

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Parroquia San Francisco de Asís

We, the Parish of St. Francis of Assisi, guided by the Holy Spirit, are a Christian Community called by God to take part in the mission of love and truth in the world. With firm faith in Jesus the Christ and the Holy Gospel, we find our strength through prayer and the Sacraments, that we may become God's servants to our sisters and brothers

Mass Schedule

Monday — Friday: 8:00 AM, Lunes, Miércoles y Jueves 7:00 PM (Spanish); Saturday: 8:00 AM, 5:30 PM, 7:00 PM (Spanish), Sunday: 8:00 AM, 9:15 AM (Italian), 10:30 AM, 12:30 PM (Spanish)

Cada último Martes del Mes: Misa en Español a las 7:30PM

Lunes, Miércoles y Jueves Misa en español a las 7:00 PM
Holy Days: Vigil Mass: 7:00 PM (Spanish) 8:00AM, 12:00 Noon, 7:00 PM

Miraculous Medal St. Anthony Novena

Tuesdays: 7:00 PM

Grupo de Oración

Martes 7:30PM en la Iglesia. Último Martes de cada mes tenemos Misa en Español a las 7:30 PM.

Reconciliation — Confession

Every Saturday at 4:30 PM or by appointment.

First Friday - Eucharistic Adoration

Beginning with the 8am Mass, lasting all day and ending at 7pm with the Holy Hour Mass. Anyone interested in spending an hour with our Lord—kindly call the office for a time slot.

Baptism/Bautizo

celebrated on the 1st Saturday of every month in English at 11 AM and on the 3rd Saturday in Spanish at 1 PM. For more information please call the Rectory before any social arrangement are made.

Marriage-Matrimonio

Arrangements should be made one year prior to the marriage. Please contact the Church Office before any social arrangements are made.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Please notify us when a member of your family is in the hospital or unable to attend Church and wishes to receive the Sacraments. For Emergencies contact the Rectory day or night. Por favor llamar a la oficina de la Iglesia si un miembro. Por favor llamar a la oficina de la Iglesia si un miembro de su familia está hospitalizado o si quiere recibir comunión.



The place where you stand is
HOLY GROUND

Fr. John Salvas, OFM Cap., Pastor
Bro. Miguel Ramirez, Parochial Associate
Bro. Lombardo D'Auria, OFM Cap.
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Masses for the Week



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Sunday	February 28th - Third Sunday of Lent
8:00 AM	+ Anthony Meola, Jr. by Gerry & Kelly Rotunda
9:15 AM	+ Borello Renato by Mimma Lomuscio
	+ Angela Canfora by Angie & Michael Mariniello
10:30AM	+ Rose Ingoglia by Jack Ingoglia & Family
12:30 PM	+ Manuel del Cristo Campillo by Iris Campillo
	+ Ercilio Rodriguez by (3 Años) sus hijos
	+ Anatolia Aracena (1er Mes) by La Familia
	Feliz Cumpleaños Patricia Moronta por sus 13 Años
4:00 PM	+ Pilipino Mass
Monday	February 29th
8:00 AM	+ Private intentions of Tom McDonough, Jr. by Tom McDonough, Jr.
7:00 PM	+ Francisco Castillo by La Familia Godoy Castillo
Tuesday	March 1st
8:00 AM	+ Special Intentions
7:00 PM	+ Miraculous Medal/St. Anthony Novena
Wednesday	March 2nd
8:00 AM	+ Souls in Purgatory by Jack Ingoglia
7:00 PM	Feliz Cumpleaños Bienvenido de la Cruz by La Familia de la Cruz
Thursday	March 3rd
8:00 AM	+ Anne Caffaro by James Caffaro
7:00 PM	+ Por todos los difuntos de nuestra Parroquia
Friday	March 4th - 1st Friday/Eucharistic Adoration
8:00 AM	+ Special Intentions
7:00 PM	+ Holy Hour Mass
7:30 PM	+ Stations of the cross
Saturday	March 5th
8:00 AM	+ Deceased parents & brothers of Tom McDonough, Jr. by Tom McDonough, Jr.
5:30 PM	+ John Sarapuchiello (Birthday) by Family
	+ All saints by Gladys Abelaj
	+ Anna Dallas by mother and children
7:00 PM	+ Manuel Delgado by su mama Por la salud de Juan Yumbra by La Familia En Accion de Gracias a la Virgen de Guadalupe by Luz Mercedes
Sunday	March 6th - Fourth Sunday of Lent
8:00 AM	+ Steven N. Mirra by Cathy Mirra
	+ Special Intentions by Lois Viola
	+ Peter & Matilda Castiglia by Gerry & Kelly Rotunda
	+ Paula Sanderson by Gerry & Kelly Rotunda
9:15 AM	+ Alberto Bosi by Family
	+ Borello Renato by Rocco Tripodi & Family
	+ Frank Ingallinera by Mr. & Mrs. Puccio
10:30 AM	+ Forgotten Souls in Purgatory by Tom McDonough, Jr.
12:30 PM	+ Gloria Maria Jimenez by Ana Garcia
	+ Alberto Barrigas by La Familia



