



SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH

5265 PLACIDA ROAD, GROVE CITY, FL | 941-697-4899 | OFFICE@SFOACHURCH.COM

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, 2022

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free.
- Lk 4:18*

Saint Francis of Assisi Church
5265 Placida Road
Grove City, FL 34224
941-697-4899
Fax 941-697-0602
www.sfoachurch.com
email: office@sfoachurch.com

Father Cory Mayer, Pastor
Father Tony Chermeil, Parochial Vicar
Father Edwin Mathias (Part-Time)
Deacon Robert Godlewsky

PARISH STAFF

Robert Clark, Business Manager
Nadine Goodrich, Director for Music and Cantors
James Brantner, Director for Religious Education
Gerry Chesney, Director, Parish Women's Guild
Matt Egan, Director, Parish Outreach
Martha Mingel, Director, Homebound/Healthcare
Janette Ash, Administrative Assistant
Jeanette Lindish, Receptionist (Part-Time)
Jim Parent, Maintenance & Facilities
Chris Lewis, Bookkeeper
Beth Hammond, Head Sacristan
Penny Fleming, Ministry Scheduler/Communications

MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY VIGIL (SATURDAY)

After Easter to January 1 ... 4:00 pm
January 8 to April 9 ... 3:00 pm & 4:30 pm

SUNDAY

After Easter to January 2 - 8:00 am & 10:00 am
January 9 through Easter Sunday
7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am

WEEKDAYS

Monday - Friday.....8:15 am
Holy Days.....8:15 am & 6:30 pm

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Winter— September 7 through June 3
Mon - Thurs 9:00 am-12:30 pm, 1:00 pm-4:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am-12:30 pm

Summer - June 6 through September 2
Monday through Thursday 9:00 am-3:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am-12:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Thursday after Mass 9:00 am - 9:15 am
Saturday 2:00 pm-2:30 pm (January 8 thru April 9)
Saturday 3:00 pm-3:30 pm (After Easter thru Dec 31)

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Call Parish Office at least six months
in advance.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Contact Parish Office

**Mass Intentions and Scripture
Readings for the Week**

MONDAY, JANUARY 24

8:15 am †**EDWARD BARRETT JR.**
by His Son

Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop
Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-7, 10
Gospel: Mark 3:22-30

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25

8:15 am †**SOULS IN PURGATORY**

Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle
Reading 1: Acts 22:3-16
Gospel: Mark 16:15-18

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26

8:15 am †**KENNY AND DALE WEBER**
by Chris Lewis

Memorial of Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops
Reading: 2 Timothy 1:1-8
Gospel: Mark 4:1-20

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27

8:15 am †**SOULS IN PURGATORY**

Thursday of the Third Week in Ordinary Time
Reading: 2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29
Gospel: Mark 4:21-25

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28

8:15 am †**MR. & MRS. JASON ALLAIN**
by Mom and Dad

Memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest
Reading: 2 Samuel 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17
Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29

SUNDAY VIGIL (SATURDAY)

3:00 pm †**JANICE NOLAN**
by Debbie and Joanne

4:30 pm †**JUDIE HANSON**
by Gill and Susie

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

7:30 am †**WILLIAM MAYLEBEN**
by The Kulon Family

9:00 am †**EDWARD BARRETT JR.**
by His Son

10:30 am †**EDWARD & ANNE OCHEN**
by The Vasher Family

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Reading 1: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19
Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13
Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

Congratulations 2022 Confirmandi



JANUARY 23

10:30 AM MASS WITH BISHOP DEWANE

Bishop, we present to you these young people of Saint Francis of Assisi parish, who have completed a period of preparation for Confirmation. They have deepened their knowledge of Jesus Christ by studying the truths of our faith. They have been strengthened by God's grace in the Sacraments and have been supported by the prayers and example of our parish community.



