



*St. Francis' Mission is:
To live by Faith, be known by Love, and be a voice of
Hope in order to give ourselves in service and better the
lives of others.*

June 26, 2016

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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HYMNS

For Sunday
June 26, 2016

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"Now Is The Time"

Celebrant
Father
Victor Ray

A compassionate, inclusive Faith community, grounded in Catholic
tradition.

.....A Different Way to Be Catholic! Where
"ALL ARE WELCOME!"



From The Desk of the Pastor

One of the themes of the readings today, at least the first reading and the Gospel are about the call of God. God calls us to do things, to embrace a particular life, and it may not be in quite the way we expect it to be or even want it to be.

Let Us Pray for



- ✚ John's sister, Peg O'Grady Kennedy, battling kidney issues. Prayers for Healing.
- ✚ Becky's relative, Rosetta "Cookie" Faulkner, passed to be with the Lord. Prayers for family and friends.
- ✚ Ivy's friend, Donna Miller. Prayers for Healing as she battles cancer.
- ✚ Linette's Mother Sylvia DerGarabedian, who passed away on June 26, 2015. Prayers for the 1st Anniversary of being with the Lord.
- ✚ Dee Spano, daughter Cyndi who passed to be with the Lord. Prayers for family and friends.
- ✚ Mark Talboom, dealing with health issues
- ✚ David Baughman dealing with health issues
- ✚ Cheryl Velez dealing with health issues.
- ✚ Ivy Villafana recuperating
- ✚ Loretta Brophy, Parishioner, passed to be with the Lord.
- ✚ Dawn R. recovering from recent stroke.
- ✚ Lorraine and Christine as they battle medical issues.
- ✚ Mary Meier and Linda Ritchie dealing with Mary's cancer issue.
- ✚ George Ressler dealing with health issues.
- ✚ Philip Champagne and Family, Leo's nephew for diagnosis of Colon Cancer – prayers of healing.
- ✚ Elanor Solari – Passed to be with the Lord.
- ✚ Larry Roush's son Jason dealing with seizure and diagnostic procedures. Prayers for Healing.

- ✚ Those dealing with unseen issues affecting the heart, mind and body such as grief, depression and anxiety.
- ✚ For the lonely, the dying, those who have entered God's Eternal Kingdom and those who are grieving them.

IF YOU HAVE ANY PRAYER PETITIONS, PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING, REQUESTS FOR VISITATION OR MEETING WITH A PRIEST....

Prayer leaflets are available on the Community Table. Please complete and drop in the offertory plate or contact a Council Member.

Requests will remain on the Prayer List 30 days unless otherwise requested.

MASS CARDS - Sympathy Mass Cards are available by contacting the church office (727- 234-1380)

Bulletin Guy Inquiry: Please let me know who we need to pray for! The power of prayer works, but I need to know who we can all pray for.....

DATE	GREETERS	ACOLYTE	1 ST READING	2 ND READING/ INTERCESSION	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
June 26	Sue L Bob W	Mike M	Emilie M	Patrick E	Ivy V
July 3	Leo John	Matt S	Bob W	Becky B	Jim V
July 10	Anthony Jim V	George R	Sue L	Cheryl V	Becky B
July 17	Don Nile	Jim V	Cheryl V	Jim H	Deb F

LITURGY SCHEDULE ABOVE:

- To view readings in advance, go to www.usccb.org
- If you cannot fulfill the duty for that day, Please swap with someone else.
- If you cannot make it due to illness or emergency, please contact Jim Villafana as soon as possible. His phone number is on the last page of the bulletin.

MINISTRIES

Community Life Ministry: Plan ahead for the St. Francis “Bless The Pets” on October 1st. If interested in helping out, please contact Frank Matzelle. Looking for volunteers to head up the Community Life Ministry. Please contact Sue Lennon for more information.

Outreach Ministry: Looking for someone to head up the Outreach Ministry. Please contact Barb Fichter if interested.