Dear Parishioners:

If you swing, and miss the baseball three times, you are on your way to the dugout. Three failures to clear the bar in pole vaulting or high jumping and you are automatically out of the competition. Three is often our limit in forgiving injuries or tolerating failures.

The owner of the fig tree in today's Gospel feels the same way. He wants the tree chopped down because it has failed to produce any fruit for three years. Jesus, playing the part of the gardener, intercedes on behalf of the faltering tree. "Let's give it another chance," he reasons; "I'll offer it my personal attention and encouragement, and maybe it will produce figs." The Lord is thinking of fulfillment, not destruction, and it's not about trees He's speaking about struggling humanity.

Our demanding society can coldly scream: "Three strikes and you're out." Jesus, displaying bold mercy, calmly adds, "Make it four." He constantly envisions improvement and he blesses our clumsy efforts. Mercy in action is a strong positive virtue, which should not be interpreted as soft hearted weakness.

I remember many occasions from my own childhood when neighborhood kids of various ages would be engaged in a baseball game and a little batter would strike out. Often a sensitive player on the other team would shout, "Give him another swing." I imagine the loving peacefulness if that same attitude would prevail in all areas of life. Yet that is precisely what Pope Francis is encouraging all of us to do during this "Year of Mercy."

Forgiveness is an integral part of God's nature, not to be abused or presumed but used by weak, struggling people like us. That is why in this short parable, failing humanity plays the role of the fig tree, with demanding society as the boss and Jesus as the gardener. Holy mercy wins the argument and the story has a happy ending, for the tree is spared and figs are expected next year. The tree should never forget it was the Gardener who spared his life.

Love and Prayers,
Bro. John



Notas del Párroco

Estimados Feligreses:

Si usted trata de golpear la pelota, y se la pierde tres veces, usted se va a la caseta. Si fracasa tres veces en salvar la barra en el salto con garrocha o el salto de altura, sale automáticamente de la competencia. El tres es a menudo el número de veces que se puede perdonar los daños o tolerar los fallos.

El propietario de la higuera en el Evangelio de hoy tiene la misma opinión. Quiere que talen el árbol, ya que no ha logrado producir ningún fruto por tres años. Jesús, desarrollando el papel del jardinero, intercede en nombre del árbol infértil. "Vamos a darle otra oportunidad," razona, "Voy a ofrecerle mi atención y ánimo personales, y tal vez produzca higos." El Señor está pensando en la satisfacción, no en la destrucción y no tiene que ver con árboles sino está hablando de la humanidad en apuros.