The Conversion of Saint Paul

"The God of our fathers appointed you to know his will, to see the Just One and to hear a voice from his mouth; for you will be a witness for him to all men of what you have seen and heard. And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on his name." Acts 22:14-16. This story has been told several times and is considered quite fitting to the reflection of the conversion of Saint Paul. It is the story of Thomas Edison, the inventor of the Electric light bulb. When Edison's team had fabricated that first light bulb, Edison turned and surveyed each of his co-workers as if he was sizing each of them up. After surveying them all, Edison handed the light bulb to a young boy who was helping in the lab, entrusting him with the very delicate task of carrying the first light bulb ever produced upstairs and placing it gently into a vacuum machine. Needless to say, this bulb was very precious, and the boy knew it. Step by step he cautiously watched his hands, obviously frightened of dropping such a priceless piece of work. But the boy was concentrating so hard on making sure that the bulb didn't slip from his hands that he forgot to watch his feet. He tripped at the top of the stairs and dropped the bulb and it shattered. Undeterred by the setback, Edison put his team back to work. Their effort to construct the second light bulb consumed an additional 24 hours. Exhausted from so much work and ready for a break, Edison was ready to have his bulb carried up the stairs again. He once again looked around and surveyed each of his co-workers to determine who would carry the bulb upstairs. Everyone was shocked when Edison selected the young boy who had dropped it the first time. Edison knew that the boy was probably devastated by the first incident. He decided to give the boy another

chance. This time the boy successfully completed his task. Today we celebrate the fact that God looked around all the men living in the world and decided to give a second chance to the very man who was all out to destroy Christianity. The same man who went about from house to house dragging Christians to jail, the same man who supervised the stoning of the first Christian martyr, Stephen, the same man whose zeal for the destruction of Christians would put him on a missionary journey with letter of permission, became the greatest missionary to promote the Christian Faith. That is God for you. The beauty of Saint Paul's conversion was that the moment he rose from his feet, he never went back to his former ways. From that day, he saw himself as a completely different person. According to Saint Peter, if we repent, there should be no going back otherwise, we become worse for it. 2nd Peter 2, 20 to 22 states: "For it would have been better for them never to have known the way of righteousness than, after knowing it, to turn back from the holy commandment that was passed on to them. It has happened to them according to the true proverb, "The dog turns back to its own vomit," and, "The sow is washed only to wallow in the mud." May we never return to our vomits in Jesus Name! As some people would say, no matter how you wash a pig, it will look for mud again. The kind of washing a pig requires is not the washing of the outer skin but the washing of the heart, the washing of that which makes the pig love mud. This is what true repentance means. It means changing your heart, changing the things that give you joy, changing the things you love and desire even in secret. Repentance is changing the things that make you love to dance in the mud, changing your belief in yourself, it is telling yourself that you can do without sin, that you will not die if you let go of those past behaviors. When Saul fell to the ground, he heard the voice of Christ saying: "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" Let us always remember that when we face persecution for the sake of our faith, Jesus Christ himself shares in our pain. Conscious of his presence in us, we would not only stay away from sin, but we would also make use of His Power working through us. As Jesus tells us in the Gospel of Mark, "And these signs will accompany those who believe by using my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover."



CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

For many of us Catholics, both those brought up in the Church since childhood and those formerly of Protestant or non-Christian faiths, the Sacrament of Reconciliation can seem a bit frightening. Perhaps it has been a long time since we've made a confession. Perhaps we struggle with disbelief, with despair, with human weakness, with addictions, or with lingering resentment or grief. And yet, how wonderful it would be to be freed from these chains! What does sin do to the sinner? Sin is a choice, the result of which is the experience of *alienation* from God, our neighbor, creation, or ourselves. In Scripture, this experience is often described in terms of living as if dead (the ultimate alienation). Now for the ancient Hebrews, the worst thing about death is that *the dead cannot praise God*. Thus, the *Miserere*, the great Psalm of Repentance, proclaims, "Restore me from death, God, my saving God, that my tongue may praise your healing power. Lord, open my lips; my mouth will proclaim your praise" (Ps 51:16-17). Thus, when we sin, we wound or even destroy our life's purpose: namely, making our lives a *song of love and praise* to the One who IS Love. And yet when God, in his mercy, heals and rescues us from our sins, the *gift of praise* is restored. Do you remember the story of John the Baptist's father, Zechariah? He doubted God's Word (through the angel) that his wife, Elizabeth, would bear a son in their old age; because of his sin, he became mute. But when God

