



ST. FRANCIS

ECUMENICAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Priest - Fr. Patrick Wenrick
Assisting Priests – Fr. Tom Wilt, Fr. Jake Czarnik-Neimeyer,
Deacon Bob Pragano

MASS Each Sunday at 10:30 am.
ALL ARE WELCOME – NO EXCEPTIONS

St. Francis' Mission:

To live by Faith,
To be known by Love,
To be a voice of Hope
in order to give
ourselves in service
and better the lives of
others.

September 8, 2024

“23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time”

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(Prayer after Communion)

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace, where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O Lord, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. AMEN



You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your love.

| First Reading | Second Reading | Gospel |
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| Isaiah 35:4-7 | James 2:1-5 | Mark 7:31-37 |

Jesus miraculously healed the man who was deaf and who had an impediment in his speech. Astounded beyond measure, those who were present said, "He has done everything well!" Indeed, Jesus has done everything well.

Not only has Jesus physically healed the man, but through His Blood, He has renewed mankind. He has created a new world, the Kingdom of God, through the Sacrament of Baptism. By the grace of God, the Father and the power of the Holy Spirit, we are new creations, a holy nation, a holy priesthood, holy children of God. The gift of our new heart is the proof of such. For while we can perceive spiritual things with our new heart through the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit, those who are not of God, they cannot perceive what we perceive. We are blessed! "But there are many other things Jesus has done. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written."

This week, let us reflect on what Jesus has done for us. Let us reflect on the words of the crowd when they said, "He has done everything well." And may the grace of God always be with us so we will never forget the abundance of treasures that we have received through Jesus Christ and the power of His Spirit."

God's Blessings

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

| DATE | GREETERS | ACOLYTE | 1 st READING | 2 nd READING | INTERCESSION |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| Sept. 8 th | DJ Athman | George R. | Connie C. | Ross P. | Michelle B. |
| Sept. 15 th | Julia Z. | Lani A. | Tony Mc | Jim H. | Ross P. |

PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE: IF YOU HAVE ANY PRAYER PETITIONS OR PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING. (727) 234-1380

Deacons Corner:

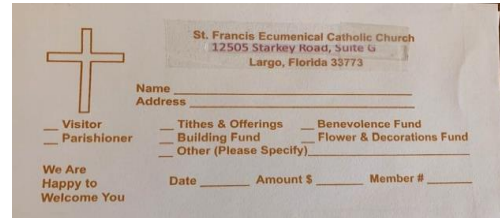


Healing Prayer:

Loving Father, touch me now with your healing hands, for I believe that your will is for me to be well in mind, body, soul and spirit. Cover me with the most precious blood of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ from the top of my head to the soles of my feet. Let the fire of our healing love pass through my entire body to heal and make new any diseased areas so that my body will function the way you created it to function. Amen

St. Francis' Ministries

Music Ministry, Susan Stroemel
Hospitality Ministry, John Swatek / Julia Zolfo
Comm. Care Ministry, John O'Grady / David Baughman
Financial Management Ministry, Larry Roush
Fundraising & Development Ministry, Lorraine Kerr
Outreach and Growth Ministry, Sharon Meade
Deacon, Bob Pragano



Your Gift Is a Blessing

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| Aug. Income Unrestricted | \$ 4,068.21 | YTD | \$ 40,351.94 |
| Aug. Expenses | \$ 6,998.00 | YTD | \$41,562.44 |
| Monthly Net Income | \$(2,029.79) | YTD | \$(1,210.50) |



Let Us Pray for.....

Agnes V. Marsh, mother of Fr. Jim Marsh who passed away this week. For the repose of her soul. Prayers for peace and comfort for Fr. Jim and family. 9/1
 Fr. Martin, a friend of Fr. Pat, who is recovering from a heart valve replacement his week. Prayers for healing, peace and comfort for him. 9/1
 Luanne Jolly, a friend of DJ & Deb, who is experiencing severe health issues. For peace and comfort for her, we pray. 8/25
 Natalie Madar who is recovering nicely from shoulder surgery last week. For peace & comfort for her and for a return to full health. 8/25
 Matthew, John Swatek's 32 y/o nephew who is in a coma after a tragic car accident. Prayers of peace & comfort for him, his wife and their 5 kids. 8/18
 Terry Lauer, Ross's cousin who is recovering from major cancer surgery and is now cancer free. Prayers for continued healing and comfort for him. 9/1
 Andi Slaybaugh, friend of Deb Imbach who is dealing with a recurrence of cancer. Prayers for peace and comfort for Andi and her family. 8/11
 Fr. Tom Wilt, who is now home and doing better. Prayers for strength, healing and comfort for him and a return to full health. Prayers for Marge too. 8/18
 Michael Ureichuck, who is recovering from spinal surgery last month. Prayers for healing, peace, comfort and a return to full health. 8/4
 Charles Harshbarger, a friend of St. Francis who is back in short term rehab. Prayers for strength, peace, healing & comfort for him. 8/18
 Kevin Curtis, who is dealing with Parkinson's, but is doing better. Prayers for continued strength, healing and comfort. 7/28
 Thomas Ames, brother of Cookie Waters, who passed away on July 16th Prayers of peace and comfort for Cookie & their family. May he rest in peace. 7/21
 Kathy Fearon, friend of Deacon Bob who passed away last month. Prayers of peace and comfort for her family & friends. May she rest in peace. 7/21
 Marion Gregory, aunt of Sue Wenrick, who is in rehab and dealing with dementia and other medical issues. Continued prayers for peace & comfort. 9/1
 Pedro Rodriguez, Gina's Dad who is doing better and is now in long term care. Prayers for continued strength, healing, and comfort for he & Gina. 9/1
 Nita Martin, sister-in-law of Natalie Madar, who is undergoing treatment for bladder cancer. Prayers for healing, peace, and comfort for her. 4/7
 For caregivers, who are blessed to still have their elderly parents, grandparents, relatives and friends. For patience, understanding and compassion we pray. For those who have been affected by severe weather and storms; some have lost loved ones and everything they own. May God be with them in their loss. For those who are mourning the loss of a loved one. May God's healing touch be upon them and comfort them in their loss. We will see them again!!! For those who are dealing with mental illness and addictions, and for their families, may God's healing touch be upon them. For the people of Ukraine, Israel, and Gaza, that the wars end soon, and they can begin the process of piecing their lives & countries back together. For those who have been killed, injured, or affected by the continued mass shootings in our country. Let us pray for sensibility and peace. Amen

MASS CARDS - Sympathy Mass Cards are available at the church.



LOOKING AHEAD

Sept. 15th Sunday Mass 10:30 AM Live & Via Zoom

Sept. 22nd Sunday Mass 10:30 AM Live & Via Zoom

Sept. 28th Parish Council Mtg. 10:00 AM Via Zoom



Patrick Livelsberger BD 9/08

Jean Carroll Christie BD 9/09

William Brower BD 9/14

2024 Community Council

Council Chair: Leo Champagne 727-215-3217

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Council at Large: Rhonda Gillispie 605-890-2420

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Parish Administrator: John O'Grady 727-215-3217

Deacon: Bob Pragano 203-988-9795

For those who are sick or suffering in any way, may the Lord's abundant love and care bring them peace and healing.

For all who are in need of forgiveness, that their hearts will be turned to repentance, and they will accept Christ's mercy.

For all who are suffering for the sake of the Gospel: that God will protect and sustain them.

Father, Lord of Life, we thank you for your goodness and generosity. May we, in our own lives, reflect something of that same goodness to others