Nuestra exigente sociedad con frialdad grita: "Tres golpes y quedas fuera." Jesús, mostrando misericordia, añade con calma: "Que sean cuatro." Visualiza constantemente el mejoramiento y bendice nuestros esfuerzos torpes. La misericordia activa es una fuerte virtud positiva, que no debe ser interpretada como una debilidad del corazón tierno.

Recuerdo muchas ocasiones de mi propia juventud, cuando los niños del barrio de diversas edades se dedicaban a jugar al béisbol y un bateador jovencito quedaba fuera. A menudo, un jugador sensible del otro equipo gritaba, "Dale otra oportunidad." Me imagino la tranquilidad de amor si esa misma actitud prevaleciera en todos los ámbitos de la vida. Sin embargo, eso es precisamente lo que el Papa Francisco nos anima a hacer durante este "Año de la Misericordia."

El perdón es una parte integral de la naturaleza de Dios. No debe ser objeto de abuso ni de presunción, sino debe ser aprovechado por los seres débiles y en apuros, como nosotros. Es por ello que en esta breve parábola, la humanidad débil desempeña el papel de la higuera, con los más exigentes de la sociedad como jefe y Jesús como jardinero. La santa misericordia gana y la historia termina felizmente, porque el árbol se rescata y se esperan higos el próximo año. El árbol no debe olvidarse nunca que era el jardinero que le ha salvado la vida.

Con mucho amor y bendiciones,
Hno. Juan

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK 2016 LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. The days of both Fast & Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, **and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.**

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obligated to fast. On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obligated by the law of abstinence.

2. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast & Abstinence "substantially", or as a whole, is a serious obligation.

3. The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.

4. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, February 14, 2016 to the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, May 22, 2016.**

* Canon 920,§1. *All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving communion at least once a year.*

"I AM"

Kindness and mercy are what the enslaved people of Israel needed, and they came in the form of deliverance. They came through a leader, Moses, who was once plucked from the Nile River and was now herding his father-in-law's sheep in the land of Goshen. The bush that burned but was not consumed shows us that God is inexhaustible mystery.

Moses' awe and deference are mixed with a touching conversational tone as he seeks to learn God's name. And God sweetly responds. The somewhat abstract "I AM" distinguishes the God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob from the minor gods in the territory who "are not." They are helpless, powerless, and useless. Moses is to step out into an amazing future, and God will be there with outstretched arm. Just go and see, God seems to say.



St Francis of Assisi Parish is presenting:

Catechism for Adults

Wednesday nights beginning with the 7:00pm Mass in Spanish and immediately following with catechesis in Spanish with Fr. Francisco in the Church and in English in the church hall.



La Iglesia de San Francisco de Asis

ofrecerá: Catecismo para Adultos

Miércoles en la noche comenzando con la misa de 7pm en Español seguida inmediatamente con la catequesis en Español dirigida por el Padre Francisco Arredondo en la Iglesia y en Ingles en el salón parroquial.

Societa Padre Pio
St. Francis of Assisi

Pellegrinaggio 2016: San Giovanni Rotondo, Lanciano - Assisi, Napoli - Pietralcina, Roma - Pompei, Capri - Anacapri, Sorrento - Positano
Cost per person: \$3,349 double room with private bath

Single occupancy + \$350 = \$3,699

From: September 20, 2016 to October 1, 2016
For more information call: Josephine Cigna at 201-641-7815 or Mimma Lomuscio 201-664-7426

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Pasta Night - Friday, April 29, 2016
Bingo Hall

Adult \$12.00 Children under 12 \$6.00

No tickets sold at door

For tickets call Lona 201-845-8645 or Elide 201-343-3924

Praise the Lord!

You can praise the Lord with your voice! The St. Francis Choir is seeking new members to sing at the 5:30 PM, 7PM, (Saturday Masses) & 10:30AM & 12:30 PM (Sunday Masses). Jesus is calling YOU by name, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Choir practice is 2:30 pm on Saturday's for the 10:30 AM Mass ONLY. For more information see Dana Ramirez, Choir Director after the 10:30 Mass or call the office.