forgave Zechariah after he acknowledged his sin through a corresponding act of faith, "immediately, his mouth was opened, his tongue freed, and he spoke blessing to God" (Lk 1:64). Again, the gift of praise was restored. What, then, is the *heart of confession*? Yes, without a doubt, there is the confession of sins, after which one receives pardon, absolution, and a *penance of healing*. But there is something deeper, something much more profound. What *brings* me to confession, to what the Fathers of the Church called "second Baptism"? It should be the same thing that brought me to my first Baptism: faith. When I approach a priest for the healing sacrament, I confess—really, I *profess*—my faith, my *trust* in the God who forgives and heals me, the God of *eternal mercy and love*. Finally, what *results* from a good confession, that is, a confession of sins following a genuine confession of faith and trust? None other than the confession (or profession) of *praise*. God, as it were, *brings us back to life*—heals our hearts, wounded in their ability to "speak," to express love—so that we might be free to glorify him anew. Thus, what begins as a frightening experience for many ends in *joy*—the gift of praise restored. "At the name of Jesus every knee should bend ... and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Phil 2:10-11). "The glory of God is a human being fully alive" (St. Irenaeus). So, if you come regularly to confession, know that Our Lord is grateful—please continue with this practice. If you haven't been to the sacrament in a while, please come back. Invite others to come as well—after all, this is the time for a *New Evangelization*, for proclaiming Glad Tidings anew. Jesus tells us, "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest" (Mt 11:28). Isn't his message the very essence of the Good News? Friends, please hear Jesus' call, and come to have your burdens lifted in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Come, be healed and restored. Jesus, our most merciful, loving, forgiving God will be waiting right here for you.



Saint Francis of Assisi Parish

Rosary Makers

Mondays at 9:15 am

The Rosary Makers of Saint Francis of Assisi Church meet weekly to make and to teach others to fashion cord and plastic-bead Rosaries. These Rosaries are blessed and freely distributed to individuals and worthy causes locally, nationally and globally. Our goal is to foster and inspire evangelization, encourage the recitation of the Rosary, and to expand and enrich devotion to Our Blessed Mother.



For more information, call Dolores Risley at
the Parish Office.





BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

**Last Tuesday of the Month
Parish Center - 10:00 am**

What is grief? Grief is not an illness or a disease. It is a normal reaction to the death of someone you love. You grieve deeply because you love deeply. Grief is the process by which healing takes place but it can be hard work! Our Catholic faith can be a tremendous source of strength in helping us.

We meet the last Tuesday of the month in the Parish Center... won't you join us?

For more information, please contact Barbara Gullotta at the Parish Office or go to their webpage on the Parish Website ... Parish Life<Outreach Ministry

JANUARY 25, 2022 AT 10:00 AM



PARISH WOMEN'S GUILD



JANUARY CARD PARTY!

**RESERVE YOUR TABLE BY SELECTING THE
"REGISTER" BUTTON ON THE CARD PARTY EVENT
ON OUR CHURCH WEBSITE BY JANUARY 24, 2022 |
\$8 PER PERSON INCLUDES LUNCH,
CARD PLAY, AND DOOR PRIZES**

**January 26, 2022 • 11:00 AM
Saint Francis of Assisi Parish Center
5265 Placida Road | Grove City, FL**



Saint Francis of Assisi Parish Retreat

All Men and Women Parishioners

Experience Deeper Peace and Connection with the Lord

Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Retreat and Spirituality Center

Thursday, January 27, 2022

9:30 am to 3:00 pm

\$35.00 per person

When we develop a lifestyle of making
the Lord our refuge, we begin to live in
the *peace* of God.

