

# Saint Francis of Assisi Church

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## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 07, 5:00 pm (English)  
+ Frank Carta r/b Karen & Larry  
Boule.

Sunday, July 08, 9:00 am (English)  
Sunday, July 08, 12 noon, (Spanish)

+ Sister Cecilia RODA, r/b Primi  
+ Maria Natalia Sarabia (1st ann)

Monday, July 09, 5:00 pm

Tuesday, July 10, 5:00 pm

Wednesday, July 11, NO MASS

Thursday, July 12, 5:00 pm

Friday, July 13, NO MASS

Saturday, July 14, 5:00 pm (English)

+ Frank Carta r/b Karen & Larry  
Boule

Sunday, July 15, 9:00 am (English)

Sunday, July 15, 12 noon (Spanish)

+ Ofelia Rodriguez & Maria Lilia  
Miranda

## 14<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

July 08, 2018

### OUR WEEKLY OFFERTORY

July 01, 2018 = \$3,368.00

July 5, 2017 = \$3,600.00

YTD (Year to Date)

2017/18 = \$3,368.00

2016/17 = \$3,600.00



THE SECOND COLLECTION  
IS FOR FUEL

## ATTENDANCE FOR June 30 & July 01, 2018

Sat. 5:00 pm = 53

Sun. 9:00 am = 81

Sun. 12 noon = 90

**TOTAL = 224**

**HEALING PRAYERS FOR:** Helen  
LoGuidice Bousquet, Rick Csuhata,  
Jack Romegialli, Norma Ramirez,  
Faith LeBoeuf, Edward James  
Rosado, Pablo Alborado, Frank &  
Sandy Magnoli, Sue d'Antonio.

Our fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30. We will publish a full report as soon as all the bills are paid and the checks clear. Our overall financial picture is "OK" but nothing to shout about. We are a small parish that has had to make a lot of major repairs and we still owe the Diocese \$97,000.00 from past insurance bills and our 10% tax called "cathedraticum." To put ourselves on a more stable course, we need \$4,000.00 a week and you can easily see we are not getting that. The good news is that we are up to date on all our parish bills to the Diocese.

## HINKA'S CUPBOARD

The next food pantry date is July 26. We are beginning to collect clothing, sheets, curtains, cloth for a Savers fundraiser. Donations can be brought to the church hall until August 17.



WEEKLY  
CEREAL &  
CAN GOODS  
REPORT  
53 lbs. & \$00.00

## PARISH PICNIC - JULY 15.

This year the parish picnic will be at Smith Park here in Middletown. We would like to see both communities participate in this happy time and hopefully the weather will be great, as it has been.

## CONSTRUCTION WORK

The parish hall drainage project is now complete. No water from the east side of the hall should enter the hall in any way shape or form. Ivan, the Spanish director, will finish the entrances with pavers. This was a big project and it is unfortunate that it was not done differently when it was originally built.

## ODDS AND ENDS

On Monday, July 2, at 1:00 pm, we had a very productive meeting with a representative from LPI, which is a bulletin company based in Cromwell. We are going to sign up for their program and start doing a bilingual color bulletin in September.

Vanco, the largest electronic giving company in the country for Catholic parishes, has sent me a number of pages of information regarding how this kind of program could work here at St. Francis. I have mentioned electronic giving a number of times and there has not been a very positive response. Maybe this time.

LPI also does electronic giving programs. So we now have two to compare.

The Blood Drive, originally scheduled for Thursday, August 9, has to be moved to Saturday, August 11. I certainly hope this works out. Summer time is when blood is most needed.

## PRO LIFE NEWS

The big national news seems to be the retirement of Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy, no relation. He is 81 years old and has served on the Court for thirty years and is often considered a swing vote, neither allied with the liberal or conservative four justices on either side.

The hot question for many years is will the Supreme Court, at some point in time, repeal the 1973 Roe v Wade decision regarding abortion. The media is full of optimism on the right and despair on the left. The fact is that nobody knows what will happen down the road. No matter who replaces Kennedy, there is no guarantee about anything regarding Roe v Wade. We must wait and see.

Even if Roe v Wade is overturned, women will still get abortions. The most effective way to curtail abortions is with good conception prevention methods, a.k.a. birth control. The best one is abstinence. However, given human nature, this will never be the most commonly used one. Again, the key to less abortions is preventing pregnancy in the first place.

If the weather is too hot and you do not feel safe coming to church, stay home and watch Mass on TV.

## CONNECTICUT LIGHTHOUSES

Join us on Tuesday, August 21, for a relaxing lunch and then cruise out on the ocean. We will begin with some time at the Olde Mistick Village and lunch at the Steak Loft. Your meal choices are; Chicken Teriyaki, Crab Cakes or BBQ Baby Back Ribs with Potato, Dessert and Coffee. We will then board the high speed SEA JET CATAMARAN for a 2 hour cruise which will take us past eight lighthouses; New London Ledge and Harbor, Avery Point, Watch Hill, Race Rock. Latimer Reef, North Dumpling and Little Gulf. Cost is \$107.00. If you are interested contact Sue Gombotz at 860-346-1870.

## BUS TRIPS

Still accepting passengers for our upcoming August 21st CT Lighthouse bus trip and the November 28th Newport Playhouse- "Doublewide Texas Christmas" show. Flyers/Registration forms are available at the church entrances or contact Sue Gombotz at (860) 346-1870 for further information.

## THE MULTICULTURAL EVENT is

approaching quickly. This very popular event is a lot of fun and continues to grow each year. Basically, each country provides a sampling of their native food to share with everyone and if they desire will share a custom (whether musical, dance, etc.). While our Hispanic community is well represented, we have numerous countries not represented by our parishioners. To make it a success, we are asking you to help us find individuals that will represent his/her family's native origin. Our parish is lucky to have a conglomeration of many nationalities. The representative (leader) will receive an e-vite ( email/text invitation) to participate in the Planning Meeting that will take place at the Parish Center on Sunday, July 22nd, 10:30 am  
We are looking for a leader to represents:  
The United States -England-Ireland -Philippines -Italy - Poland- Please add your country if it is not already listed.

## NO WORKSHOP THIS YEAR

I have decided not to attend the yearly workshop at St. Alphonso Retreat House in New Jersey, right on the ocean, due to a severe right hip / thigh strain. I can't take a chance of getting a cramp in my leg driving on the NJ Turnpike. I'm going for a MRI on Wednesday.

## **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AT ST. FRANCIS**

Adoration is held every 2nd Sunday between masses.

\*\*Adoration/Holy hour every Thursday at, 11 am – 5 pm.

\*\* Sister Gloria leads this and it is mostly in Spanish.

## **VISITING OUR SHUT- INS**

As our parish ages with the English-speaking community, we have more and more parishioners unable to get to church. We currently send out 19 bulletins but I'm sure the number could be triple that. We need coordination of our shut ins as well as those members of the Spanish community who can no longer attend mass.

## **CREMATION**

Yes, the Church does allow cremation and it has since the 1950's. Cremation is now very popular as well as doing funeral services in the funeral home. The Church would prefer a funeral Mass at the local parish with the body during Mass, cremated after Mass. However, this is not the Church's call, only their strong recommendation. The family makes the decisions. During my 43 year priest hood I have seen this change take place and I just go along with it. In fact, this week I had a funeral service at St. Mary cemetery because the family did not want any church or funeral home service. As I said, the family makes the decisions. My job is to proclaim the Gospel of God's love and forgiveness. I can do that anywhere. Luckily it was a very beautiful day.

## **CHESS TOURNAMENT?**

This past Thursday I was talking with Belki and Paola and I asked them what they thought about having a chess tournament here at St. Francis. I am a terrible chess player, being soundly defeated daily by my computer chess game. But chess is a great game and I wonder what you might think. I have absolutely no idea what this would entail. If you have some knowledge of this kind of event, please

Frank Carta is listed twice for July 7 and 14, is that correct?

Regarding the article on the Church's finances - add year after - Our fiscal

## **NEW PEOPLE NEEDED**

Being a Reader or Eucharistic Minister is not supposed to be a life time position. After three years it is highly recommended that new people come on board and those who are replaced can always help out when needed. They don't forget how to read or distribute Jesus' life-saving Body or Blood. They are always "on call."

## **ALL ARE WELCOME**

Whatever your current status in the Catholic Church, whatever your current family or marital situation, whatever your past or present religious affiliation, whatever your personal history, age, background or ethnicity, immigration status, sexual orientation, whatever your own self-image or esteem, you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected at the Church of St. Francis of Assisi.

## **PARISH BULLETIN – NEW EDITOR**

As much as I enjoy doing the parish bulletin, I think it is time for someone else to start doing it. It is not super time consuming, but it does take time. We would also like more coordination between the two parish bulletins, English and Spanish. If you are

## **KEEP IN CONTACT**

If you know a parishioner who is now unable to attend mass for whatever reason, please call the office so we can send them a bulletin and bring them Holy Communion.

## **ST JOHN PAUL 2 SCHOOL NEWS**

St. John Paul II School is currently looking to fill the position of Middle School Math teacher as well as a Second-Grade teacher. If you know of anyone that might be interested in joining our faculty, please have them submit a resume to the school.

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