Alabado sea el Señor!

Tu puedes alabar a el Señor con tu voz! El coro de San Francisco de Asís esta buscando nuevos miembros que canten en las misas de 5:30PM, 7PM (Sábados) y 10:30 AM y 12:30 PM (Domingos). Jesús te llama a TI por tu nombre, por medio del poder del Espíritu Santo. Tenemos practica de coro todos los sábados a las 2:30 PM solo para la misa de 10:30 AM. Para mas información comunicarse con Dana Ramirez, Directora de Coro después de la misa de 10:30 AM o llamando a la oficina de la Iglesia.

“YO SOY”

Lo que el pueblo esclavizado de Israel necesitaba era la bondad y misericordia de Dios, y esas dos cosas llegaron bajo la forma de una liberación. Llegaron por medio de un caudillo, Moisés, que cuando niño fue salvado de las aguas del Nilo, y ahora estaba pastoreando las ovejas de su suegro en el desierto. La zarza que ardía sin consumirse nos muestra que Dios es un misterio inagotable.

El temor y respeto de Moisés están mezclados con una confianza conmovedora, cuando trata de averiguar el Nombre del Señor. Y Dios le responde dulcemente con un Nombre –YO SOY– que distingue al Dios de Abraham, Isaac y Jacob de los dioscecitos de las naciones, que “no-son”. Esos dioscecitos de nada son impotentes e inútiles. Moisés tiene que avanzar hacia un futuro increíble, y Dios lo espera allí con mano poderosa y brazo extendido. Es como si el Señor le dijera, “Ve, y verás”.



LA FAMILIA QUE REZA UNIDA, PERMANECE UNIDA

El Grupo de “LA VIRGEN DE FATIMA” de la parroquia “San Francisco de Asís” continúa visitando los hogares. Si usted desea ser visitada por la Virgen Madre de Dios y Madre nuestra, escuchar la Palabra de Dios, rezar el rosario y cantar cantos, favor de llamar a los teléfonos de: Lola Santos 201-342-0685 o Gladys Cobos 201-580-7450.

GRUPO DE ORACIÓN

Todos los Martes en la Iglesia nos reunimos para orar, cantar y alabar a Dios. Durante el año tenemos diferentes predicadores, misas de sanación, etc. Hora: 7:30 PM. Cada último Martes del mes tendremos. Misa en Español a las 7:30 PM.

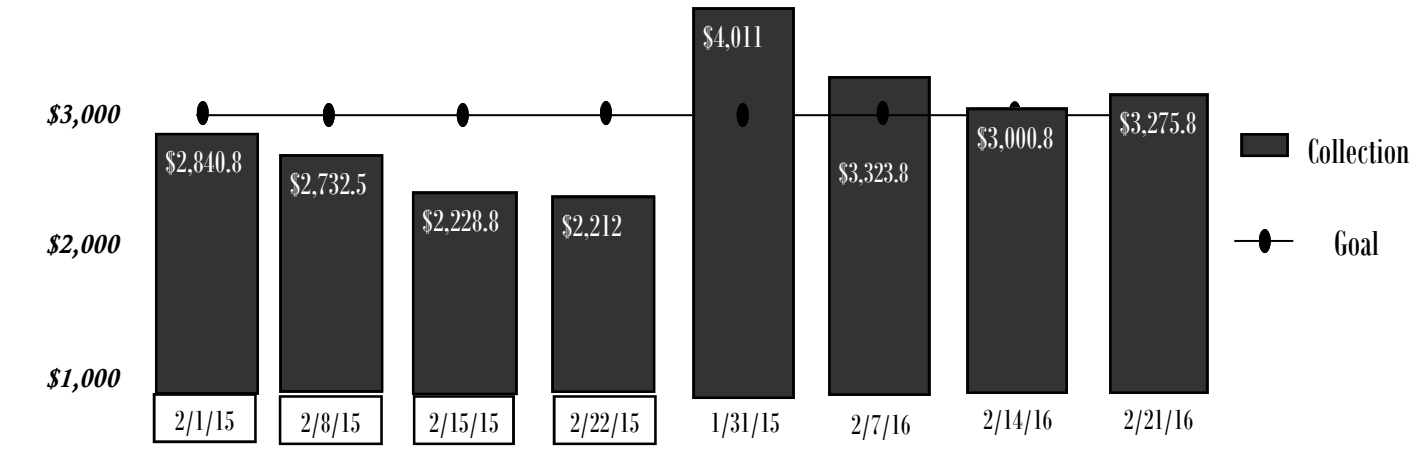
Mark your Calendar! Marque su Calendario!

