

CARNIVAL NEWS

Our St. Francis Carnival is just around the corner July 17-July 21. And we are planning something new this year—something that I believe St. Francis will really like. There are families in Wanaque Borough that do not come to the carnival because they cannot afford to pay for the rides for their kids. We would like to help them out. As you seasoned carnival lovers know, designated nights at the carnival are “bracelet nights.” This means you buy a bracelet for your child and, that night, he or she can ride every ride at the carnival for that one price. This year, every night is bracelet night and bracelets are \$30 each.

We are asking you to donate money for bracelets for families that cannot afford them. Any amount you donate will go towards buying a bracelet. If we have bracelets for every child—wonderful! If not, we will pick numbers from a bowl and let the winners know that they have won. Our town nurse will identify eligible families and the families will be identified to us by number to respect their privacy.

We will have “bracelet baskets” at the two entrances to the church for donations, or you can give your donation to Jane in the rectory. If you cannot go to the carnival, this is a great way to contribute: families get to enjoy a night out and St. Francis reaps the profit from the bracelet sales. St. Francis was a joyful man who loved the poor. I think he would say that this is a win-win.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI 57TH ANNUAL PARISH CARNIVAL

This year’s carnival will be held from Tuesday, July 17th until Saturday, July 21st. Please note it will run for 5 days instead of 6. We have the usual need of volunteers, so we are asking that you seriously consider volunteering your time to help run a successful carnival. Think about giving your time as a way of giving back for all the good in your life.

The volunteer sign-up forms can be found by the church entrances. Please fill one out and return it to the rectory. Your help is greatly needed. Each year we ask our parishioners for donated items to help defray the cost of the parish. For those of you who can help us with these items, the following is a list of only what is needed.

- Bottled Water (16.9 oz. Bottles)
- Coffee (Regular & Decaf)
- Tea Bags (Regular & Decaf)
- Ketchup
- Mustard
- Powdered Sugar
- Dish Towels
- Scour Pads

We appreciate any and all contributions to our carnival.

Thank you to all who are able to donate items.

Advance Ride Tickets are available in the rectory. A sheet of 15 tickets costs \$10.00.

Bracelet Nights will be every night of the carnival. They will be available on the church grounds during the carnival, weather permitting. The cost for a bracelet is \$30.

SUPER 50/50 RAFFLE TICKETS

Fr. Greg received an email from Msgr. Mahoney from the Paterson Diocesan Office. It was a notification to all churches in the diocese that as a non-profit institution we are prohibited to mail raffle tickets through the US Postal Service 18 U.S.C. 1302. It is a federal crime. We are

permitted to mail an advertisement, however, the raffle tickets themselves cannot be mailed.

The tickets will be available for pickup in the Narthex starting this weekend after all Masses. Members of the Ladies Guild will be there for distribution. All parishioners who currently receive monthly donation envelopes will have an envelope with two books enclosed. We ask that you give her your name and street address and she will give you your pre-labelled envelope. Please do not fill them out then. Take them home to do that and return them either the following week at Mass or drop them off at the rectory. If you do not receive donation envelopes and would like to have a book or more of 10 tickets, you may do that. Just mentioned it to the Ladies Guild rep. We will not be selling individual tickets. You can purchase them at the rectory or at the carnival.

We ask that you support the Super 50/50. Please stop by and pick up your tickets. This rule is going to affect all parishes and our Super 50/50 will not be successful if our parishioners don't support it. Tickets will also be available at the rectory Monday – Friday 9am – 4pm.

Last year's winning prizes were: (cont'd)

First prize – 50%:	\$1,487.50
Second prize – 25%	\$ 892.50
Third prize – 10%	\$ 595.00

Please don't let this rule affect a successful raffle for our parish. Thank you!