

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



**God will not forsake us
Dios no nos abandonara**

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Denise & Dana Ramirez, Youth Choir Director
Dana Ramirez, Music Ministry Director

Welcome/Registration

Inscripciones para ser Miembros de la Iglesia

You may join at the Church Office. When moving, please notify us of change of address and phone number.

Puede inscribirse a la parroquia en la oficina de la Iglesia. Si se muda, por favor notificar a la iglesia de cambio de dirección y teléfono.

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.

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Monday—Friday: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Office closed on weekends

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Sunday	March 13th - Fifth Sunday of Lent
8:00 AM	+ Deceased members of Dunne & Oakes Families by Cathy Mirra + Tom Puglisi by Family + Puglisi & Nativo Family by Jo Puglisi
9:15 AM	+ Concetta Bagnato by Frank & Cathy Oliveri + Eugene DeGenio by Collette, Rose & Annette + Josephine Parisi by Tom & Dorothy Yannetti
10:30AM	+ Intentions of St. Michael
12:30 PM	+ Luis Reynoso by Hno Juan y Frailes + Marcos, Sergio y Nelson Gutama by Carlos Gutama + Maria, Moreno, Manuel y Arturo Collago
Monday	March 14th
8:00 AM	+ Peter Colombo by Parents
7:00 PM	+ Intenciones especiales
Tuesday	March 15th
8:00 AM	+ For the deceased parents & brothers of Thomas McDonough, Jr. by Tom + Ralph Cavallo by Cavallo Family
7:00 PM	+ Miraculous Medal/St. Anthony Novena
Wednesday	March 16th
8:00 AM	+ Domenico Pitasi (Anniversary) by wife and Family
7:00 PM	+ Luis Reynoso
Thursday	March 17th
8:00 AM	+ Rose Ingoglia (Anniversary) by Jack Ingoglia
7:00 PM	+ Rosa Ballester (1er Año) by su hermana Maria Prieto + Andrea del Carmen Benitez by su hijo Jorge
Friday	March 18th
8:00 AM	+ For the deceased parents & brothers of Tom McDonough, Jr. by Tom
7:00 PM	+ Stations of the Cross
7:30 PM	+ Padre Pio Mass
Saturday	March 19th
8:00 AM	+ James & Joseph Sortino by Marie Sortino + Luis Miranda Asencio
5:30 PM	+ Concetta Bagnato by Annunziata Colombo + Ernesto Cervino by Family
7:00 PM	+ Rosalba Corredor by La Familia + Roselia Peralta by sus hijos + Jose Santos Campillo by Iris Campillo
Sunday	March 20th - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
8:00 AM	+ Rose Hoffmann by Lona & Ralph Padovano + All Souls in Purgatory by Thomas McDonough, Jr.
9:15 AM	+ Remo Montella by parents + Lilla DiLeone by Family
10:30 AM	+ Michael Burke by Nancy Ipolitto + Arcangela Amato by Mr. & Mrs. Carmine Romano + Saverio & Lucia Ferrara by Family + Gaetano Licameli by The Secular Franciscans
12:30 PM	+ Juan Domingo Rodriguez by La Familia + Jade Valencia by sus padres y hermanos



Dear Parishioners:

Last Sunday we heard proclaimed the parable of The Prodigal Son and paused to reflect on the extravagant mercy of God highlighted in this Jubilee Year of Mercy. This week we experience that mercy in action when the scene is not one of story-telling but rather a historical event. This so called action parable of the woman caught in adultery could easily be titled "The Stone not thrown."

It is a court scene unlike any other because mercy triumphs over justice at a time when, like our own, the law prevails. The accused, a young woman, was forced in front of the crowd. The accusers, the Scribes and Pharisees, experts of and devotees to the ancient religious law; publicly exposed her offense. The judge, Jesus, also an expert lawyer (but more people-centered), was challenged to pronounce the verdict.

This charade was orchestrated by the enemies of Jesus, not from a sense of justice but to publicly embarrass both Him and the woman. If he granted her freedom, He would be openly rejecting the law. If He observed the law and permitted her death for adultery, He would be contradicting his own previous teaching. It appears to be a no-win situation.

What does Jesus do? Momentarily he ponders the dust of the earth from which we came. Just what did he write in it? The law, the sin of the woman, the man left un-judged? - After all, it takes two to tango- the sins of her accusers are just some of the possibilities. We will never know but when he is finished the verdict is in. "Let he who is without sin cast the first stone." The court room is then cleared.

The story of "The Stone not Thrown" summons us to judge our own hearts; to live and let live simply because God wills life and not death. He wills the salvation of all of his children guilty or innocent. This was precisely the message of our Holy Father Pope Francis when recently he asked world leaders to stay the death penalty during this Year of Mercy. Are we taking it to heart?

Love and Prayers,
Bro. John



Notas del Párroco

Estimados Feligreses:

El domingo pasado oímos la parábola del hijo pródigo y pausamos a reflexionar sobre la extravagante misericordia de Dios resaltada en este año jubilar de la Misericordia. Esta semana experimentamos esa misericordia en acción cuando la escena no es una de narración, sino más bien un acontecimiento histórico. Esta "parábola de acción" sobre la mujer pillada en el adulterio podría ser fácilmente titulada "La piedra que no se tira."

Es una escena de corte diferente a cualquier otra porque la misericordia triunfa sobre la justicia en un momento histórico cuando, como hoy en día, la ley prevalece. La joven acusada, se vio obligada a aparecer delante de la multitud. Los acusadores, los escribas y fariseos, expertos y devotos de la ley religiosa antigua; divulgaron públicamente su delito. El juez, Jesús, también un abogado experto (pero más enfocado en la gente), se enfrenta el reto de pronunciar el veredicto.

Esta farsa fue orquestada por los enemigos de Jesús, no por un sentido de la justicia, sino para avergonzar públicamente tanto a él como a la mujer. Si se le concediera la libertad, rechazaría públicamente la ley. Si Él observara la ley y permitiera su muerte por el adulterio, Él estaría contradiciendo su propia enseñanza anterior. Parece ser una situación sin salida.

¿Qué hace Jesús? Momentáneamente pondera el polvo de la tierra de donde vinimos. ¿Qué habrá escrito en ella? ¿La ley? ¿El pecado de la mujer? ¿El hombre que quedó sin juzgar? - Después de todo, se necesita una pareja para bailar el tango- los pecados de sus acusadores son sólo algunas de las posibilidades. Nunca sabremos, pero cuando Jesús terminó de pensar, el veredicto se proclamó. "El que esté libre de pecado que tire la primera piedra." La sala del tribunal se vacía.

La historia de "La piedra que no se tira" nos invita a examinarnos nuestro propio corazón; vivir y dejar vivir, simplemente porque Dios favorece la vida y no la muerte. Él quiere la salvación de todos sus hijos culpables o inocentes. Este fue precisamente el mensaje de nuestro Santo Padre Francisco cuando recientemente les pidió a los líderes mundiales que aplazaran la pena de muerte durante este Año de la Misericordia. ¿Lo estamos tomando en serio?

Con mucho amor y bendiciones,
Hno. Juan

EASTER FLOWERS

Our Church looked beautiful at Christmas because of your generosity. Won't you remember a loved one or a special occasion with Easter Flowers? Envelopes have been provided for you in your recent set of envelopes or you can pick one up in the back of the church. We ask you for a \$10.00 donation for each remembrance. Thank you in advance for your kindness.

FIORI A PASQUA

L'addobbo floreale nella nostra chiesa, durante il periodo di Natale, é risultato bellissimo grazie alla generosità delle vostre offerte. Vorreste ricordare qualche vostro caro o qualche occasione particolare donando i fiori a Pasqua. Avete ricevuto la busta relative "Easter Flowers" insieme a tutte le altre recentemente, e se volete, potete prenderne altre nel retro della chiesa. Vi chiediamo \$10.00 di offerta per ogni intenzione. Vi ringraziamo per la vostra generosità.

FLORES DE PASCUA

Por su generosidad, nuestra iglesia estuvo maravillosamente adornada para la Navidad. Si usted desea recordar a un ser querido o una ocasión especial con flores de Pascua, los sobres están disponibles en la parte de atrás de la Iglesia. Les pedimos que por favor consideren una donación de \$10 por cada intención. Muchas gracias por su bondad.