St. Joseph Table/La Mesa de San Jose

March 19 and 20, 2016

19 y 20 de Marzo del 2016

Weekly Collections 2015/2016



OFFERING TO THE LORD

The Collection for February 20 & 21 was \$3,275.80 and the second collection for the Utility Fund was \$1,288.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

If you would like to have a loved one's name mentioned in the bulletin, please call the church office at 201-343-6243.

In addition, if you would like an intention to be added to the Apostolate of Prayer list, please send it via e-mail to

StFrancisHack@AOL.com.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE PARISH

MEMORIAL GIFTS THIS WEEK

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn for
Ricardo Palaguache
Donated by Rosa Palaguache



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

POR FAVOR RECEN POR LOS ENFERMOS

Claire Mongelli, Ethel Gramuglia, Tom, Lucille Jaeger, Jose y Elsa Luna, Jose Rodriguez, Juan Domingo Rodriguez, Jorge Ivan Castellanos, Lola, Flora Comizzoli, Lola, Pedro V., Dr. Adenike Opaleke, Rosanna Manisera, Angelina Manisera, Shawn Leddy, Dorothy Peplowski, Liliana Cilebi, Carlos Rojas, Miriam Ivone Valverde, Patricia Monica Garcia Villafuente, Erika Mercedes Villafuente Pacheco, Yunarli Adames, Ryan L, Kevin Hart, Mary Gavi-lan, Maria Canesa, Ginny Cattaneo, Ubelly Cordova, Jill Brooks, Daniel Agiar, Bobby Kendricks, Vivian & Gladys Cuesta, Julianna Guerra, Marie Sortino, Anna Mary, Donna Jean, Donna & Family, Debra, Pat, Louisa, Todd, Hanna, Nora Brunal, Alvin Gomez, Matt, Adrienne Marie, Marie Dragan, Louise, Jean Tusa Giarratana, Aaron Santos, Taylor, Isabella Denisulk, Zoila.



CHRISTMAS CLUB

Today is WEEK #8 You can pick up a set of Christmas Club envelopes at the entrances of the Church after Mass. Next weekend. REMEMBER THIS IS YOUR GIFT BACK TO YOUR PARISH AT CHRISTMAS.

<u>CALENDAR</u>	
<p>Sunday, February 28th</p> <p style="text-align: center;">4:00 PM</p>	<p>Third Sunday of Lent The Second Collection is for the Diocesan Assessment Fund Pilipino Mass</p>
<p>Monday, February 29th</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7:00 PM</p>	<p>Misa en Español</p>
<p>Tuesday, March 1st</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7:00 PM</p>	<p>Miraculous Medal/St. Anthony Novena</p>
<p>Wednesday, March 2nd</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7:00 PM 7:00 PM</p>	<p>Misa en Español Catechism for Adults/Gym</p>
<p>Thursday, March 3rd</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7:00 PM</p>	<p>St. Katharine Drexel Spanish Mass</p>
<p>Friday, March 4th</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7:00 PM 7:30 PM</p>	<p>1st Friday/Eucharistic Adoration St. Casimir Holy Hour Mass Stations of the Cross</p>
<p>Saturday, March 5th</p>	<p>First Saturday</p>

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