



ST. FRANCIS

ECUMENICAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Priest - Fr. Patrick Wenrick

Assisting Priest – Fr. Tom Wilt

MASS Each Sunday at 10:30 am.

ALL ARE WELCOME – NO EXCEPTIONS

We Celebrate Unity in Diversity

St. Francis' Mission Is"

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

November 12, 2023

"32nd Sunday In Ordinary Time"

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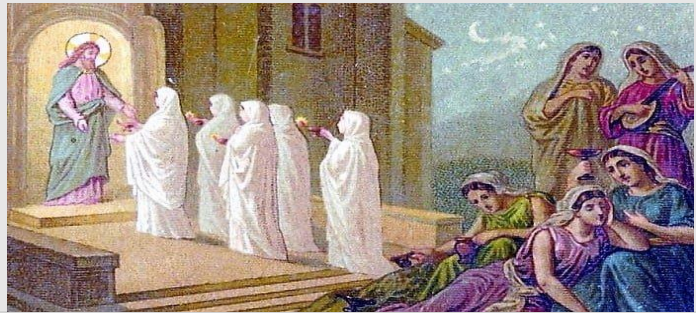
(Prayer after Communion)

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

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Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

First Reading

Second Reading

Gospel

Wisdom 6:12-16

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus stresses the importance of being prepared and vigilant. The key is readiness: five of the virgins are wise and bring extra oil, while the other five are unprepared and get left out. While it might seem unkind that the prepared virgins don't share their oil, the focus is not on that detail. The story serves as a metaphor for being spiritually prepared.

This parable for the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year encourages us to always be ready for unexpected events in life and, by extension, for our own spiritual journey. We can't rely on others to be prepared for us. Each of us is responsible for our own readiness—whether that's in our faith, our relationships, or our personal endeavors. Just as the wise virgins brought extra oil to ensure they wouldn't miss the bridegroom; we too should take steps to be fully prepared in our own lives.

In a practical sense, this could mean regular prayer, ethical actions, and ongoing self-improvement. These "reserves of oil" enable us to face whatever comes our way with a readiness that aligns with our spiritual and ethical foundations. Being prepared allows us to participate fully when opportunities—expected or not—come into our lives.

GOD'S BLESSINGS

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

DATE	GREETERS	ACOLYTE	1 st READING	2 nd READING	INTERCESSION
Nov. 12th	Sharon M.	Deb I.	Dawn A.	Tony Mc	Ross P.
Nov. 19th	Ross P.	Bob P.	Michelle B	Tony Mc	Dawn A.



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



Let Us Pray for.....

Michael Sullivan, a friend of St. Francis, who is hospitalized with a foot infection. Prayers for healing and comfort 11/5

Robert Stahley, DJ's Stepfather who has passed, for the repose of his soul and peace and comfort for the family. 10/15

Rick Hamilton, a member of St. Francis who is now home from rehab and is walking better. Prayers for healing and comfort and a full recovery. 11/12

Fr. Tom Wilt, who is now at home and doing better. Continued prayers for he & Marge. 11/12

Kevin Curtis, who was diagnosed with Parkinson's and is now doing better. Prayers for continued healing and comfort. 10/01

Kim Rifenburg, Larry Roush's neighbor who is back in the hospital with lung problems. Prayers for comfort and healing and a full recovery. 11/12

Danny O'Grady, John's nephew who is continuing to undergo medical testing. Prayers for healing and comfort. 10/01

Eileen and Mark Gilbert, friends of Ross Pickreign. Both are recovering well from recent surgeries. Prayers of thanksgiving and for continued healing. 8/27

Jerry Heavey, who is now home and recovering from a surgical procedure. Prayers for continued healing and comfort, and a full recovery. 11/12

Jeannie Christie, who is having medical testing. Also, her husband, Scott is dealing with cancer, prayers for healing and comfort for both of them. 6/5

Pedro Rodriguez, Gina's Dad who is continuing to recover in rehab from a leg amputation. Prayers for healing and comfort. 9/10

Gina Aponte, dealing with back pain and a blood clot, but she is feeling better Prayers for continued healing and comfort and a full recovery. 9/17

Patrick, Deb Imbach's brother-in-law, who is doing better after having back surgery on 7/14. Prayers for continued healing and Thanksgiving. 7/30

Julia Zolfo, who is continuing to recover from a fall and doing better. Prayers for healing and comfort. 5/14

Dennis Duckett, who continues to deal with cancer issues. Prayers for more good days for him and for peace and comfort for he & Cathy. 11/5

Ritchie Champagne, Leo's nephew who is continuing to undergo treatment for esophageal cancer and is responding well. Prayers for healing & comfort. 7/9

George Resler, who is dealing with bladder cancer and macular degeneration. Continued prayers for healing and comfort. 11/12

William Brower, whose foot is doing better. He is now dealing with vertigo. Continued prayers for healing, comfort and a full recovery. 11/5

Bobby Pirowski, Sharon Siuda's brother who passed away suddenly in September. May he rest in peace. Prayers of comfort for Sharon & her family. 9/24

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, that the war ends soon and they can begin the process of piecing their lives & country 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.

Interfaith Food Pantry Currently in need of Coffee & Tea bags & Cereal.



LOOKING AHEAD

Nov. 18th Parish Council Mtg. 10:00 am Via Zoom

Nov. 19th Sunday Mass 10:30 am Live & via Zoom
Followed by Annual meeting, Potluck
luncheon and Gift Basket Raffle

Nov. 26th Sunday Mass 10:30 am Live & via Zoom

2023 Community Council

Council Chair: Leo Champagne 727-215-3217

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Council at Large/ Recording Sec: Gina Aponte

Council at Large: Lorraine Kerr

Council at Large: Rhonda Gillispie 605-890-2420

Council ad-hock member: Natalie Madar

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



Heidi Weidmann BD 11/13

"Gracious God, we gather before you on this beautiful morning to praise and worship your holy name.

We thank you for the gift of another day, and we invite your spirit to be present in our midst.

As we come together to worship, may our hearts be open to your word and our minds receptive to your teachings.

Guide us in our worship, that we may glorify you through our songs, prayers, and reflections.

Bless our time together with your divine presence in the Eucharist, and in our midst, and may your love and grace fill this place. Speak to us, comfort us, and inspire us to be the light in this world.

We offer this morning worship to you, surrendering ourselves to your will and seeking to grow in our faith and understanding of your truth. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen."