



7th Sunday OF EASTER

“Consecrate them in the truth.
Your word is truth.” - Jn 17:17

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Prayer for Vocations

Almighty and eternal God,
who in your great mercy hear our prayer, the harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few, we plead to you to send out laborers for your harvest. In your mercy, open the hearts of your servants whom you call to the priesthood to hear and respond. In your mercy, open our hearts that we may become a community that fosters greater vocations through our prayers and open support of those whom you call. Through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

Seventh Sunday of Easter **St. Francis of Assisi Parish**

Adoration Schedule

Outside: Monday's after 12PM Mass,
Wednesday after 6:30PM Mass.

Window: Friday Night's from 8:30 PM - 9:30
PM.

Confessions are available at the end of each of these
times of adoration or by Appointment.

Come adore from your vehicles, all are welcome.

Weekend Mass Schedule

Mass Times - Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00AM, 10:30AM & 5:30 PM
(4PM & 10:30 AM are livestreamed each week)

Weekday Mass Schedule

Outdoor Mass from the rectory garage will take
place Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday at
Noon and Wednesday at 6:30pm (**WEATHER
DEPENDENT!**)

Parish Office Hours

Monday—Friday: 9:00 AM - 12 Noon (The office is still closed to public but staff is working and available to
answer your call.)

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Mass Intentions for the Week Ahead



Saturday, May 15

4:00pm James E. Heelon Jr. ~Anniversary

Sunday, May 16

8:00am Parishioners of St. Francis Parish

10:30am Anna Courtemanche ~ 2nd Anniversary

Theresa Moore ~ Birthday Memorial

Manoel Lopes ~ Memorial

Bernadette Glotzback & Gerard Letendre ~ Memorial

Warren Brodeur ~ 6th Anniversary

5:30pm Patricia & Al Mancuso ~ Memorial

Monday, May 17

12:00pm

Tuesday, May 18

12:00pm Ursula Steele ~ Living Intention

Wednesday, May 19

6:30pm

Thursday, May 20

12:00pm Dick Frechette ~ Memorial

Friday, May 21

12:00pm Michael & Laura Cote ~ Memorial

Saturday, May 22

4:00pm Rene Caron ~ 41st Anniversary

Sunday, May 23

8:00am Claire & Louis Landry ~ Memorial

10:30am Eugene & Anna Revelas ~ Memorial

5:30pm Parishioners of St. Francis Parish

Booking Mass Intentions

Please feel free to **CALL** the Parish Office to book a Weekday or Weekend Mass Intention. At this time we are booking Masses 6 months in advance. We have a decent number of openings available!

Mission Statement

Our mission at St. Francis of Assisi is to faithfully fulfill the teachings of Jesus Christ. Centered in the celebration of the Sunday Eucharist and the sacramental life of the Catholic Church, we strive to create an atmosphere of spiritual development. By reaching out and welcoming others, our faith community continues to provide dignity and improve the quality of life for all those we serve.

SAINT FRANCIS PARISH



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Fr. Maher
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"We Love You, Father Maher—We will miss you!"



Thank you for ALL you've done. May St. Francis Parish always feel like "home" to you!



Weekend Readings & Mass Prayers

First Reading

Peter stood up in the midst of the brothers —there was a group of about one hundred and twenty persons in the one place —. He said, “My brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand through the mouth of David, concerning Judas, who was the guide for those who arrested Jesus. He was numbered among us and was allotted a share in this ministry. “For it is written in the Book of Psalms:

May another take his office.

“Therefore, it is necessary that one of the men who accompanied us the whole time the Lord Jesus came and went among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day on which he was taken up from us, become with us a witness to his resurrection.”

So they proposed two, Judas called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias.

Then they prayed,

“You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this apostolic ministry from which Judas turned away to go to his own place.”

Then they gave lots to them, and the lot fell upon Matthias, and he was counted with the eleven apostles.

***The Word of the Lord,
- Thanks be to God***

Responsorial Psalm:

R. (19a) The Lord has set his throne in heaven.

Second Reading:

Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another. No one has ever seen God. Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us, and his love is brought to perfection in us. This is how we know that we remain in him and he in us,

that he has given us of his Spirit. Moreover, we have seen and testify that the Father sent his Son as savior of the world.

Whoever acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God remains in him and he in God. We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us. God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him.

***The Word of the Lord,
- Thanks be to God***

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord. I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel:

Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed saying: “Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me,

so that they may be one just as we are one.

When I was with them I protected them in your name that you gave me,

and I guarded them, and none of them was lost except the son of destruction,

in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

But now I am coming to you.

I speak this in the world

so that they may share my joy completely.

I gave them your word, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world

any more than I belong to the world.

I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one.

