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**You can still attend weekend mass virtually!**



**Saturday, July 11, Vigil of Sunday**  
 4:00 p.m. Michael Angelo Paraninfo by Gail & Paul Paraninfo

**Sunday, July 12, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 a.m. Rose Serafini by St. Francis Ladies Auxiliary

11:00 a.m. Kathie Rzodski by Family  
**Monday, July 13**  
 12:00 p.m. Eva & Joseph Vertefeuille by Family

**Tuesday, July 14**  
 8:00 a.m. Bill Martellaro by the Tierno Family

**Wednesday, July 15**  
 12:00 p.m. Souls in Purgatory

**Thursday, July 16**  
 8:00 a.m. Daniel Pagliarella by Jim & Rose

**Friday, July 17**  
**NO MASS**

**Saturday, July 18, Vigil of Sunday**  
 4:00 p.m. Liturgy for the People

**Sunday, July 19, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 a.m. Mary Alice Rieger by Marge Mangan

11:00 a.m. Emilia Czmor by Family

**Catherine's Cupboard**

Our parish pantry is open to anyone in need of food. We are open on the **1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.** No requirements except to show ID showing who you are. A person can come as often as needed. We are here to help, not to judge. So please pass the word to anyone you think may need assistance. Canned or dry goods, plus paper & personal care products (**toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, soap, baby diapers, women's personal items**) are always needed and welcome. Drop off in the barrel at the church foyer or leave the items in the Parish Center.

**Weekend's Offering (07-05-20)**

Regular Envelopes.....\$8,175.00  
 Loose Collection.....\$136.00  
 Electronic Collection.....\$27.50  
 Total Collection.....\$8,338.50

*Thank You for your generous contributions!*

**Faith Formation**

**Although we are no longer having face to face classes check you email for links to helpful sites.**



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FULL WEEK ONLINE!**

**"EarthKeepers"**, our Vacation Bible School (VBS) based on Laudato Si is up now! Just like other years VBS will have an opening and closing, music, skits, Bible Story, snacks and crafts. There will be ideas for fun activities as well. EarthKeepers is a 5 session VBS that can be enjoyed at your own pace. It will be online through Saturday, August 29th. Each session of VBS video is approximately 35-45 minutes long but would take about 60-75 minutes to complete (but that really depends on how involved your snack, craft and game time takes).

Parents, for a list of items to have around for craft and snack as well as helpful information visit our Vacation Bible School page [www.stfrancisbing.org/vacationbibleschool](http://www.stfrancisbing.org/vacationbibleschool). We hope you enjoy EarthKeepers.

A very heartfelt thank you to all who made Earth keepers a success, Ede Blabac, Melissa, Brendan and Logan Kliment, Cindy, Lauren and Kathryn White, Olivia Blaise, Cassie Blewette, James, Sarah and Mary Bush, Sue Ekstrom, Maria Kirk, and Fr. Tim for his ongoing support.

**WELCOME TO FR. JOSEPH MARINA, S.J.**

You will be noticing a new face on our videotaped liturgies, at mass on the weekend, and around the parish campus. Fr. Joe Marina is a Jesuit priest serving on the faculty and staff of LeMoyne College. He will be here from **July 5th—24th** covering the parish for us while I am away. It is great to have him, and I am sure you will make him feel welcome and at home!

— *Fr. Tim*

**Prayers . . .**

Please remember all of our parishioners who are in hospitals and nursing homes and our homebound. Also, please pray for our deceased parishioners and loved ones.