“He that dwells in the secret place of the
most High shall abide under the shadow
of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD,
He is my refuge and my fortress:
my God; in him will I trust” (Psalm 91:1).





Car Show

Come by and join us at the Saint Francis of Assisi Parking Lot at 5265 Placida Road, Grove City, Florida and see the beautiful classic cars of the past. You also can enter your classic car to the West Coast Car Club, Entry Fee is \$5 with all proceeds going to the youth programs at Saint Francis of Assisi Parish.

*Friday, January 28
3-6 PM*

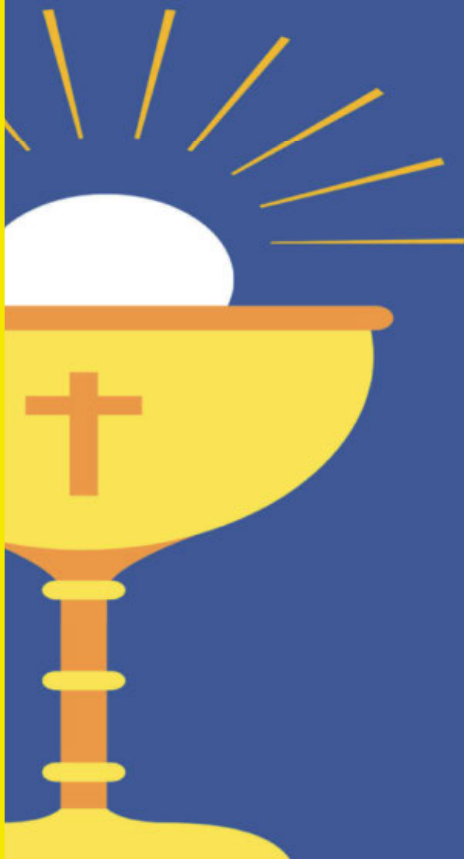
Fine Detailing, Meet/Talk with the Owners, take photos, music, 50/50 drawing



**Members of the Knights of
Columbus and Ladies
Auxiliary are invited to**

**CORPORATE
COMMUNION
AND BRUNCH**

**January 30, 2022
Mass at 10:30 AM
Brunch after Mass
The Hills Restaurant
100 Rotunda Circle, Rotonda West, FL**



Ministry Week for Saint Francis of Assisi Church

	Start	End	Event - Location
Mon Jan 24	7:50am	9:00am	Rosary/Mass/Anointing/Chaplet - Church
	9:00am	11:30am	Parish Stewardship Ministry - Parish Ministry Room
	9:15am	11:15am	Parish Outreach Ministry - Parish Center
	9:15am	11:30am	Parish Rosary Makers - Parish Center
	10:30am	11:00am	Priest Anoints at Englewood Hospice House
	11:45am	12:30pm	Lectio Divina - Gospel Prayer - Church
Tues Jan 25	7:50am	8:45am	Rosary/Mass - Church
	8:45am	9:45am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration - Church
	9:50am	10:00am	Benediction - Church
	10:00am	11:00pm	Parish Bereavement Ministry - Parish Conference Room
	10:00am	12:00pm	Parish Women's Guild Card Party Prep - Parish Center
	1:00pm	3:00pm	Women's Bible Study - Parish Conference Room
	5:30pm	6:45pm	Religious Education (K-8) - Parish Center
Wed Jan 26	7:50am	8:45am	Rosary/Mass - Church
	9:15am	11:15am	Parish Outreach Ministry - Parish Center
	11:00am	2:30pm	Parish Women's Guild Monthly Card Party - Parish Center
	1:30pm	3:00pm	Bible Study with Fr. Marcel
	7:00pm	8:00pm	AA - Parish Hall
Thurs Jan 27	7:50am	9:00am	Rosary/Mass/Chaplet - Church
	9:00am	9:15am	Sacrament of Reconciliation - Church
	9:30am	3:00pm	Parish Retreat (All Parishioners) - Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center
	1:00pm	3:00pm	Hooks & Needles for Angels - Parish Conference Room
	5:00pm	6:30pm	Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) - Parish Conference Room
Fri Jan 28	7:50am	8:45am	Rosary/Mass - Church
	9:15am	11:15am	Parish Outreach Ministry - Parish Center
	10:30am	11:00am	Priest Anoints at Englewood Hospice House
	3:00pm	6:00pm	Knights of Columbus/SFOA Car Show - Church Grounds
			Knights of Columbus Corporate Communion
Sat Jan 29	2:00pm	2:30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation - Church
	3:00pm	4:00pm	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass - Church
	4:30pm	5:30pm	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass - Church
Sun Jan 30	7:30am	8:30am	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass - Church
	9:00am	10:00am	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass - Church
	10:30am	11:30am	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass - Church

