

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 28, 2018**



SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2018

5:30 P.M. Tom Norton`
Tom Karwacki
Anne McEntee Molnar
Bernie Carr
Intentions of Grace Garbarino

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2018

7:30 A.M. Parishioners
Ida Brown
Alejandra Tindoc
10:00 A.M. Dorothy & Frank Orofino
Shirley & Roy Parian
Rocco Tarulli
Raul "Roy" Rodriguez
12:00 NOON Dennis DeSalvo
Fred Akel
Henryka Przybysz, Henryk & Vincent Przybysz

MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 2018

8:00 A.M. Msgr. Hans Weidner

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2018

8:00 A.M. Marie Looby

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2018

8:00 A.M. Eleanor Leppin

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2018

8:00 A.M. PARISH PURGATORIAL
Special Intentions

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2018

5:30 P.M. Dick Shull
Tom Karwacki
Pauline Glacken
Eileen Sisco
Connie Vergari

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2018

7:30 A.M. Parishioners
John McPartland
Anna Post
Edward Garruto
10:00 A.M. Celeste Cutrone
Arthur Boyd
Regina Kunz
12:00 NOON Joseph Balega
Mary Ruocco
Arlene Barna
Intentions of Mike Durkin

Pray daily for the servicemen and women serving our country.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Mary Carton Jacob Hicks Evelyn Means
Tom Guzowski Audrey Grace Higgins Ava Rae Nebbia
Gary Ragusa Florence Grim Alex Haines Larry Perry
Baby Michael Soojian Jan Hongo Susan Nichols-Boggio
Baby Ryder Sasso Carmela Fusco Frank Morici
Frances De Maria Dorothea King Jerome Foray
Manuel Esguerra Eileen McPartland George Link
Rosemary Liebman Cenelia Soto Frank Sanclementi
Sharon Acquaie Noah Lorencovitz Sandra Pacifico
Sister Marie Louise Amida Jaloudi Grace Garbarino
Barbara Kincaid Carmela Caropreso Bitondo Mike Durkin

DECEASED: Mary Ruocco Arlene Barna
Gabe Bellantoni

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday – \$5,165.00

Thank you for your continued support.



Dear friends in Christ,

The Gospel of Mark today tells us about Jesus in the synagogue at Capernaum. Jesus teaches as one having authority and the people recognize that immediately. Even more, Jesus commands unclean spirits and they obey Him. This scares the people and they are no longer certain that Jesus comes from God. They have become accustomed to a safe practice of their faith and the actions of Jesus begin to challenge their sense of security. Jesus challenges us! Faith in God is not about being secure. Faith in God is about having a living relationship with God, a personal relationship—and because of that relationship, doing the will of God in every aspect of our life. Far too often we hope that if we just do the right things, we can somehow achieve salvation. We need to become acutely aware of the difference between performing actions to appease God and acting out of a deep, personal relationship with the living God. The Christian tradition recognizes both chaste celibates and married women and men as saints: those who have followed God as completely as possible in this life. When we read an honest life of a saint, we begin to understand a bit what it means to live out of a deep, personal relationship with God. God has raised up a prophet for us, Jesus the Christ. God has given us His own Son to be our Savior, Jesus Christ. It is this Jesus who challenges us today to see His presence in our world and to respond with our whole being to that presence. You and I can convert the whole world, if we live from that relationship.

St. Marianne Cope

Feast Day: January 23

Marianne was born on January 23, 1838 to Peter and Barbara Cope of Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany. Her full name was Maria Anna Barbara, but she was called Barbara after her mother. Two years later, the Cope family immigrated to the United States and settled in Utica, New York. Young Barbara worked in a factory until August 1862, and then decided she would like to join the Sisters of the Third Order of Saint Francis in Syracuse, New York. She went to the convent, and after professing her vows, she began teaching at a parish school.