**Catherine's Cupboard Update!**

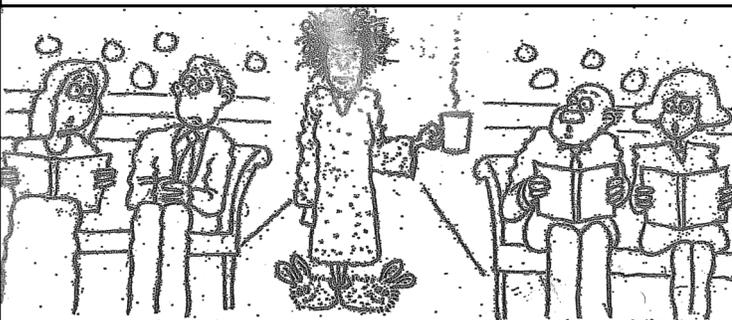
We wish to offer a sincere THANK YOU for everyone's support. Unfortunately for us we did not win the SOUTHERN TIER TUESDAY give away; we lost to the dogs (rescue shelter that is). Thank you to the Church of the Nazarene for their tremendous monthly food donations (July was all the extra's needed for a picnic). Another thank you to Schimmerling Law Office for the 100 bottles of sanitizer. Also, a huge thanks to Apple Hills for their soup (over 150 quarts) which our visitors love. Of course we can never thank all of you enough for giving your time and/or monetary donations to keep us going. A new volunteer work schedule is being put together. **If you want to help unload a truck or stock shelves on Tuesday morning or would like to help give out to families on Tuesday night please give Bev Krinik, our pantry organizer and manager, a call at 725-7645 or email [Bevkrinik@aol.com](mailto:Bevkrinik@aol.com).** We do not know when we will be in full mode yet thus no transporting on weekends is happening yet. If you want to drop off food at the pantry during Parish Center hours feel free! Again, THANK YOU, none of this is possible with out YOU!

**Why Volunteer?**

**There are so many reasons to volunteer:**

- † Lets you share your knowledge and talents.
- † Provides opportunities for making many new friends.
- † Brings the special fulfillment that comes only from helping others.
- † Helps you "get outside" yourself and put your own problems — even grief — in perspective.
- † Allows you to polish old skills and learn new ones.
- † Lets you "repay" an organization that has helped you or someone you love.

**So, go out and give volunteering a try!**



**Mrs. Jones got a little too used to watching online worship from home.**

**KOC Tom Mangan Memorial Golf Tournament Cancelled**

We regret to announce that the Annual Knights of Columbus Tom Mangan Golf Tournament 2020 has been cancelled. We hope to see all of you next July 2021. Thank you for your continued support always.



**Prayer for Healing Victims of Abuse**

*God of endless love,  
 ever caring, ever strong,  
 always present, always just:  
 You gave your only Son  
 to save us by the blood of his cross.  
 Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace,  
 join to your own suffering  
 the pain of all who have been hurt  
 in body, mind, and spirit  
 by those who betrayed the trust placed in them.  
 Hear the cries of our brothers and sisters  
 who have been gravely harmed,  
 and the cries of those who love them.  
 Soothe their restless hearts with hope,  
 steady their shaken spirits with faith.  
 Grant them justice for their cause,  
 enlightened by your truth.  
 Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts,  
 heal your people's wounds  
 and transform brokenness into wholeness.  
 Grant us the courage and wisdom,  
 humility and grace, to act with justice.  
 Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors.  
 Grant that all harmed by abuse  
 may find peace in justice.  
 We ask this through Christ, our Lord.  
 Amen.*

**Instructions for Celebration of the Sacraments as Gatherings Resume**

**In order to permit the celebration of Mass and the sacraments in a dignified, safe, and healthy manner, each parishioner must do the following:**

- Seek information from his/her parish regarding registration for Mass, and policies/ procedures.
- Remain home if sick, symptomatic, or at risk
- Wear a face mask in church (required) and, if possible, bring personal hand sanitizer
- Observe the commands on the posted signage and follow the directives of ushers

**Be aware that during this period, there will be:**

- No holy water in fonts
- No offertory procession
- No passing of the collection basket; baskets will be made available for offerings
- No hymnals or missalettes (unless your own)
- No congregating closely in or around the church

**Prepare for the reception of Holy Communion:**

- Masks will be worn by ALL
- Direction will be provided for those receiving
- The Precious Blood will NOT be offered
- Reception will involve: receiving the Body of Christ in the hand ONLY, stepping aside, lifting the mask, consuming the Eucharist, returning the mask

**Please follow these instructions, it may be difficult to do so at times, but we really want to keep everyone as safe and healthy as we can!**

**Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule**  
**Transportation**

Week of July 12th — George & Pat Clark

Week of July 19th — Marie Giordano

**Shelving (Mondays)**

July 13th — Alex Hayes & Carol

July 20th — E. & K. Corcoran

**Distribution**

July 21st — S. Orband, M. Mizzoni, L. Gildea, M. & T. Giblin, M. Hayes

**Join Fr. Michael Galuppi & Fr. Chris Ballard in the HOLY LAND**

Fr. Michael and Fr. Chris will be leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land February 1-12, 2021. Have you ever wanted to walk where Jesus walked? Have you ever wanted to see where the Gospels unfolded and the events of our salvation took place?

Visit Bethlehem, Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee, the Jordan River, the Judean Desert, the Holy City Jerusalem, and the Dead Sea. \$4250 per person includes everything except lunch. And, you may register without a down-payment until August. For more information, visit the trip website at <https://www.travelillum.com/trc/zhm> or call Fr. Michael at 607-748-7417.

**Are you curious about Formation for Ministry or Permanent Diaconate?**

**Online Information Session**

**Wednesday, August 5th**

**6:30PM—7:30PM**

Register at: <http://bit.ly/2020InfoSessions> or call (315)470-1491

**VIDEOS! FULL MASS & CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD!**

We would like to remind everyone who may not be able or who may still be concerned about attending Mass physically, we are still posting our full Sunday liturgy videos on our website ([stfrancisbing.org](http://stfrancisbing.org)), on our Facebook page, and on our Twitter page! We will continue to do so for the foreseeable future.

We are also posting Children's Liturgy of the Word for our young parishioners who would certainly benefit from a more comprehensive understanding of the readings and the gospel. It's more fun and interactive for children, and a great way to get them engaged in Mass and our catholic teachings.

**For Potential Godparents and Sponsors for Baptisms or Confirmation**

Anyone looking to be a Godparent or Sponsor to a Confirmation Candidate **MUST** be a registered member of St. Francis of Assisi to be able to get a letter of certification. This is the only way that the Church can verify you are a practicing Catholic. Please call Delores at the Parish Center (722-4388) for questions.

**Announcement on Safe Environment Training**

In-person Safe Environment training sessions remain suspended until further notice. The Safe Environment office will be offering online sessions for both initial (PGC) and re-certification (EPDR) training. Individuals who are in need of training, but are unable to attend the online training, will be provided a grace period to complete the training requirement. The Office of Safe Environment will post the dates of the grace period upon the health crisis resolution.

**Online Initial Safe Environment Training**

The initial Safe Environment online training session ("Protecting God's Children") is scheduled for:

**Wednesday, July 15, 2020 from 9:00am - 11:30am**

To register for this training session, please contact Joelle Zarnowski at 315.470.1421

or [safeenvironment@syrdio.org](mailto:safeenvironment@syrdio.org) by Thursday, July 9th.

**Online Safe Environment Re-certification Trainings**

The Safe Environment re-certification online training sessions ("Entrusted to Protect, Dedicated to Restore") are scheduled for:

**Thursday, July 23, 2020 from 9:00am - 10:30am**

**Thursday, July 23, 2020 from 6:00pm - 7:30pm**

To register for one of these training sessions, contact Joelle Zarnowski at 315.470.1421

or [safeenvironment@syrdio.org](mailto:safeenvironment@syrdio.org) by Thursday, July 16th.

Since this is still a new process for the Safe Environment Office, these training sessions will not be posted to the website at this time.

**Enjoy the Convenience of Online Giving!**

St. Francis of Assisi Parish offers an easy way to make donations online.

We currently have the following accounts set up to donate

*Ordinary Contribution*

*Repair & Maintenance*

*Catholic School Support*

*Catherine's Cupboard*

*Special Sunshine*

*Capital Campaign*

**Have donations taken weekly, monthly or yearly.**

To set up an online giving account, visit our website [stfrancisbing.org](http://stfrancisbing.org). Click the "Online Giving" tab listed at the top of the site's home screen or if you're using a mobile device, by clicking the drop-down menu in the top right corner. You must have an e-mail address to register online. Here you can create an account and authorize to have your donations electronically transferred directly from your checking account, your debit card or your credit card to the parish. If you have questions or need help getting started, call the Parish Center at 722-4388 and we will guide you through the process.

**St. Francis of Assisi Lectors,  
Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers**

**July 18th & 19th, 2020**

**4:00 P.M. Mass**

Designation ONLY

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**Question of the Week**

**Question for Children:** Who helps you to grow deeper in your faith?

**Question for Youth:** When the sower, in this week’s Gospel, sowed his seed, not all of it fell in “good soil.” What can you do in the coming week to make sure that you are open to God in your life? What is getting in the way of your being “good soil?”

**Question for Adults:** Using the parable of Jesus in this reading, describe how faith has been planted in your life? How long did it take for that seed to land “on good soil?”

# Growing in FAITH™

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**St. Francis of Assisi Church**  
Rev. Timothy J. Taugher, Pastor

## One Minute Meditations

### St. Benedict of Nursia

Born to a wealthy Italian family, St. Benedict was educated in Rome during the barbarian invasions – a time of division, chaos, and failing morals. Dismayed at the rampant immorality of his peers, he fled Rome and lived as a hermit in the mountains. Attracted by his holiness, many people sought him out. St. Benedict went on to found twelve monasteries in Subiaco and the famous Monte Cassino, which became a center of holiness, learning, and culture.

### Keep parish lights on

Whether or not your parish has gone back to public Mass, please make your weekly donation by mail before you leave. Your parish depends upon your help to pay the bills even when you're not home.

"In the silence of the heart God speaks. If you face God in prayer and silence, God will speak to you. Souls of prayer are souls of great silence."  
St. Teresa of Calcutta



## Share your faith

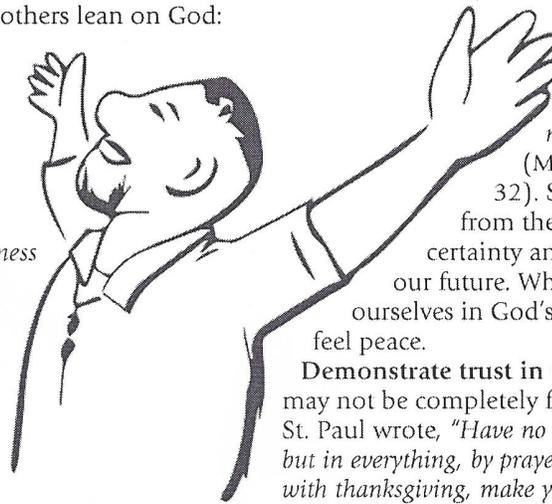
In this time of uncertainty, followers of Jesus know that worry is unnecessary. We know God wants us to experience his peace and share it with others. Try these tips to help others lean on God:

**Go deep into God's love.** It is ours today, tomorrow, and forever. "... Good indeed is the Lord, His mercy endures forever, his faithfulness lasts through every generation" (Psalm 100:5). Experiencing Sacraments, reading Scripture, and spending time in prayer are keys to growing in God's love and sharing it.

**Share your confidence in God's care.** Jesus promised that God will give us

all we need, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on ... your heavenly Father knows that you need them all" (Matthew 6:25, 32). Stress stems from the absence of certainty and control over our future. When we put ourselves in God's care, we can feel peace.

**Demonstrate trust in God.** While we may not be completely free from worry, St. Paul wrote, "Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:6-7).



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

## Why do Catholics need bishops?

In the Catholic Church, a bishop is an ordained minister who holds the fullness of the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Bishops teach doctrine, govern Catholics in their jurisdictions, and represent the Church.

In addition to filling the need for leadership in a family as big as the Church, bishops link us to



the Apostles. The Apostles chose disciples to fill their office after them, and passed on to them the authority and faith they had received from Christ. This spiritual treasure was passed from bishop to bishop by consecration in an unbroken line up to today.

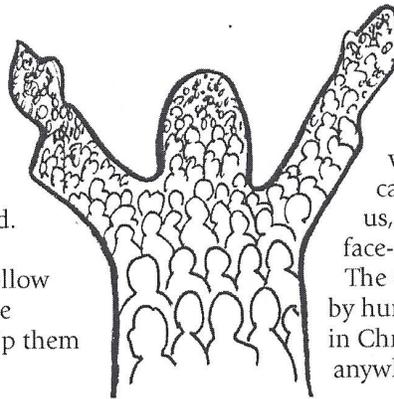
This way, the faith will be available in every age to the rest of the Church.

# Where is the real Catholic Church

The Catholic Church is not just a building or a group of people. Rather, the real Church is a family begun by Jesus, extending all over the world, stretching through time and space.