Couples Wedding Anniversary Mass

February 12 or 19, 2022

Bishop Frank J. Dewane
Diocese of Venice



All couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 or more years of marriage are invited by Bishop Frank J. Dewane to an Anniversary Mass in their honor. The Anniversary Masses will be celebrated in two locations: February 12th at Saint Leo the Great Parish in Bonita Springs at 11 am, and February 19th at Epiphany Cathedral in Venice, also at 11 am. Please contact our Parish Office for reservations no later than the week before the event you choose to attend.

Kenneth W. Lounders,
D.M.D., P.A.

Caring for the Community since 1992

941-475-1185
kennethwlounders.com

120 N. Indiana Ave., Englewood



HINCK
PRIVATE WEALTH MANAGEMENT, LLC

1177 S McCall Road ENGLEWOOD, FL 34223
941-474-3271 800-548-5017

Securities and advisory services offered through Commonwealth Financial Network®
Member FINRA/SIPC, a Registered Investment Adviser.

We've Missed You!
Welcome Back to Mass

Stay connected to our faith community no matter where you are by signing up to get our bulletin delivered straight to your email!

www.ParishesOnline.com

This Space is Available



Make an appointment today.
We'll give you a reason to smile.

Dr. Lawrence Hale
941-475-3962
Complimentary Xrays and Exam!

Total Dentistry
701 South Indiana Ave., Suite A • Englewood
www.totaldentistryenglewoodfl.com



941-475-9800
englewoodfh.com

ENGLEWOOD
COMMUNITY
FUNERAL HOME, INC.
& PRIVATE CREMATORY

3070 S. McCall Road
Englewood, FL

*Englewood's Only Locally Owned, Operated
& Managed Funeral Home & Private Crematory*

Hazeltine Family,
Epiphany Cathedral Parishioners
mhazeltine@hazeltinenurseries.com
941.488.8820 ext. 122



P.O. Box 236, Venice, Florida 34284
2401 N. River Road, Venice, Florida 34292
F 941.488.6236

www.hazeltinenurseries.com

a naturally grown company

LET US PLACE YOUR AD HERE.



The Mother-Daughter Team



Barbara Mooney, PA, Realtor®

barbaramooney123@gmail.com • realestate@keyrealtyfl.com

Bus: (941) 474-3228 • Res: (941) 474-8675 • Cell: (941) 468-5684 • barbaramooney.com

Debby Walters, PA, Realtor®

daw003@aol.com • Res: (941) 474-2780 • Cell: (561) 212-0383

FREE AD DESIGN
WITH PURCHASE OF THIS SPACE

CALL 800.477.4574



Alan J. Knapp, M.D.