They do not belong to the world

any more than I belong to the world.

Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth.

As you sent me into the world,

so I sent them into the world.

And I consecrate myself for them,

so that they also may be consecrated in truth.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



From our Administrator, Fr. Seán Maher

Hello folks,

The Lord be with you!

Unless the Lord builds the house, in vain do the builders labor! (Ps. 127:1) This is just as true of building up the parish community. And the Lord has been building this parish community before I arrived and I trust He will continue to do so with a new "builder" after I have left. It just so happens that the new "builder", who will be announced this weekend, is one with a lot of experience and skill in the work that the Lord wants to do here! Praise the Lord!

If there has been any good thing we have accomplished while I was here, it is by the Lord's good grace and the generous efforts of many current and previous staff and volunteers. Thank you, Lord God, and thank you, everyone reading this, who has helped me and helped the parish over these past five years!

What might be a parting message? Perhaps a reminder of the line in which the Lord's call to me was sensed: "You will make known the Lord's salvation, through the forgiveness of sins." (Luke 1:77) At the time, it struck me that this is what a priest does, and it is what I am called to do! However, it is not just priests in sacramental ministry who are called to forgive; we are all called to forgive in order to enter the joy of Heaven. As I have often said, "You can't be in Heaven if you're angry as hell." Forgiveness is a way out of the hurt and anger that can control us, and oftentimes it also helps us understand where we are in need of sorrow for our own sins and the Lord's healing forgiveness. Ask Him about it!

We are in the days of novena leading to Pentecost. Please do call on the Holy Spirit for yourselves, for the incoming priest here, for the parish and our archdiocese. Ask Mary's intercession, and the Holy Spirit will seem to be even more present in some mysterious way.

Love one another as Jesus has loved us!
Other than that, "So long, farewell, auf wiedersehen...!"
Love you all!
Take care and God bless,

Father Maher

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MINISTRY

God's Love in ACTION

Thank you so much for celebrating in our St. Francis Stephen Ministry commissioning!

We have been preparing to put God's love into action - and now we need your help. YOU are a Lookout, who can share with others our mission!

Lookouts consistently watch for hurting people who might benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister. While you look for potential care receivers, keep these points in mind. • People all around you, in all areas of life, may be hurting and in need of care. It's just a matter of recognizing those needs when they arise. • Many hurting people are receptive to Stephen Ministry when it's offered to them. • People are unlikely to reach out and ask for help on their own—so lookouts need to actively seek and talk with potential care receivers

Do you know of someone who is hurting or struggling through job loss, divorce, grief, loneliness, health challenges, or some other difficult experience? Please reach out to one of our Stephen Leaders or Stephen Ministers, who can help you take the next right steps to provide him or her with confidential, one-to-one, Christ-centered care.

What Stephen Ministry Means to Me....

"I cannot express how excited and thrilled I am to be a part of Stephen Ministry. To be able to share the peace and love of God in my heart with someone who is hurting, so that they might also begin to feel God's loving, healing presence and peace, is truly mind-boggling and humbling. We can and will be God's instruments on earth, providing distinctively Christian caring, hoping to lead souls back to Him for the curing."

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MAY 16TH, 2021



Mother Teresa of Calcutta

HOMELESS MINISTRY

Now that the cold weather is behind us, our homeless ministry is in need of warmer weather clothing. In particular we are looking for men's clothing as we are very low on these items. Things such as: tee shirts, boxer underwear, shoes, sneakers or sandals-all sizes of the above are welcomed. Of course, we will gladly accept any women's clothing as well.

Tents, tarps, sleeping bags and toilet paper are needed year round. Of course, cash donations are always appreciated as these funds are used to purchase the food that we prepare for our monthly meal at the LTLC.

Should you have any questions or need further clarification about our ministry, please contact Jack Durocher at j_durocher@comcast.net or Roger Despres at chefrogerd@verizon.net

Thank you, and may God continue to bless you and your families.

Life Teen Youth Ministry Grades 9-12

Life Night Today at 3PM.

Join us in the side parking lot near the Homeless Ministry shed for a night about Pentecost and the Holy Spirit. Please bring a chair or blanket to sit on. At 4:00 we invite families to join us for half an hour of Adoration.

Our peer leader Julia will be leading her Bible Study at 2:30. She will be discussing the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Please sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0F4DA9A823ABFD0-life>



Finale May 23rd, 2-5PM

Calling all 8th-12th graders. Do you think you have what it takes to be the Saint Francis Obstacle Course Champion? Join us for the Radical Run challenge to find out! There will be plenty of food and fun as well. Following the Life Night, we strongly encourage all teens and their families to join us for the 5:30 mass inside the church.

Please use the link below to sign up for the Life Night.



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