Hospitality Ministry: Reminder last names that start with A-M please provide food the 1st 15 days of the month and letters N-Z the 2nd half of the month. Ivy is looking for help in cleaning up after Social Hour after Sunday service. **Ivy works hard and deserves a helping hand. Please help!** Please contact Ivy Villafana for more information.

Liturgical Ministry: Seeking Readers, Greeters and Acolytes. Please contact Jim Villafana for more information!

Music Ministry: Still need Singers and Musicians. Let’s get the word out to all the local Music Stores, High School Bands, College Bands, any place that we might find someone that plays an instrument. Please contact Michael Velez for more information! Check out the Website for Michael latest song choice under his ministry page. **CHOIR REHEARSAL EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 7PM.**

Volunteering is Easy Steps for Volunteering

1. Pick something that you feel comfortable with.
2. Contact the Person Heading the Event or if you would like to Head an Event let the Council know.
3. If planning an event, pick a Time Frame, usually about a month or so out so that you can get enough advertising in.
4. Submit a plan to the Council either by email or if large event at the Board Meeting. Any questions, JUST ASK!
5. Put up signup sheets and start advertising. Any questions, JUST ASK!

I have printed a Soap Opera Script on Volunteering, Copies at the end of the Bulletin.

CHECK IT OUT:
stfrancis-ecc.org

OR



ST. FRANCIS COMMUNITY UPDATE:

- **Choir Practice:** Every Wednesday at 7 pm. Come and Join!
- **Housekeeping Note:** Please no food or drink in the Chapel area. Thank you for your cooperation!
- **Name Tags:** Please sign up on the board if you would like one.
- **Directory Update in Progress:** See Council Member.
- **New Website Really:** Clicks/Hits promotes St. Francis. Increases interest/membership. Helps us with our mission.☺☺

An appropriate Song and Message

“Let There Be Peace On Earth”

Sy Miller and Jill Jackson, Lyrics adapted

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth; the peace that was meant to be.
With God our Creator, we are family.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, may this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live, each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me,
And let it begin with me.

NOTES:

- St. Francis Tribute to Orlando Pulse Massacre aired Sunday, June 19, 2016 on Channel 10 News at 6pm.
 - Father Victor was promoting the Thursday, June 23rd Interfaith Service on the GSH Radio, Dr. Sara show on 6/24/16 under the heading: 06 24, 2016 Interfaith Service
 - You can connect to this podcast through www.Rainbow411.com. Click on GSH Radio then Dr. Sara.
 - A copy of the “Volunteer Soap Opera” is attached to this bulletin.
 - Website has added a Latest Update below Father Victor’s Bio on the Home Page. Check it out for quick access as to what’s new.
 - Times when not to bother a Priest:
 1. Before Sunday service. He has a Homily to remember and practice.
 2. Immediately after Sunday service. **All** should be mingling with the Visitors so, that they feel at home.
- Father Victor at present time has no office hours however, he will set up appointments or contact him by email or call him.
- Survey on line: It's part humor, but could also help newbie visitors to website understand "Ecumenical Catholic"... See it on the ADS/LINKS page under www.saint-matthew.org/quiz.php

What Makes My Belly Laugh!

INFLUENCED by Wayne Rettke



BULLETIN GUY



BARB FICHTER

ATTACHED TO THIS BULLETIN IS THE “LITANY OF FREEDOM” THAT WAS USED AT ST. FRANCIS FOR THE RECOGNITION OF PRIDE WEEKEND.