In **Heaven** live those members who completed their earthly lives as God intended. They watch over us when we ask.

Members in **Purgatory** did their best to follow Jesus but died without having made adequate penance for their venial sins. Our prayers help them get to Heaven.



And those of us who are members on **Earth** are still living within the family, trying to make it to Heaven.

All three groups make up the Church and we are all connected forever. So not only can we ask our friends on Earth to pray for us, we can appeal for prayers to those who are face-to-face with God.

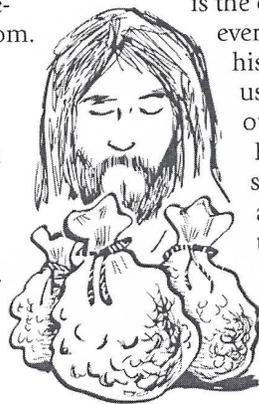
The Church began with Christ but is populated by humans. Still, we are all called to live fully in Christ's image. That means the Church is anywhere we are.

## from Scripture

### Matthew 13:44-52, The kingdom is worth everything

Jesus used the parables in this Gospel passage to emphasize the life-changing value of the Kingdom. In the first parable, a man discovers – seemingly by accident – a treasure buried in a field. He sells everything he has to purchase the field. In the second scenario, a merchant finds a valuable pearl after diligent searching. He also sells everything he has to possess the pearl.

By these parables, Jesus taught that being part of God's Kingdom – accepting his love for us and loving others as he loves – is the only thing that really feeds



our souls. God's unconditional love is the only thing that is worthy of everything we have. If we accept his invitation (he won't force us), our lives may change as our hearts change.

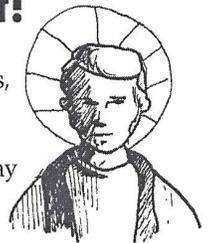
Finally, Jesus compared the separation between the evil and righteous to the sifting that happens when a large catch is brought ashore.

Similarly, when we put our whole life in service to our love for God, then the individual pieces fall into place around that love.

Whatever is contrary to this love falls away.

## Q & A

### There's a saint for that!



Down through the ages, Catholics have invoked the saints for their prayers, even for everyday things. It was a way of offering everything to God, through the saints' prayers, even little things like losing your keys! Here are some "holy helpers":

**Airplane travelers, astronauts:** St. Joseph of Cupertino miraculously levitated while at prayer.

**Accountants, bankers:** St. Matthew the Apostle was a dishonest tax collector until Christ called him to be an Apostle (Matthew 9:9).

**Battle, soldiers, doctors, police:** St. Michael the Archangel led the angels to victory against the Devil and his forces (Revelation 12:7-9).

**Finding lost things:** St. Anthony of Padua prayed and recovered his stolen prayer book.

**Plagues, pestilence, sick people:** St. Roch cared for victims of the plague in Italy.

**Students, teachers, schools:** St. Thomas Aquinas, once teased as "the Dumb Ox," was actually one of the most brilliant scholars in the Church.

## Feasts & Celebrations

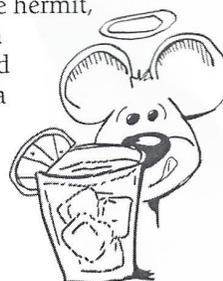
**July 3 – St. Thomas (1st Century).** Known as "doubting Thomas" for requesting proof of the Resurrection, he made a beautiful profession of faith when he received proof, "My Lord and My God" (John 20:28). Tradition says that Thomas traveled to India and was martyred near Mylapore.

**July 14 – St. Kateri Tekakwitha (1680).** A smallpox epidemic in her Native American village left Kateri orphaned, disfigured, and half-blind. Introduced to Catholicism by missionaries, she was baptized at the age of 19 and moved to a Christian

village where she lived in holiness.

**July 22 – St. Mary Magdalene (1st century).** Mary Magdalene, from whom Jesus expelled seven demons, helped to financially support Jesus' ministry (Luke 8:2) and stood by the cross of Jesus with his mother (John 19:25). She first informed the Apostles of Jesus' Resurrection.

**July 24 – St. Charbel Makhlof (d. 1898).** A Maronite hermit, St. Charbel lived a life of solitude and holiness. He had a reputation as a wonder worker, even among his Muslim neighbors.



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