

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



**Tu hermano estaba perdido pero lo
hemos encontrado**

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Leanne & Doug Christmann, Youth Ministry Coordinators
Denise & Dana Ramirez, Youth Choir Director
Dana Ramirez, Music Ministry Director

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 mar-
riage. 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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Masses for the Week



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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
10:30AM	+ Forgotten Souls in Purgatory by Tom McDonough, Jr. + Vincenza Tenebruso by Rocco Tenebruso & Family
12:30 PM	+ Gloria Maria Jimenez by Ana Garcia + Alberto Barrigas by La Familia + Padre Alfonso Pagliara fundador del Grupo Maria de Fatima de nuestra Parroquia
Monday	March 7th
8:00 AM	+ Jenny D'Arminio by Gerry & Kelly Rotunda
7:00 PM	+ Juana Angomas by La Familia + Henry Woolfson by su mama
Tuesday	March 8th
8:00 AM	+ Jerry Taranto by Mr. & Mrs. Cono Savino + Maria St. Annunziata & St. Padre Pio by Pitasi Family + Miraculous Medal/St. Anthony Novena
7:00 PM	
Wednesday	March 9th
8:00 AM	+ Rosina Pitasi (Ann.) by son and Family
7:00 PM	+ Intenciones Especiales
Thursday	March 10th
8:00 AM	+ Private Intentions of Tom McDonough, Jr. By Tom
7:00 PM	+ Alberto Guartancela by Gerardo Guartancela + Margarita del Rosario Calderon by Rafael del Rosario
Friday	March 11th
8:00 AM	+ Jose Luis Tineo + Linda Abair by Anthony Iozzia
7:00 PM	+ Stations of the Cross
Saturday	March 12th
8:00 AM	+ Special Intentions
5:30 PM	+ Mary Polifrone by Dee & Family
7:00 PM	+ Jose Luis Hipolito Vargas by La Familia + Rafael Danilo Portes by Vilma Portes + Bla Olivo Santana (11 Meses) by La Familia Olivo
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 People of the Parish
9:15 AM	
10:30 AM	+ Eugene DeGenio by Rose & Annette + Josephine Parisi by Tom & Dorothy Yannetti + Intentions of St. Michael
12:30 PM	+ Luis Reynoso by Hno Juan y Frailes



Dear Parishioners:

How wonderful it is that on this fourth Sunday of Lent during the Year of Mercy we should hear once again the Parable of the Prodigal Son. But many will tell you that tradition has misnamed it. The dictionary defines "prodigal" as lavish wastefulness. While the younger son in the story does squander his inheritance, it is the father, that is, God, who is lavish in his mercy and forgiveness.

There is an old saying, "The apple doesn't fall far from the tree." While that often might be the case, it certainly isn't true of us and our heavenly Father. One son is "prodigal" the other one is "paranoid." I like to call them the "P" brothers.

The well-known Psychologist Abraham Maslow was famous for saying, "Each to each a looking glass reflects the other that doeth pass." He meant that we are mirrors one to another who show us who we truly are. This is what Jesus, the greatest of teachers, is doing in his parables. They are in fact mirrors that we are invited to look into and ask, "Who am I in this story?" Comparisons might be ludicrous but when it comes to the "Father" we are always put to shame. We have all been to some degree prodigal or paranoid but during this year of jubilee Pope Francis is asking us to be lavish and wasteful in our own mercy.

St. Thomas Aquinas sums up this lavishness of God in the hymn he composed for Corpus Christi. "One receives him; a thousand receive him, and each one receives the same as the other, and when he has been consumed he still remains."

All this is an amazing mystery. All love manifests itself in the desire to give and since God is love itself, he desires to give to the utmost of his infinite power of giving, mercy. This is what he has done. Could he do more? We are now challenged to be "prodigal."

Love and Prayers,
Bro. John



Notas del Párroco

Estimados Feligreses:

Qué maravilloso es que en este cuarto domingo de Cuaresma en el Año de la Misericordia tenemos la oportunidad de escuchar una vez más la parábola del hijo pródigo. Pero muchos dirían que la tradición se ha equivocado en llamarlo así. El diccionario define "pródigo" como el desperdicio de recursos. Mientras que el hijo menor de la historia no malgasta su herencia, es el padre, o sea Dios, que es generoso en su misericordia y perdón.

Hay un viejo dicho, "De tal palo tal astilla." Mientras que a menudo esto puede ser el caso, claro que no es cierto hablando de los seres humanos y nuestro Padre celestial. Uno de los hijos es "pródigo" el otro es "paranoico." Me gusta llamarlos los hermanos "P".

El conocido psicólogo Abraham Maslow era famoso por decir: "Cada uno es un espejo que refleja el otro que le pase por cerca." Se refería a que somos como espejos que nos reflejamos el uno al otro lo que realmente somos. Esto es lo que Jesús, el más grande de los maestros, está haciendo en sus parábolas. De hecho, son espejos que se nos invitan a mirarnos y preguntar, "¿Quién soy yo en esta historia?" Las comparaciones podrían ser ridículas, pero cuando se trata del "Padre" siempre nos avergonzamos. Todos hemos sido, de una manera u otra, pródigos o paranoicos, pero durante este año de Jubileo el Papa Francisco nos pide ser generosos en nuestra propia misericordia.

Santo Tomás de Aquino resume esta prodigalidad de Dios en el himno que compuso para la fiesta del Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo. "Uno lo recibe; millares lo reciben, y cada uno lo recibe igual que el otro, y cuando se ha consumido todavía permanece."

Todo esto es un asombroso misterio. Todo el amor se manifiesta en el deseo de dar y como Dios es el amor mismo, él desea dar al máximo de su infinito poder de dar la misericordia. Esto es lo que ha hecho. ¿Podría hacer más? Ahora tenemos el reto de ser "pródigos."

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.



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.



PALM CROSS SALE
Sponsored by
FOCUS Youth Ministry
March 12 & 13 at all Masses

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

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

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.



¿Como recibir bien a Jesús en la Eucaristía?
 "Queridos amigos, no agradeceremos nunca bastante al Señor por el don que nos ha hecho con la Eucaristía. Es un don tan grande y, por ello, es tan importante ir a misa el domingo. Ir a misa no sólo para rezar, sino para recibir la Comunión, este pan que es el cuerpo de Jesucristo que nos salva, nos perdona, nos une al Padre. ¡Es hermoso hacer esto!"

Papa Francisco, Audiencia 5 de febrero de 2014.

1. ¿Qué significa recibir la Comunión o la Eucaristía?
¿Quiénes pueden comulgar?

Recibir la comunión o la Eucaristía, es recibir al mismo Cristo, el Hijo de Dios vivo, que está bajo las especies sacramentales.

En el Santísimo Sacramento de la Eucaristía están "contenidos verdadera, real y substancialmente el Cuerpo y la Sangre junto con el alma y la divinidad de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, y, por consiguiente, Cristo entero". Esta presencia se denomina "real", no a título exclusivo, como si las otras presencias no fuesen "reales", sino por excelencia, porque es substancial, y por ella Cristo, Dios y hombre, se hace totalmente presente en nuestra alma cuando comulgamos.

Por esto, para recibir a Cristo en la Comunión eucarística es necesario estar bautizado y hallarse en estado de gracia. Si uno tiene conciencia de haber pecado mortalmente, es decir de haber ofendido a Dios en materia grave, con plena advertencia, no debe acercarse a la Eucaristía sin pedir perdón y haber recibido previamente la absolución en el sacramento de la Penitencia.



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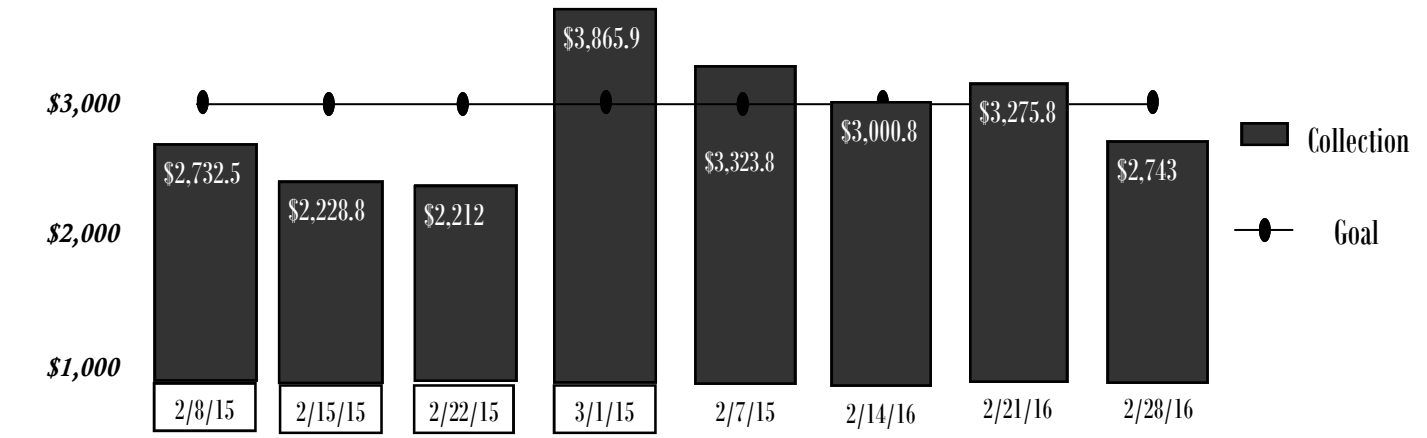
Don't forget to set your clocks next week.

No se olviden de cambiar la hora la próxima semana

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.

Weekly Collections 2015/2016



OFFERING TO THE LORD

The Collection for February 27 & 28 was \$2,743 and the second collection for the Diocesan Assessment Fund was \$1,103.

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

Concetta Bagnata

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

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 Gaviilan, 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 #9** 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.

CALENDAR



Sunday, March 6th	Fourth Sunday of Lent The Second Collection is for the Maintenance Fund Pilipino Mass
4:00 PM	
Monday, March 7th	Sts. Perpetua and Felicity
7:00 PM	Misa en Español
Tuesday, March 8th	St. John of God
7:00 PM	Miraculous Medal/St. Anthony Novena
Wednesday, March 9th	St. Frances of Rome
7:00 PM	Misa en Español
Thursday, March 10th	Spanish Mass
7:00 PM	SFO Meeting - Church
7:30 PM	
Friday, March 11th	Stations of the Cross
7:00 PM	
Saturday, March 12th	Palm Cross Sale
AT ALL MASSES	

COVER SHEET

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