the Catholic Church. And as, moreover, it is of high importance that the devotion to St. Joseph should engraft itself upon the daily pious practices of Catholics, We desire that the Christian people should be urged to it above all by Our words and authority.

The special motives for which St. Joseph has been proclaimed Patron of the Church, and from which the Church looks for singular benefit from his patronage and protection, are that Joseph was the spouse of Mary and that he was reputed the Father of Jesus Christ. From these sources have sprung his dignity, his holiness, his glory. In truth, the dignity of the Mother of God is so lofty that naught created can rank above it. But as Joseph has been united to the Blessed Virgin by the ties of marriage, it may not be doubted that he approached nearer than any to the eminent dignity by which the Mother of God surpasses so nobly all created natures. For marriage is the most intimate of all unions which from its essence imparts a community of gifts between those who by it are joined together.

FRATERNITAS SACERDOTALIS SANCTI PETRI

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



## St. Francis of Assisi Church

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 16-22, 2017

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## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, July 16, Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am                      Members of St. Michael's Defense Guild  
 10:30 am                      *Pro Populo*

### MONDAY, July 17, Feria, (Commemoration St. Alexis)

7 am                              Doris Rowe+ (Wayne Rowe)

### TUESDAY, July 18, St. Camillus de Lellis, Confessor

8 am                              Jonathan Rowe+ (Wayne Rowe)

### WEDNESDAY, July 19, St. Vincent de Paul, Confessor

7 am                              Baden Ratterman+ (C.J.)

### THURSDAY, July 20, St. Jerome Emiliani, Confessor

8 am                              Doris Rowe+ (Wayne Rowe)

### FRIDAY, July 21, St. Laurence of Brindisi, Confessor & Doctor

5:15 pm                          Victor Bauer+ (Jacob Bauer)

### SATURDAY, July 22, St. Mary Magdalene, Penitent

8 am                              Jonathan Rowe+ (Wayne Rowe)

### SUNDAY, July 23, Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am                          Jerry Vilda+ (Joann Vilda)  
 10:30 am                          *Pro Populo*

#### 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 (Suspended for Summer and, hopefully, basement renovation.)

#### St. Martha's Guild

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

Next meeting: Tuesday, July 25, 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

**Maintenance:** Repairs to concrete and masonry on the handicapped-access ramp, and on the walkway at the rear of the church are to be done imminently. Work to repoint and repair masonry on the bell tower will begin in late July. This is expected to be a four-to-six-week project.

**Basement Renovation:** Fr McCarthy will meet with the architect, hopefully next week, to review this project. The architect suggested that volunteer help could be used for demolition of existing, damaged plaster in the east wall of the basement. Any man interested in organizing such an effort, please speak with the Rector.

**First Friday Eucharistic Adoration** will next be held Friday, August 4, 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!

**Knights of Columbus Council at St. Francis:** All St. Francis associates who currently are Knights of Columbus, as also any gentlemen who wish to become knights should contact Michael Bruns: (402) 613-1568. A Knights' council here at St Francis will be a great addition to the life of this church, providing much needed support to the church but also a real camaraderie for the men. There is a nascent nationwide group for Knights' councils whose members attend parishes offering the venerable and ancient Roman Rite.

**Volunteers Needed for Ushers and Collection Counters:** We need more volunteers to serve as ushers and collection counters on Sundays. Currently, there are too few of either, leaving the men who now serve to be called upon too frequently. This is an opportunity to provide a real service to this church for what should be very little effort if it is distributed broadly. Please call Mr. Dan Fix, (402) 310-3321. Thank you!

**Leonine Prayers after Low Mass:** For the weekday Masses, Fr McCarthy would like these to be recited in Latin. While this may seem somewhat intimidating, the prayers are easily learned when recited on a daily basis. This will be introduced probably in the first week of August. In the meantime, you can practice these prayers from your missal or you can print them off from the internet, e.g., <http://www.dailycatholic.org/leonine.htm>

**Divine Praises:** The divine praises recited after Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament are in the red misalettes in the pews. These can be recited all together, that is, without repetition of first priest and then people.

**New Bulletin Format:** a new format for the weekly bulletin is under development. Hopefully this will be more compact and thus avoid a lot of whitespace.

**Please Pray for the Sick and Suffering:** Sr. Frances, O.C.D., Elise Clarke, 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.

## FINANCES

Collection for Sunday July 9:	<b>\$2050.57</b>	<i>May God reward you for your generosity.</i>
Collection counters July 16 :	John Quinto and Phil McNeely	
Collection counters July 23:	Dan Fix and John Pepino	

## 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.