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FEAST OF
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Stewardship, which in simple terms, is the act of putting God's priorities before our own. Good Stewards do four things: receive God's gifts gratefully, nurture those gifts, share the gift justly and charitably and return those gifts to God abundantly. I hope that I have done those things well and freely in my priestly and Franciscan life.

Like you, God has given me 168 hours each week. Clearly, I spend a great deal of time at church and doing parish things, so you might be thinking, "that makes it pretty easy to tithe 10% of his Time to God." If tithing means to give God the first and the best, recognizing that God is the owner, and we are only the managers of his time, am I doing that? Or do I give to God what's left over at the end of a long and busy day? Is my own use of Time a sign of my love to give the first and the best to God? Am I a person who is a good steward of God's time? It is not a simple calculation of "how many hours do I work in the parish?" Am I fully engaged in celebrating Mass or is my mind racing with a list of things that needs to be done? (Sound familiar?) Do I carry a compassionate heart and pay attention when speaking with a parishioner, even as I see someone else I really wanted to talk with? I could go on, but I think you get the point. Where and when are moments that I have given God the first and best? Do I have 16.8 hours per week of tithing my time to God?

Like you, God has gifted me with a varied professional life, education, and a reservoir of experiences in life. With almost 30 years of life experience in the working world and education, I have learned some things along the way. I'm not too sure my nuclear-power submarining technical skills come into play here in the parish, but there were certainly experiences during my naval service that contribute to the person I am today. My years of volunteering at parishes along the way contributed to my discernment of where my Talents might best serve the parish. Leading Bible studies was revealed as a passion to make the stories of Sacred Scripture engaging. Celebrating the Sacraments, a joy. Being assigned to parishes of good and faithful people – priceless. I hope that I share my gifts and return them to God in abundance.

If the above talks about being a good steward of my Time and Talent, that leaves only Treasure. As Franciscans we are required to give away our worldly wealth before our final vows and we may not give it to the Province! In distributing my wealth, I hope I did well in being just and charitable in sharing God's gifts. So, all done, yes? Not really. If I want to be a good steward of my Treasures I have to ask myself if I continue to be a good steward of my treasures – even though the amounts are very different now. I receive a monthly stipend and gifts from parishioners. I have the same challenges as you. Did I receive the gifts gratefully, do I nurture them, share them and return them to God? I try to do those things. As an individual I contribute to Offertory, charity and more.

Friars, staff, parishioners – all of us who make up the Catholic community of St. Francis — we are all called to live as good stewards, to put God's priorities before our own. We are called to receive, nurture, share, and return the gifts which God gives so abundantly. This is what it means to begin to live life as a good Steward of the Time, Talent and Treasures given. It is a way of living in the world. It is a spiritual stance in the midst of our incredibly busy lives.

The start of St. Francis being a Stewardship Parish is for each one of us to be good Stewards in our own lives.

**The Parish Office will be closed on October 10th
in observance of Columbus Day.**



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Stewardship



ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI - FALL ANNUAL APPEAL

Pandemic and Parish Life

Responding to Challenges



LIVE STREAM TO IN-PERSON

Eucharist, Faith, Fellowship, Ministry, Outreach, and more, adapted to life during the pandemic. But the 2+ years "in remote" had its impact.



RENEWED STEWARDSHIP

Ministries are starting up as people give of the Time and Talent because they Belong. Giving of Treasures is more complicated.

WELCOMING NEW FAMILIES

The parish always has families arriving to and transferring from the area. The pandemic has kept us from fully welcoming them.



2022 - WHERE WE ARE

Like your family, we have increased costs. Sunday Offertory is unable to keep up and is actually trending downward over the last 6 months. It's complex. Learn more at the link below.



CONNECTING & BELONGING

Coming back from "remote" or newly arrived in the parish, we are at the cusp of renewing our sense of Belonging




CATCHING UP & GETTING AHEAD

We need the Fall Annual Appeal to respond to the challenges of this current fiscal year. Also, please renew your Stewardship in Offertory....so we will not need an annual appeal in 2023.

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 **From the Friars**

Dear parishioners,

The report of the summary of the Synodal process of the Catholic Church in the US is now available on our parish website. I would strongly encourage you to read it. It has many positive things to say about the Church in the U.S. and offers great hope for the future in several areas. Having said that, it should also be noted that it does not shy away from describing the challenges which lie before us as Church. I know when this process was first announced that some thought it would avoid dealing with the tough issues facing the Church. It did not!

One section speaks of the polarization in the Church, even among the Bishops. It speaks of the negative impact of the COVID pandemic on parish life. It speaks of the need to be a more welcoming Church. An example: "People noted that the Church seems to prioritize doctrine over people, rules and regulations over lived reality". Another sentence from the report says, "Persons who have been divorced, whether remarried or not, often feel unwelcome within the Church". It speaks of how people of color routinely encounter racism in the Church. It mentions that there is "a real crisis" as to how to minister to the LGBTQ+ community, some of whom are members of our own families. Often families remain torn between remaining in the Church and supporting their loved ones.

It encourages Church leadership and laity to celebrate the positive but also to confront these challenges, to work together to create a stronger Catholic church in the U.S. and to do this through ongoing attentive listening, respectful encounter, and prayerful discernment.

Please try to take the time to read the entire report. It is a sobering and transparent look at where we are as a Church today.

The reports can be found on line on the parish website. Please scan the QR code.



Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. John O'Connor, O.F.M.

Are You New to the Parish??? Welcome!!
Registration forms are available on the tables in the vestibule, from the Parish Office or from the parish [website www.stfrancis.org](http://www.stfrancis.org).



The Knights of Columbus, as part of Respect Life Month, is encouraging every parishioner to pray the Novena of the Gospel of Life starting **Monday, October 24th** during the 8:45 a.m. Mass and continuing through Tuesday, November 1st. Novena prayer cards will be distributed at all Masses on the weekend of October 22nd-23rd.



Respect Life Ministry - Time for a New Vision

Now that the Supreme Court has overturned Roe v. Wade/Dobins, one of the major objectives of the Respect Life Ministry (RLM) was achieved—at least at a national level. Now the attention turns to the Commonwealth of Virginia and its policies about abortion and assisted suicide. But there is also space and energy to address the full scope of what it means to truly be Pro-Life. The US Catholic Bishops list the following as central pro-life issues: Life and Dignity of the Human Person; Call to Family, Community, and Participation; Rights and Responsibilities; Option for the Poor and Vulnerable; The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers; Solidarity: one human family; and Care for God's Creation.

The current ministry leader, Angie Powell, has asked to step down. We are grateful for her leadership over the last several years. Now, the RLM seeks to engage a new leadership team to help re-vision the ministry in order to best engage the changing culture and landscape of being authentically Pro-Life.

If you are interested, please contact Fr. George (frgcorrigan@stfrancis.org) and let him know your interest.



Faith Formation Office

Phone: 703-221-3127 Fax: 703-221-3246
 Office Hours: Monday—Thursday: 8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
 Friday: **Closed**

Religious Education for 2022-2023

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| Oct. 9 | NO RE—Columbus Day Weekend |
| 13 | Thursday RE Session |
| 16 | Sunday RE Session |
| 20 | Thursday RE Session |
| 23 | Sunday RE Session |
| 27 | Thursday RE Session |
| 30 | Sunday RE Session |
| Nov. 3 | Thursday RE Session |
| 9 | Sunday RE Session |



Mark Your calendars for the return of the Christmas Festival of Praise featuring spectacular Christmas music presented by the combined choirs and instrumentalists of the Saint Francis Music Ministry. Enjoy a wonderful evening of Christmas Praise full of music that will stir your heart and leave you feeling joyful!



Calling all our young singers from grades 2nd through 8th! The first rehearsal for the Saint Francis Children's Christmas Choir takes place on November 6th from 3:15 p.m.—4:30 p.m. in the church. Rehearsals are each Sunday from November 6th through December 18th. Performances include the Festival of Praise on Friday, December 16th and Christmas Eve. Registration forms are available online or at the first rehearsal. Questions? Please contact Colleen Wells at cwells@stfrncis.org.



The **Lion's Club** has **2 donation drop boxes located on the window sill in the vestibule**. Please consider donating your used eyeglasses to the Lion's Club. Your unwanted glasses will help someone see better. Thank you for always being so generous.

Monday Morning Bible Study!

Join us Monday mornings from 9:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m. in the St. Catherine room for a study focused on the Book of Matthew. Fr. Jim Scullion, O.F.M. will lead us through a six- week overview of Matthew's Gospel beginning Monday, October 17th and concluding Monday, November 21st. No need to bring anything other than your bible and a desire to learn! Please contact Sheila Noble (snoble@stfrncis.org) if you have any questions, we hope to see you there!



Women's Group: Tuesday, October 11th at 7:00p.m.

Interested in getting to know other women of the parish as we deepen our faith and learn from each other? Women of all ages are invited to join for fellowship and discussion on Tuesday, October 11th at 7:00pm in the St. Catherine Room. We will begin the year with an introductory session before moving on to a book study of Danielle Bean's *You Are Enough: What Women of the Bible Teach You About Your Value and Worth*. Please plan to join us and bring a friend! For more information or questions, contact Sheila Noble (snoble@stfrncis.org).



Are you or someone you know interested in learning more about joining the Catholic faith? If so, our dynamic and lively RCIA team would love to meet you! Please consider joining us in English on Wednesday, evenings or in Spanish on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Please contact **Sheila Noble** (snoble@stfrncis.org) for more information or to sign-up.



St. Francis of Assisi, a 2019 Blue Ribbon School, is looking for Lunch Staff, Substitute Teachers, and Extended Care Staff for the 2022—2023 School Year. Interested candidates should send a resume and two professional references to Dr. Tricia Barber at barber@stfas.org.



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, 4:00 PM 5:30 PM	October 8—Weekday Reconciliation †Alice Tippit †Marv Floom Jan Floom
SUNDAY, 8:00 AM 9:30 AM 11:00 AM 12:30 PM 5:30 PM	October 9—28th Sunday in Ordinary Time †Emerenciana Bernardo †Rae Legine Rodriguez †Patricia and †Michael Ryan †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Spencer and †Nieves Sagudan †Gerry Hoffmann People of the Parish †Margarita Salvador †Adelina Pimentel †Masedonio Coria †Rodolf Gomez †Evelyn and †Bill Chandler
MONDAY, 8:45 AM	October 10—Weekday †Barbara Ferkel †Kaaren Lowder
TUESDAY, 8:45 AM	October 11—Weekday †Ann Grabowski †Gerry Hoffmann †Patricia and †Michael Ryan
WEDNESDAY, 8:45 AM	October 12—Weekday †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Kathryn Gonsorcik †Betsy Dennison
THURSDAY, 8:45 AM	October 13—Weekday †Betsy Dennison †Patricia Mullen †Gerry Hoffmann
FRIDAY, 8:45 AM	October 14—Weekday †Alice Gloria Irvine †Brenda Keller †Marv Floom
SATURDAY, 4:00 PM 5:30 PM	October 15—St. Theresa of Jesus Reconciliation †Alice Tippit Delores and Al Coimbra †Thomas MacNamara

Mass Intentions on Sunday, October 16, 2022

8:00 AM	†Bobby Allen Thomas †Gerry Hoffmann †Jack Haneklau
9:30 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Leonor Lentija
11:00 AM	†Janet Sarsfield
12:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	People of the Parish

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Readings for the Week of October 9, 2022

Monday	Galatians 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1; Luke 11:29-32
Tuesday	Galatians 5:1-6; Luke 11:37-41
Wednesday	Galatians 5:18-25; Luke 11:42-46
Thursday	Ephesians 1:1-10; Luke 11:47-54
Friday	Ephesians 1:11-14; Luke 12:1-7
Saturday	Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 12:8-12
Sunday	Exodus 17:8-13; 2; Timothy 3:14-4:2; Luke 18:1-8

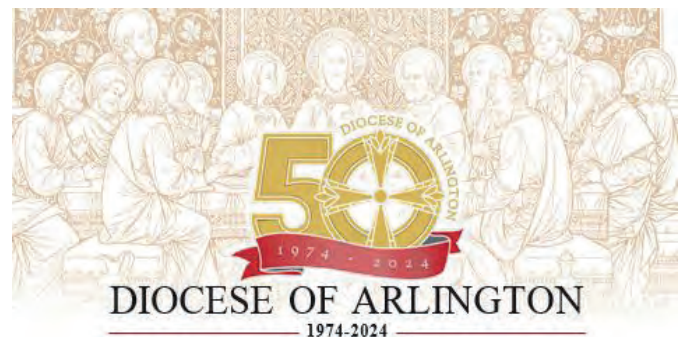
Please Pray For All those who are sick:
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Jean C. Tekverk; Ann Hackett; Juliet Erasmo;
Maureen Caddigan; S.J. Defibaugh; Lisa Kraus-Lyle;
Corazon N. Atienza; Eric Brown; Jan Bond; Don Clausen;
Delores Baytan; Tomas Bernardo; David Back;
Chad Burns; Bill Myers; Sue Long; Gary Ward; and
Ted Zamerski.

And for those recently deceased: Malcolm Kline
(husband of Grace Kline).

Please pray for the following who are serving abroad in harm's way: Leo N. Company; and S. Defibaugh.

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Gospel Today

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Luke 17:11-19

Jesus healed ten lepers, yet only one gave glory to God for his healing. Jesus told the Samaritan he will be saved by his faith.

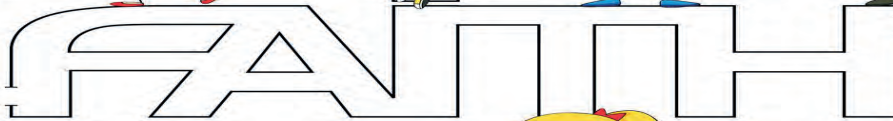
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Faith

The trust in God and in His promises as made through Christ and the Scriptures by which man is justified or saved -or- a belief, not based on proof.

1
FOLLOW

BEGIN



IN JESUS,
LEADS TO
SALVATION

"Stand up and go; your faith has saved you."

LUKE 17: 19

2

The grateful man and his _____ in Jesus saved him.

3

Where are the other nine?

- a) At a party celebrating
- b) Thanking God for healing them
- c) Gone with no gratitude to God for healing them



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