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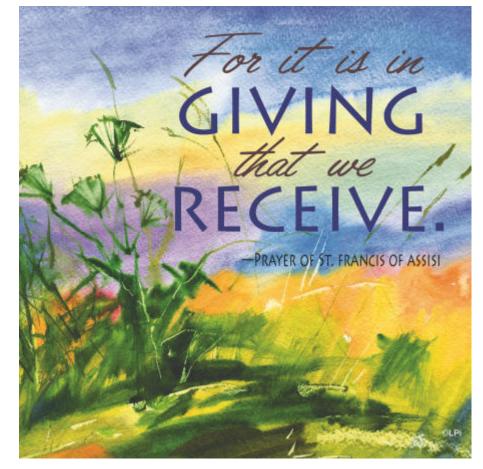
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# ST. FRANCIS BY THE SEA CATHOLIC CHURCH ESTABLISHED 1984

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#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS 7:30am—4:00pm If Last Rites are needed, please call 1-843-941-9434



CHURCH HOURS FOR PERSONAL PRAYER 8:00am—3:00pm / Monday through Wednesday 8:00am—4:00pm / Thursday & Friday

MASS SCHEDULE: WEEK OF MONDAY, OCTOBER 4—SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10TH Daily Mass will be celebrated in the Church at:

8:30am: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday 11:30am: Friday

Saturday Vigil Masses will be celebrated in the Church at 4:45pm and in Spanish at 7:00pm.

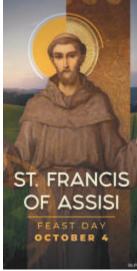
Sunday Mass will be celebrated at 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am & Noon in the Church

Confession: 15 minutes before daily Mass in the Church, Saturday: 3:30-4:30pm in the Church, or by appointment.

# Readings & Intentions for October 3 –10, 2021

10/3 Sunday	7:30am 9:00am 10:30am Noon	Duke Baker + Mary Curri + Wilhelmina Hilda McNamara + Jay Sumski +	First: Genesis 2:18-24 Second: Galatians 6:14-18 Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30
10/4 Monday	8:30am 11:30am	Bill Conklin + NO MASS	First: Jonah 1:1-2:2, 11 Gospel: Luke 10:25-37
10/5 Tuesday	8:30am 11:30am	Jim Fullam + NO MASS	First: Jonah 3:1-10 Gospel: Luke 10:38-42
10/6 Wednesday	8:30am	NO MASS	First: Jonah 4:1-11 Gospel: Luke 11:1-4
10/7 Thursday	8:30am <mark>11:30am</mark>	Rosalie Parsons + NO MASS	First: Malachi 3:13-20b Gospel: Luke 11:5-13
10/8 Friday	8:30am 11:30am	Joseph Dougherty + Rosalie Parsons +	<b>First:</b> Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 11:15-26
10/9 Saturday	8:30am 4:45pm Vigil 7:00pm Vigil (S	Jeanne E. D'Acquisto + Edward Heberg + Jack Armstrong + Spanish)	First: Joel 4:12-21 Gospel: Luke 11:27-28
10/10 Sunday	7:30am 9:00am 10:30am Noon	Duke Baker + Kathleen Moran + Karen Weisenbach + Nancy Valisano +	First: Wisdom 7:7-11 Second: Hebrews 4:12-13 Gospel: Mark 10:17-30
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**Please Note:** We have added a new feature to our "Current Mass and Funeral Schedule" on our website. You may now click a link on the date of a funeral to view the obituary (when available).



St. Francis of Assisi (1181 – 1226) left a life of luxury for a life devoted to Christianity after reportedly hearing the voice of God, who commanded him to rebuild the Christian church and live in poverty. He founded the men's Order of Friars Minor, the women's Order of St. Clare, the Third Order of St. Francis and the Custody of the Holy Land.

Born in 1181 in Italy, St. Francis of Assisi was renowned for drinking and partying as a youth. During a military expedition/battle between Assisi and Perugia, he was captured and imprisoned for ransom. He spent nearly a year in prison and began receiving visions from God. After his release from prison, St. Francis of Assisi claimed to have heard the voice of Christ, who told

him to restore the Christian Church and live a life of poverty. As a result, St. Francis of Assisi abandoned his life of luxury and became a devotee of the Catholic faith.

Today, St. Francis of Assisi, known for his deep love of nature and animals, is the patron saint of the environment and animals. Each October, many animals are blessed on his feast day. ©LPi

# **Gospel:** *Matthew 11:25-30* "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.

## Gospel Teaching:

In the first section of today's Gospel, Jesus indicates that the "wise and learned" have had things hidden from them that have been revealed to the "little ones". The wise and learned think they know it all and are not open to Jesus' teachings, while the little ones are open and have things revealed to them. In the second section, Jesus uses the "yoke" as a symbol. Trying to follow the over 600 "laws" that the Pharisees say must be followed is a burden on the people. The yoke of Jesus, obedience to His word, is tailored to the individual's needs. It is "easy", because it fits well, and the "rest" that is provided is everlasting. Have you tried Jesus' yoke?

# Stewardship

# **GIVING OPPORTUNITIES**

Have you considered donating stock to St. Francis?

All donations of stock are processed through the Diocese of Charleston. Please contact Kelsey Shooter at 843-261-0468 or kshooter@charlestondiocese.org to facilitate your gift.

# Weekly Giving

Week of September 22	-28, 2021
Weekly Offertory Envelopes Loose Online Contributions	\$14,666 \$5,551 \$947
Total Offertory	\$21,164
Repair & Replacement	\$163
Envelopes Issued Envelopes Used Electronic Giving Percentage of Envelopes & Electronic Giving	1210 332 20 29%

# **October Charitable Giving News**

Charitable Giving represents 10% of the planned offertory

Pregnancy Center	\$4,000
Catholic Radio	\$3,000
St. Francis Outreach	\$5,350

# Please Note...

This week, there is a revised Daily Mass schedule, due to the priest's annual retreat.

The **8:30am Daily Mass** will be celebrated on: Monday, October 4th Tuesday, October 5th Thursday, October 7th Friday, October 8th

The **11:30 Daily Mass** will only be celebrated on: Friday, October 8th

\* There will not be a Daily Mass offered on Wednesday, October 6th.

# Faith Formation

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REMINDERS**

Communion Preparation is a two-year formation process. If you need to start or have completed the first year, contact Mitzi Weaver at <u>mt-weaver@stfrancishhi.org</u> to register.



## BIBLE TIMELINE: Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

Meeting Times: Monday at 1:15pm OR Monday at 7:00pm Format: Hybrid In-person & Zoom / 8 classes total Sessions run until November 15th (no class October 11th)

### **REVELATION: The Kingdom Yet to Come**

Meeting Times: Tuesday at 1:15pm OR Tuesday 7:00pm Format: Hybrid In-person & Zoom / 11 classes total Sessions Run: September 7th to November 16th

### JESUS: The Way, The Truth, and The Life

Meeting Times: Thursday from 9:30—11:00am Format: In-Person Sessions run through May (except Thanksgiving through Christmas) How to Join: Text "BibleHHI" to 84576, or call the Parish Office

All sessions are held in the Family Center and ALL are welcome—no prior Bible Study required

## ALPHA IN A CATHOLIC CONTEXT

Alpha is coming to St. Francis by the Sea! If you have ever been involved in Alpha in another parish and would like to help us start it here, please contact Jennifer McGlynn at the parish office or via email at j-mcglynn@stfrancishhi.org for more information.

### **BECOMING CATHOLIC**

Have you ever thought about becoming Catholic? Do you have questions about the Catholic faith?

If you would like to join a group of fellow seekers, **text "CuriousHHI" to 84576**, or call Jennifer McGlynn at 843-681-6350, ext. 266. We typically meet every week during the school year, and classes begin in mid-September.

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To nurture students' spiritual and intellectual growth in an authentically Catholic community committed to academic excellence.

**RRIAN POPF** SCHOOL PRINCIPAL bpope@sfcshhi.com

# NEWS

Thank you to all the students and families that donated items to the Pregnancy Center & Clinic of the Low country, on Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, for our first Spirit Day of the year! Thank you to the students who volunteered to collect and organize the donations! On top of all the baby items collected on Spirit Day, our students raised \$485 for the Pregnancy Center and Clinic of the Low Country. What an amazing response!



#### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: SCHOOL JANITORIAL CUSTODIAN

St. Francis Catholic School has an immediate opening for a full-time PM Maintenance Custodian. The position is for an evening shift from 3:00pm to 11:00pm. Full benefits available. Compensation is flexible depending on experience.

Interested candidates should send a cover letter and resume to the mailing address below or to the following email address: bpope@sfcshhi.com

> St. Francis Catholic School Attn: Principal 45 Beach City Rd Hilton Head Island, SC 29926

# FUNDRAISING

### AMAZON SMILE

Consider supporting school shopping our bv on www.smile.amazon.com and entering "St. Francis Catholic School" as your charity of choice. You receive the same benefits of shopping on Amazon, but Amazon will donate a portion of your purchases back to the school.

#### ST. FRANCIS ISLAND VALUE CARD

The Island Value Card is a great way to support our school and local businesses while receiving a discount! Purchase one for your family The card makes great gifts for family, friends, and now! co-workers. Present your card each time you visit any of the restaurants and retailers listed on the card. Cards may be purchased at the School or Parish Offices.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

10/3 10/4	1:00—4:00pm 3:00—4:15pm 3:15pm 4:00pm 4:00pm	Parish Picnic at Honey Horn 5-8th Grade Baking Club Boys CC Practice at Jarvis Creek Park Girls CC Practice at Jarvis Creek Park Senior Girls Volleyball Game vs. Holy Trinity (HOME)
	5:00pm	Junior Girls Volleyball Game vs. Holy Trinity (HOME)
10/5	4:15pm	Senior Girls Volleyball Game vs. Cross (HOME)
	5:00pm	Cross Country Meet hosted by SPMA
	5:15pm	Junior Girls Volleyball Game vs. Cross (HOME)
10/6	10:00am	School Mass
	3:15pm	Boys CC Practice at Port Royal
	4:00pm	Girls CC Practice at Port Royal
	4:30pm	Junior Girls Volleyball Game vs. SGG (HOME)
	4:30pm	SAC Meeting in the Library
	5:00pm	Senior Girls Volleyball Game vs. Colleton Prep
10/7	3:15pm	Boys CC Practice at Jarvis Creek
	4:00pm	Girls CC Practice at Port Royal
	4:15pm	Senior Girls Volleyball Game vs. HHCA
	5:15pm	Junior Girls Volleyball Game vs. HHCA

# **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES** SAFE ENVIRONMENT SCREENING

To volunteer at St. Francis Catholic School or many of our ministries at St. Francis Catholic Church that have incidental contact with minors, vulnerable adults or money, you will need to complete Screening Paperwork that is required by our Diocese and take the Safe Haven, "It's Up To You" online class. If your ministry requires you to drive, you are also required to be screened for driving and take a Safe Haven Online Driving course. For questions and registration, please contact Colleen Rzeczycki or Melissa Markey, Safe Environment Coordinators.

#### SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

The school is looking for substitutes for this school year. Please e-mail Brian Pope if you are interested.

# PHONE NUMBERS

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St. Francis is a Pre-K-4 through 8<sup>th</sup> grade Catholic School that is fully accredited through

AdvanceEd & Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. For more information or to tour the school, please contact the School Office.

# Prayer & Worship

### **CENTERING PRAYER/LECTO DIVINA**



Centering Prayer always welcomes new participants. The group offers beginning, ongoing instruction and practice in prayer and sacred reading (Lectio Divina) from the Bible in a group setting. Centering Prayer is a remarkably simple method that opens one to the presence and activity of

God in one's life. *Regular sessions resume on Monday, September 27th at 11:00am—Noon in the Family Center.* 

# Parish Life



"Anti-woman!" You've probably heard that media description of Texas' Heartbeat Act, which now protects unborn children from abortion once a heartbeat can be detected. But critics of the new law usually don't

mention that Texas has also committed \$100 million to its Alternatives to Abortion program, which provides comprehensive support services to pregnant women and their families including life skills and employment help, material goods, care coordination through government programs, housing assistance, and more. Leave it to Texas to "love them both" in a big way!

### BENEDICTION & ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Thursday from 3:00—4:00pm, there will be a Benediction and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the church. While the Blessed Sacrament is exposed, Father Max will be available for confession.



### **DAILY ROSARY**

The Rosary is prayed each morning at 8:00am, except for Sundays.

### **DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET**

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed each Friday at 3:00 pm in the church.

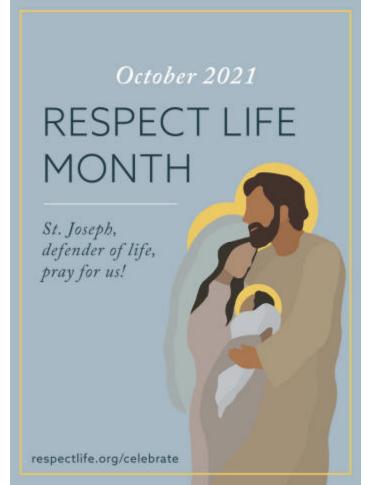
#### **PARISH PRAYER CHAIN**

Whenever emergency prayers are needed, or if you are interested in being a member of the Prayer Chain Team, please contact Kathy Sheehan at 843-785-8240 or kayshee@aol.com



### LECTORS NEEDED FOR WEEKEND MASSES

Of all the lay ministries in the church today, one of the most important is that of the Lector. The Lector has a crucial role in the liturgy which is to proclaim the Word of God to the assembly. We are returning to having 2 lectors at each of the weekend and holy day Masses, with each individual lector being scheduled about once a month. Therefore, we are looking for people interested in joining this ministry, particularly at the 7:30 AM, 10:30 AM and Noon Sunday Masses. If you are interested or want more information, contact Kay Vance at 843-689-2681.



### **BEREAVEMENT GROUP**

The St. Francis by the Sea Bereavement Group will meet in the Family Center on Sunday, October 3rd at 1:00pm. All who are dealing with loss issues are

welcomed to participate in an atmosphere of love and support. If you would like to attend or for further information, please contact Georgeanne Schopp at 912-658-6728 or georgeanne.schopp@gmail.com



# **Other News**



To learn more about JPII, visit the school website at

johnpaul2school.org. Mark your calendars for the first Open House of the 2021-22 admissions season on Sunday, November 14 from 12:00-2:00pm.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.johnpaul2school.org under SUPPORT JPII > BENEFIT CONCERT





New and potential members are welcome to come and find out what the Women of St. Francis is all about!

Just curious about the Women of St. Francis? There is no obligation to join if you are just inquiring to see if we are a good fit for you, especially if you're new to the area and the parish. We are a great way to make new friends and this coffee is a chance to hang out in a relaxed atmosphere and get comfortable with a smaller group before attending a monthly meeting. We'd love to have you join us!

# DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE

**RETROUVAILLE** is a program for couples struggling in their marriage. One never knows when or where they will realize that their marriage is in trouble – not just discontent or disillusionment – but real trouble.

Retrouvaille has helped tens of thousands of couples communicate and heal their marriages. It can help you too. For confidential information or to apply to attend the program beginning with the weekend of October 22, 2021 call (434) 793-0242 or email: <u>retrouvaillenc@msn.com</u> or visit the website at www.helpourmarriage.org.



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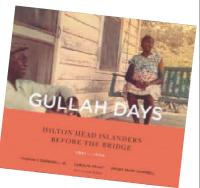
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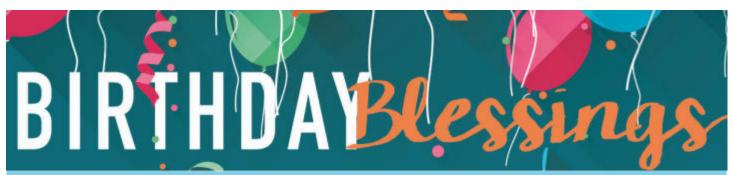
# WOMEN OF ST. FRANCIS General Meeting

Monday, October 11th 6:30—8:30pm at the Family Center

The speaker will be Carolyn Grant, Communications Director, Town of Hilton Head Island. She is the co-author of "Gullah History Before the Bridge", a fascinating history and insight.

Members will have the opportunity to browse our new "Committee Marketplace." Committees will showcase and share their activities and mission.





# Happy Birthday to those celebrating a birthday in October! May God bless you with His love, peace and joy throughout the coming year!

**Dolores Acino** Patrick Alford Arthur Althans Adriana Alvarez Sherlyn Amaya Lucas Angulo Jared Araujo Olivia Arcuri **David Arnal Emil Arnal** Lara Arroyo Dee Avington Sammy Bach Donna Bafundo Matthew Baker Ricardo Barragan Donna Barrett Shelby Basciano Sydney Basciano **Thomas Beavor Rita Becker** Ann Behan Adabella Bello Yeifer Bello-Penalosa Emerson Benson Lucy Benson John Bertrand Gerald Bohn **Ricardo Bono** Rene Bono Andrew Borgmeier Claire Brennan Sara Brennan Lois Bubnell Kendall Bullock Jillian Burton Thomas Byrnes **Bill Cackovic** Alyssa Calamari Collan Campbell Mateo Campos Lucia Camposano Rocio Cruz Angel Candelario Joseph Carbonaro **Robert Casavant Rod Casavant Regina Casey** Kevin Castro Anotonella Chavez JoAnne Ciuni Karen Clarke **Daniel Coffelt** Cathy Jo Cole Edward Connell Isabella Cook Eileen Cooper Mike Cornejo Lynn Coyne John Crawford Patrick Curry

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# MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO – ALENTAR UN ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA (GOSPEL MEDITATIONS)

## 3 de octubre de 2021

### 27º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Hoy el contenido de las lecturas enfatiza tres temas: matrimonio, divorcio y fidelidad. Toda la liturgia de la Palabra se desarrolla en torno a esta delicada situación: el matrimonio que no es desechable ni fácil de cambiar. Muy a pesar de que en ocasiones se piensa que es cosa del pasado. El tema que es muy delicado lo aborda el mismo Jesús en el Evangelio, y lo clarifica aún más a sus discípulos en privado, para que no exista duda. *"Lo que Dios ha unido, que el hombre no lo separe" (Mateo 10:9).* El énfasis debe estar en la fidelidad del uno para con el otro.

Lo que Dios unió, que no lo separe el hombre. Ni los padres de familia que están en contra del matrimonio de su hija o hijo. Ni las desavenencias de los conyugues en la vida de todos los días. Ni la falta de amor y diálogo en el matrimonio y la familia en general. Ni los amigos del esposo ni las amigas de ella. Nadie lo puede hacer porque, sencillamente, es un Sacramento instituido por Dios. El papa Francisco nos dice lo siguiente al respecto: *"En el proyecto originario del Creador, se trata de un hombre y una mujer llamados a reconocerse, a completarse, a ayudarse mutuamente en el matrimonio. Esta enseñanza de Jesús es muy clara y defiende la dignidad del matrimonio como una unión de amor que implica fidelidad. (Octubre 7- 2018). "Por eso dejará el hombre a su padre y a su madre para unirse con su esposa, y los dos serán una sola carne". (Mateo 10:7). Que al participar en esta Eucaristía dominical nos ayude a crecer en fidelidad para ser ejemplo de vida a los que nos rodean, especialmente en casa.* 