20/20 AND BEYOND
The Future of Eye Care
COMPLETE EYE CARE

From Eye Examinations to Technologically Advanced CATARACT/LASER SURGERY

Medicare Assignment Accepted

Bring this ad for 10% off glasses

Full Service Optical Dispensary

www.2020andbeyond.com

1500 Placida Rd. B-2, Englewood

474-2266

The Windsor of Venice
ASSISTED LIVING & MEMORY CARE
1600 Center Road

Assisted Living & Memory Care

Donna Marino
941-408-2600
AL License #11714

LET US PLACE YOUR AD HERE.



Sales • Rentals
Service • Storage
941-698-1010
3301 Placida Rd., Englewood
www.tgcarts.com



Chris Murtha
Accounting & Tax Services
2800 Placida Road
Ste. 104, Englewood

Bus: 941.828.1280 • Cell: 941.662.5344
chris@murthaaccounting.com

WWW.MURTHAACCOUNTING.COM



100 Rotonda Circle
Rotonda West, FL 33947
941-697-4880

Serving Sunday Breakfast 7 am to 12
Starting at Only \$5.99

www.rotondagolf.com

Open to the Public

AIRPORT TRANSPORT

Sarasota or Punta Gorda \$60
Fort Myers \$90

3rd/4th Passenger + \$20 each

Darlene Benson
St. Francis Parishioner
941-468-6899

airporttransportcar@yahoo.com
Licensed & Insured



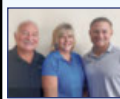
JohnMingel.Remax.com
Martha Mingel, Admin. Asst.
(Se Habla Español)
941-525-3472

"every life has a story"
LEMON BAY FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES
Englewood (941) 474-5575



Scott Daughenbaugh
Parishioner

Schillinger Insurance
Center of Venice, Inc.
Home • Auto • Business • Boat • Flood • Health



Our Homeowners Includes Wind!
Call Us Before You Renew - Low Auto Rates!
www.insurancecenter.us
555 East Venice Ave., Venice, FL 34285
941.484.1288

DON & LINDA and CHRIS SCHILLINGER, Parishioners

New Patient Special
\$79 Cleaning
Exam & X-ray



Cape Haze DENTAL CARE

Dr. Greg Brandau D.D.S.
Comprehensive Dentistry
Affordable Fees
8501 Placida Rd., Suite A1 • Cape Haze, FL 33946
(941) 828-2684
We Treat our Patients Like Family!

We've Missed You!
Welcome Back to Mass



Stay connected to our faith community no matter where you are
by signing up to get our bulletin delivered straight to your email!

www.ParishesOnline.com

CAMERON LOH
Attorney At Law
1620 Placida Rd., Suite D
Englewood, FL 34223
941-475-4418
www.lohlaw.net

Living Trusts Joint \$600 Single \$500
General Practice Simple Will \$125
Health Care Surrogate \$100
Power of Attorney \$100

WE'RE HIRING
AD SALES EXECUTIVES

BE YOURSELF. BRING YOUR PASSION. WORK WITH PURPOSE.
• Paid Training • Some Travel
• Work-Life Balance
• Full-Time with Benefits
• Serve Your Community

Contact us at careers@4lpi.com
www.4lpi.com/careers

AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME!
ADVERTISE HERE NOW!

Contact Scott Messner to place an ad today!
smessner@4LPi.com or (863) 875-1101

Consider it Done!



941-219-4840
abcsouthwest.com

Owned & Operated by Parishioners:
Bryan & Renee Schroll

FL License: CFC1428156 | CAC1817380

SF91

STAND OUT

with a PREMIUM DIGITAL AD on PARISHESONLINE.COM



CONTACT US AT 800-477-4574

ADT-Monitored Home Security
Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust
• Burglary • Flood Detection
• Fire Safety • Carbon Monoxide

NEVER MISS A BULLETIN!

Sign up to have our weekly parish bulletin emailed to you at www.parishesonline.com

GROW YOUR BUSINESS AND SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY
Advertise Here!

CONTACT US AT 800.477.4574

SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS!