



# ST. FRANCIS

## ECUMENICAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Priest - Fr. Patrick Wenrick

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MASS Each Sunday at 10:30 am.

**ALL ARE WELCOME – NO EXCEPTIONS**

*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.*

January 29, 2023

" Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time"

Volume 8 Issue 5

### (Prayer after Communion)

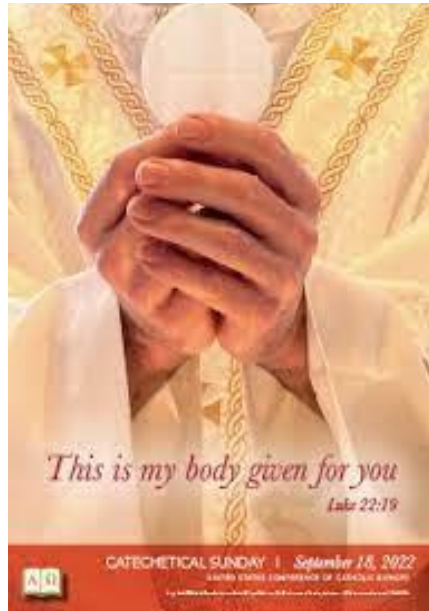
Lord, make me an instrument of your peace, where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy;

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

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

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1st Reading

Zephania 2:3; 3 12-13

2nd Reading

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Gospel

Matthew 5:12a

As we look into the famous 'Beatitudes' described in this week's Gospel, we learn that the Divine Mercy is the path to true joy. The more we allow the Divine Mercy to flow through us the more it grows in us. Once we eliminate the idolatrous rivals of wealth, pleasure, power, and honor and make Christ the priority in our lives we begin to live like saints."

In the beatitudes, the Son of God tells us what every one of us, deep down, wants to know: how to be happy. So, we must listen with great attentiveness. At the heart of the program is the beatitude: blessed are the merciful. This is because mercy is a participation in the divine life itself. All of the other beatitudes center around and relate to this one."

### God's Blessings

#### LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

DATE	GREETERS	ACOLYTE	1 <sup>st</sup> READING	2 <sup>nd</sup> READING	INTERCESSION
Jan. 29 <sup>th</sup>	DJ	Deb I.	Vicki	Tony Mc	Ross

## St. Francis' Ministries

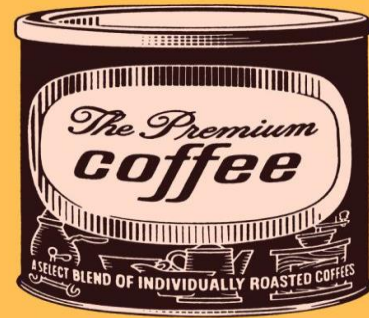
Hospitality Ministry, John Swatek / Julia Zolfo  
Comm. Care Ministry, John O'Grady / David Baughman  
Financial Management Ministry, Larry Roush  
Fundraising & Development Ministry, Lorraine Kerr  
Outreach and Growth Ministry, Sharon Meade

Let Us Pray for.....



Dawn Esworthy, best friend of D.J., who was recently diagnosed with breast cancer. Prayers for healing and comfort. 1/8  
Richard Crowe, friend of John & Leo who is undergoing diagnostic testing. Prayers for healing and comfort. 1/8  
Betty Winslow, Terry's Mom who passed away. May she rest in peace. Prayers for Terry, Debbie and their family. 1/1  
Ruth Ann Cushman. Prayers for her as she moves into the next phase of her retirement in Tennessee. 1/29  
Julio Perez, for the repose of his soul. Julio died in an accident on September 18th. May God rest his soul and may he rest in peace.  
Joe Damico, spouse of Pam Trott, (out-of-town member) who passed away suddenly on 12/3. Prayers for Pam & her family. 12/11  
Rich Champagne, Leo's 43 y/o nephew who is undergoing treatment for esophageal cancer. Prayers for healing & comfort. 11/6  
Mike Velez, who is continuing to recover from appendicitis surgery. Prayers for continued healing and comfort. 1/29  
Albert Whitestone, DJ's Brother who is recovering from a heart attack and stent placement. Prayers of healing and comfort. 11/6  
George Resler, who is currently undergoing continued treatment and recovering from a fall. Prayers for healing and comfort. 11/13  
Vickie Lee, who is recovering from a broken wrist & shoulder. May God's healing and comfort be upon her. 10/23  
Nancy O'Donnell, a snowbird member who is continuing to recover from a broken ankle. Prayers for healing and comfort. 10/23  
Prayers for all those who have been affected by the blizzard in Buffalo, N.Y. May God hold them all in the palm of his hand. 1/1  
For those who are dealing with mental illness, and for their families, may God's healing touch be upon them.  
John Speck, brother of Vicki Lee, who is now home and still recovering from gallbladder surgery. 10/23  
For the people of Ukraine, that the war end soon and they can begin the process of piecing their lives back together. 11/6  
William Brower, for an upcoming surgical procedure on his foot. Prayers for healing and comfort. 1/22  
Bobby Pirowski, Sharon Siuda's brother, mental health issues, prayers for strength and courage, peace and comfort for the family. 3/27  
Heather Bader, friend of DJ & Deb. Heather is the caretaker for her aging mother who had multiple health issues. 5/15  
Jennifer Cerillo Emanuel, friend of Michael & Cheryl Velez. Battling ovarian cancer 7/11  
**MASS CARDS - Sympathy Mass Cards are available at the church.**

Interfaith Food Pantry  
Currently in need of Coffee & Tea



## LOOKING AHEAD

February 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Mass 10:30 am Live & via Zoom  
February 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday Mass 10:30 am Live & via Zoom  
Followed by Souper Bowl Pot Luck luncheon.  
February 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday Mass 10:30 am Live & via Zoom  
Memorial Mass for Rolland Menard and Julio Perez  
February 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday Mass 10:30 am Live & via Zoom

## 2022 Community Council

**Council Chair: Leo Champagne 727-215-3217**  
**Secretary/Treasurer: Larry Roush 704-301-5165**  
**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**



**No Birthdays or Anniversaries This Week.**  
**Let's Celebrate Life**

Dear Father of all, Help us to see the world through your eyes, without dividing lines, To see just land and water, mountains, trees and skies. Help us to lay aside our class and skin, our background and race, To know our shared humanity, to see a brother or sister in every face. Help us to wear forgiveness, to lay down our pride and pain, To seek first to understand, Lord may peace and reconciliation reign. Help us to feel your compassion so we can freely forgive. May we weave new threads of grace and cause seeds of hope to live. Help us to play our own small part, with acts of kindness and of care. May we arise as your children and seek out what is just and fair. Cause us to make new bonds of trust with neighbours near and far, And so to fashion a world where peace comes to Earth in this hour.