Marianne, (now called Mother Marianne), was a natural leader and held several very important positions, including Mother Superior, novice mistress and superior of St. Joseph's Hospital in Syracuse. She was elected provincial of her Order in 1877 and unanimously re-elected in 1881. Two years later, the Hawaiian government was searching for someone to run the Kakaako Receiving Station; this was a holding area for people suspected of having leprosy. When the request was made to Mother Marianne, she and 35 of her sisters volunteered immediately. On October 22, 1883, they left for Hawaii. On arrival, they took charge of the Kakaako Receiving Station

outside Honolulu. They also opened a hospital and school for girls on the island of Maui.

In 19th-century, the people of Hawaii were terrified of leprosy, but Mother Marianne and the sisters were not afraid. They responded to the sick with great generosity of spirit. In 1888, Mother Marianne and two sisters went on to Molokai to open a home for “unprotected women and girls” there. On Molokai, she took charge of the home that St. Damien de Veuster had established for men and boys. Mother Marianne changed life on Molokai. She introduced principles of cleanliness, instilled pride in the people she cared for, and showed them how to live joyful lives. Her sisters have attracted vocations among the Hawaiian people and they still work on Molokai today.

St. Marianne Cope, O.S.F. (Sisters of St. Francis) died on August 9, 1918 and was beatified in 2005. She was canonized seven years later by Pope Benedict XVI and is the patron saint of outcasts.

KIDNEY NEEDED

Fran Ferraro is a parishioner in our parish who needs, most of all, your prayers, but who is in need of a kidney. Sometimes just knowing of a need or talking about it, brings amazing results.

So, in your conversations, you may want to bring this topic up because you never know whose ears that this story falls upon, might be the lifesaving ones. But, above all, prayers are priceless. Thank you and God bless you.

"St. Joseph's Table Save the Date"

Please mark your calendars for our 3rd. annual St. Joseph's Table.

The date is Saturday, March 17, after the 5:30 Mass.

This is a special event for St. Francis Church, so please clear your calendars.

More information to follow.

Thank you for your support.

CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS!

Thank you to all who participated in our Calendar Raffle!
 Congratulations to the following winners:

Week 5 Winners

Date	Prize	Ticket #	Winner
1/21/18	\$ 50.	123	Brianna Nichols
1/22/18	\$ 25.	522	Frank Lord
1/23/18	\$ 25.	551	Patricia Ring
1/24/18	\$ 25.	571	Marie Bisaccio
1/25/18	\$ 25.	434	Cody Wilson
1/26/18	\$ 25.	571	Marie Bisaccio
1/27/18	\$ 25.	516	Fritzie Castro

ADORATION AT ST. FRANCIS CHAPEL

Once again we are planning to spend time with Jesus through an overnight adoration of the Blessed Sacrament starting on the First Friday. February 2nd, at 7:00 pm through Saturday, February 3rd just before the 11:00 am Mass. The Mass will be followed by the Fatima novena honoring our Blessed Mother.

We thank all those who participated in the January overnight and hope that experience would move them to join us again. We hope that others would also be interested in spending some time with Jesus to strengthen their own spiritual lives, as well as to foster the growth of the parish as a whole.

To become a part of the overnight adoration, call Jane at the rectory, give her the time that you will be at adoration, and she will give you the code to open the side door lock. The door will lock behind you so that all the doors of the Church will be locked. The Blessed Sacrament will be housed in a locked, glass door tabernacle. If you have to leave and no one is in the chapel, the Lord will be safe.

Please join us as we seek to deepen our relationship with the Lord.

For those who are interested, there is also adoration for 1 hour on the 3rd Saturday of every month before the 5:30 pm Mass. With Lent just around the corner, this would be a wonderful way to start your Lenten journey. Hope you will be able to share this experience with us!

176 CATHOLIC DIOCESES WITH SCHOOLS

Nearly 1.9 Million Total Catholic School

6,429 Catholic schools

5,224 elementary

1,205 secondary

Student Enrollment

1,309,429 in Elementary/Middle Schools

569,395 in Secondary Schools

78.4% of Catholic schools serve students with special needs.

Student diversity

20.7% are racial minorities

16.8% are Hispanic/Latino

Full-time equivalent professional staff numbered

152,883:

97.4% Laity

(Lay women: 75.3% Lay men: 22.1%)

2.6% Religious/Clergy

(Sisters: 1.6%; Brothers: 0.5%; Clergy: 0.5%)

Student/teacher ratio is 12:1

Every Catholic school student receives a faith-based, Academically excellent education that forms them in mind, body and spirit.

Based on the average public school per pupil cost per pupil cost of \$11,066, Catholic schools provide more than 20 billion dollars a year savings for the nation.

LENTEN MISSION: 2018

I know we have not yet caught our breath from Christmas; however, Ash Wednesday is February 14th. This means the Emmaus group is preparing for the eleventh year of our parish Lenten Mission.

What is Lenten Mission? Groups gather in parishioners' homes to prepare for the Sunday liturgies during the six weeks of Lent. We have been doing this for eleven years, and 50 to 60 of us have been a part of this program each year. The groups are fluid; each year there are new faces.

This year we will use another book from the "Six Weeks with the Bible" series from the Loyola Press (www.loyolapress.com/six-weeks) entitled *Matthew: How to Be Happy*. (Who does not want to be happy?) One difference is we are asking you to purchase the book this year. The price (including postage) is \$9.00) Emmaus is unable to hold the Fish and Chicken Fry dinner this year. In former years we used the profit from the dinner to pay for the books.

During the six weeks of Lent, we will focus on selected passages from Matthew and the Old Testament. There will be a bible study element with some background material, but the primary focus will be on our relationship with Jesus as viewed in the light of the gospel selection. What happens is that, as we explore the gospel together, our understanding and love of Jesus deepens and our bond with one another strengthens. It's a win-win.

You may sign up the weekends of Jan. 27-28, and Feb. 3-4. Sign up slips will be in the bulletin those weekends and in the narthex. The box for the sign up slips will also be in the narthex. You may also sign up on line or call the rectory. The groups will meet on different days and at different times, and we hope one choice will fit your schedule. Please consider becoming part of the Lenten Mission this year.

ST. FRANCIS LENTEN MISSION: MATTHEW: HOW TO BE HAPPY

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Preference(s): (Please indicate first and second preference).

Day of the week: Wed. _____ Thurs. _____ Sun. _____

Time of Day: Morning _____ - Afternoon _____ Evening _____

PARISH HAPPENINGS

January & February

1/20 – 2/4	Sign up -LENTEN MISSION
2/3 – 2/4	Overnight ADORATION 7PM – 11 AM
2/4	FATIMA MASS & NOVENA 11 AM
2/4	K OF C SUPER BOWL CHICKEN WINGS
2/5	LADIES GUILD MEETING 7:30 PM
2/6	K OF C COUNCIL MEETING 8 PM CHURCH HALL
2/14	ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES
2/17	FAITH RENEWAL HOLY HOUR 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM
	FAITH RENEWAL MASS 5:30 PM
2/18	K OF C sponsored SPELLING BEE 2 PM CHURCH HALL
2/22	K OF C COUNCIL MEETING 8 PM CHURCH HALL

LADIES GUILD NEWS

The St. Francis of Assisi Ladies' Guild will meet at 7:30 PM in the church hall on Monday, February 5th, 2018. All women are welcome - please join us for an evening of prayer, friendship, refreshments, enjoyment, and service to God and our parish.



LAKELAND NURSING HOME SCHEDULE SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2018

Hatima Omolon & Pat Demarest

LECTORS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2018

5:30 P.M. Pat Demarest

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2018

7:30 A.M. Barbara Garruto

10:00 A.M. Chris Marren

12 NOON Hatima Omolon

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2018

5:30 P.M. Maria Invernion & Martha Bisaccio

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2018

7:30 A.M. Linda & Jim Hartigan

10:00 A.M. Annie Rivera & Judy Moran

12 NOON Linda O'Connell & John Arendas

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2018

5:30 P.M. Scott & Steven Bracken

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2018

7:30 A.M. Elizabeth Reid

10:00 A.M. Kelly Frisina & Jonathan Hogue

12 NOON James Nichols & Aaron Manalili



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Sunday, January 28, 10am - 2pm

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