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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.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE/HORARIO DE SEMANA SANTA

3/20 -Palm Sunday/Domingo de Ramos: 8AM English, 9:15AM Italian, 10:30 AM English, & 12:30 PM Español

3/22 Penance Service/Servicio de Penitencia: 7:30 PM (Here/Aquí)

3/24 Holy Thursday: 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper - Trilingual, Misa de la Ultima Cena - Trilingüe

3/25 Good Friday: 10AM Outdoor Stations of the Cross (Vía Crucis), 3PM Liturgy of the Lord's Passion in English & 7PM Liturgia de la Pasión del Señor en Español

3/26 Easter Vigil/Vigilia de Pascua: 8PM Trilingual

3/27 Easter Sunday/Domingo de Pascua: 8AM English, 9:15AM Italian, 10:30AM English & 12:30PM Español



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Pasta Night - Friday, April 29, 2016

Bingo Hall

**Adult \$12.00 Children under 12
\$6.00**

One seating at 6:30 PM

No tickets sold at door

Menu: Tossed salad, bread, pasta & meatballs, pasta & broccoli, beverage, desserts & coffee

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



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

PALM CROSS SALE

Venta de Cruces de Palma

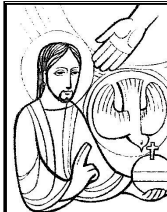
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March 12 & 13 at all Masses

**12 y 13 de Marzo en todas
las misas**

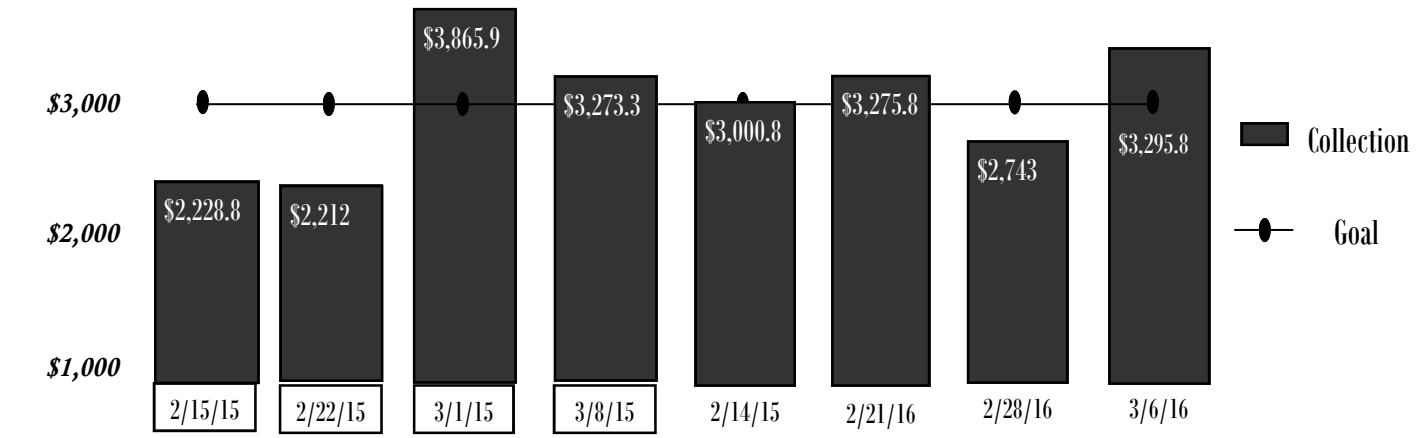


GRUPO DE ORACIÓN

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.

Todos están invitados a nuestro Retiro de Cuaresma el sábado 19 de Marzo en la cafetería de la escuela. Invitados: Padre Alberto Cruz y Guillermina Morales

Weekly Collections 2015/2016



OFFERING TO THE LORD

The Collection for March 5 & 6 was \$3,295.80 and the second collection for the Maintenance Fund was \$1,316.

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

Dariel J. Ramirez and Laura G. Caruso

MEMORIAL GIFTS THIS WEEK

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn for
Jane Mistretta

Donated by Mary Grace Morone & Family



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

POR FAVOR RECEN POR LOS ENFERMOS

Allen & Annie Arrabito, 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 Gavilan, 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.



CALENDAR



Sunday, March 13th	Fifth Sunday of Lent Daylight Saving Time Begins The Second Collection is for the Utility Fund Palm Cross Sale/Venta de Cruces de Palma
AT ALL MASSES	
Monday, March 14th 7:00 PM	Misa en Español
Tuesday, March 15th 7:00 PM	Miraculous Medal/St. Anthony Novena
Wednesday, March 16th 7:00 PM	Misa en Español
Thursday, March 17th 7:00 PM	St. Patrick/St. Patrick's Day Spanish Mass
Friday, March 18th 7:00 PM 7:00PM	St. Cyril of Jerusalem Stations of the Cross Padre Pio Mass
Saturday, March 19th	St. Joseph

CHRISTMAS CLUB

Today is WEEK #10 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.

COVER SHEET

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