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St. Francis

Ecumenical Catholic church

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**Priest - Fr. Patrick Wenrick**

**Deacon – Michael Maurice**

**MASS Each Sunday at 10:30am.**

**ALL ARE WELCOME – NO EXCEPTIONS**



St. Francis’ Mission

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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.

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***“The Good Shepherd and A place to rest and pray”***

Today’s readings all focus on Jesus as the Good Shepherd calling all people to God (No exceptions). Last week, Jesus sent his apostles out on their mission which was a great success, but now after their return they are weary. Jesus aware of this, insists they have a quiet place to rest. Perhaps today’s Gospel asks us to evaluate the balance in our lives between work and taking a break from life’s demands. *Where does prayer fit into our day?* Stories in Jesus’ ministry reassure us that God never turns any of us away. This reality must also be balanced with the need to “care for ourselves as caregivers”. Burnout is no help to ourselves or others! Jesus shows the apostles the extent of their ministry to people. They also are shepherds of the flock, feeding and protecting them, reassuring them of Jesus’ continued presence through words and deeds. Jesus demonstrates the truth of his teaching “Ask and you will receive. Seek and you will find.” God’s loving care for all is expressed in the picture of the good shepherd. Jesus’ life is to be understood as an example to his followers; feeding the hungry, spreading the Gospel to those without hope, and caring for those who search and hunger for God is to be their first concern. Everyone who hears of Jesus is drawn to him. The promise God makes to the people through Jeremiah is of a gentle leader who will guide and shepherd them. Jesus is just such a shepherd, but he is a shepherd for the poor, the lost and the outcasts. Are these the same qualities that we are to strive for? Have we been called to be shepherds of God’s people?

***God’s Blessings,***

Deacon Michael W. Maurice, Worship and Religious Education Ministry

**(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**

CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE: IF YOU HAVE ANY PRAYER PETITIONS or PRAYERS OF THANKS, (727) 234-1380)

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**Liturgical Ministry Schedule**

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| **DATE** | **GREETERS** | **ACOLYTE** | **1st READING** | **2ND READING/**  **INTERCESSION** | **EUCHARIST MINISTER** |
| **July 18th** | Ross P. | George R. | Tony Mc | Jim H. | Deacon Michael |
| **July 25th** | Sharon/Lorr | Deb I. | Dawn A. | Tony Mc | Deacon Michael |
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| **Dec. 30** |  |  |  |  |  |

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Interfaith Food Pantry, Inc. Current List of Staples As of 2/20/21

Soup (cans, but no broth please) Ramen Noodles Tuna (cans) Meat (stew, Spam, ham, chicken, etc.) Fruit (cans) Vegetables (cans) Instant Oatmeal (indiv. pkgs) Breakfast Bars Manwich, Hash, Chili, Pork & Beans (Baked Beans) Spaghetti or Pasta (boxes) Spaghetti Sauce (Pasta Sauce) Pudding & Jello (small boxes) Peanut Butter Jelly/Jam (no glass) White Potatoes (cans or pkgs) Coffee-ground (no K-cups or flavors) Plain White Rice (not Minute) Mac & Cheese Cake & Brownie Mixes Condiments (small) Cereal (boxes) Black Beans Tomatoes (Diced, Sauce, Paste) Tea Bags (not Family Size or Iced Tea) Crackers (in sleeves) Gravy (cans or packages) Non-food items: Toilet Paper; Masks! Not needed right now: Dry Beans, Snacks, Candy, Beverages (no juice, soda, etc.) Please avoid items packaged in glass, where possible. Thanks so much.

*St. Francis’ Ministries*

Music Ministry, Michael Velez

Hospitality Ministry, Julio P. & Sue W.

Community Care Ministry, Terry Winslow

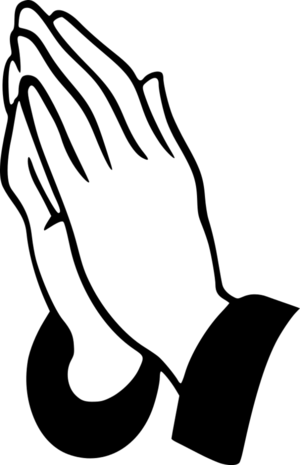
Financial Management Ministry, Larry Roush

Worship & Education Ministry, Michael Maurice

Fundraising & Development Ministry, Lorraine Kerr

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Outreach and Growth Ministry – (Needing Volunteers)

***Let Us Pray for…….*** **

Terri Neal, friend of Julia Zolfa is in need of prayers. 5/16

Ellie Wilson, niece of Fr. Pat & Sue. Recovering from a broken leg and ankle. Prayers for healing, comfort and reduction of pain. 5/16

Jennifer Cerillo Emanuel, friend of Michael & Cheryl Velez. Battling ovarian cancer 7/11

Ed Dospoy, friend of David and Tony. Dealing with serious health issues, has COVID and possibly cancer 6/6

Michael Williams, Daniella’s son. Recovering from surgery for a fall, resulting in a shattered heel. Prayers for healing and comfort.

Doris Faulkner, sister-in-law of Deb. For the repose of her soul and for peace & comfort for her family and all who loved her. 6/13.

Two friends of Julia Zolfo. Sarah Beth, a 2 year old with inoperable brain tumor and Haley, hospitalized with juvenile diabetes. Prayers for healing. 7/4

Tyson, Debi Imbach’s nephew, hospitalized with COVID pneumonia.

Jerry Heavey, Recovering from medical testingand healing prayers for upcoming surgery. 6/27

Carmelita McCabe, friend of Julia Zolfo. Dealing with lung issues. Prayers for healing and comfort. 5/2

Larry and Todd Cole, Debbie Faulkner’s brother-in-law and great nephew, still battling the effects of COVID-19.

Connor O’Brien, 14 y/o grandson of a friend of Ross Pickerign who will be having radical brain surgery in July. Prayers for healing and comfort. 6/13

Gail Meade, Sharon’s sister who is dealing with stage 4 Colon Cancer. Prayers for peace and comfort.

Richard DeStevens, friend of Ross Pickreign, dealing with bladder cancer.

David Hayford, ECC Treasurer and friend of John & Leo who was recently diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Prayers for peace & comfort. 7/11

Savero (Sam) Greto. Friend of Betty B. undergoing treatment for lung cancer. Prayers for healing and comfort and peace for him and his loved ones.

David Pickerign, Ross’s brother who is undergoing medical testing. Prayers for healing and comfort.

Melvin Schwartz, friend of Julia Zolfo, waiting on results of lung biopsy. Prayers for healing and comfort. 5/9

Leonard Miczynski, relative of John O’Grady. Hospitalized again and now under hospice care. Prayers for peace & comfort. 5/23

**MASS CARDS - Sympathy Mass Cards are available by contacting the church office (727-234-1380)**

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***Upcoming Anniversaries and Birthdays***

Debra Faulkner BD 7/18

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**July 23rd Friday night Social Hour 7 – 8 PM Via Zoom**

**July 25th Sunday Mass 10:30 AM Live and Via Zoom**

**July 30th Friday night Social hour 7- 8 PM Via Zoom**

**Aug. 1st Sunday Mass 10:30 AM Live and Via Zoom**

**Aug. 6th Friday night Social Hour 7 – 8 PM Via Zoom**

**Aug. 8th Sunday Mass 10:30 AM Live and Via Zoom**

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2020 Community Council

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