LOOKING AHEAD:

June 26 – Sunday – **TODAY** Deadline for Punky's Bar & Grill Sign up
 July 2 – Saturday – Brunch at Punky's Bar and Grill
 July 2 – Saturday – Take me out to the ballgame
 July 4 – Monday – Independence Day
 July 10 – Sunday – Father Victor 28th Ordination Anniversary
 July 12 – Tuesday – Council Meeting
 Every Wednesday is Choir Practice
 July 17 – Sunday – Pot Luck Luncheon – July is national hot dog and ice cream month.
 July 29 – Friday – Bingo Night – 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm

See Calendar Section for More Information



Upcoming Anniversaries and Birthdays:

Michael Heimsath Birthday 6/29
 Ron Little/Wayne Rettke Ann 7/4
 Mike/Cheryl Velez Ann 7/4
 Nile Merrit/Donald McLean Ann 7/4
 David Baughman/Tony McGary Ann 7/5
 Jim Hofmann Birthday 7/6
 Cookie Waters Birthday 7/6
 Father Victor Ordination 7/10
 Jon Laubscher Birthday 7/11
 Leo Champagne/John O'Grady Ann 7/11

APOLOGIES TO:

- Nile Merrit/Donald McLean for screwing up their Anniversary date last week.
- Aaron Matzelle for missing his Birthday which was June 17th. "HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY"!



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Is Your AD On this Page Yet?

BULLETIN AND WEBSITE ADVERTISING IS NOW AVAILABLE....

**FOCUS HAS CHANGED
 TRIBUTE WILL BE TOWARD THE
 ORLANDO VICTIMS, THEIR FAMILY AND FRIENDS!
 GOD BLESS!**

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**Father Victor Ray, Pastor
MASS Each Sunday at 10:30am
Followed by Coffee and Fellowship**

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Larry Roush, Treasurer 727-437-7556
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*Father Victor Ray
Office Hours*

*Are Currently
By
Appointment Only.*

*Please use Contact Page
To Email Father Victor.*

Bulletin Guy Request:

We need to show the world our “**SPIRIT**”. Several of you are on Facebook. The pictures or sayings that you post on Facebook or on other media sites, send me a copy (it’s illegal for me to post anything without your permission) and I will post it in the bulletin. Your Funniest Picture of the week I will file under a segment called “**CONFSSIONAL OR NOT?**” (OK, probably have to work on the wording) but, you get the idea. Favorite Recipe, Favorite Inspirational Quote, Favorite Short Story, Favorite Pet Photo, Favorite Clean Joke, Favorite Clean One Liner, Thought of the Week, Poem of the Week, whatever you can think of. Please, Church and Politics do not mix.....

Bulletin Submissions due by Thursday at Midnight.

Email to: media.stfrancis.ecc@gmail.com

or by calling Bill Schwartz at PH: 727-350-3778

How Do I Get Involved?

It dawned on me during the Community Meeting that we ask people to get involved. A very easy question to ask. The problem is that we never really give any guidance on "HOW TO". So, The Bulletin Guy Avatar wants to plan a BBQ. The following is a Soap Opera Script that our Leading Star, "Bulletin Guy" will be documenting his adventures on planning a BBQ... "Bulletin Guy" will now be known as "BG".

Scene Setting: Sunday, June 5th after arriving home from the Community Meeting

BG: "You know what, I was inspired today. I think I would like to organize a BBQ", (BG grabs a beer or two and sits on the couch to contemplate), (three beers later he falls asleep)

Scene Setting: Monday or Next Day, BG wakes up.

BG: "OH God my head hurts, what happened last night"

Voice From Above: "You promised to organize a BBQ"

BG: "I have never done this before, where do I begin"

Voice From Above: "Contact that Smart Guy - Bill" (laughter from the cynical audience)

(BG picks up the phone and calls Bill).

BG: "Good Morning Bill, this is BG, do you have a second"

Bill: "What's up?"

BG: "I would like to plan a BBQ, how do I go about it."

Bill: "How about we go to lunch tomorrow and I'll walk you through the steps, I'll meet you at Jessie's at noon" (hangs up the phone)
(Bill picks up the phone and dials the "All Powerful Council" to get guidance) Bill: "Good Afternoon LEOJOHN, I need to get guidance on how to set up a BBQ for BG". (phone conversation takes a while)

Scene Setting: Next Day at Jessie's, BG and Bill Sit down to Lunch

Bill: "BG Thank You for coming forward and volunteering to organize a BBQ. It's a fairly small event and a good place to start. It's really not that hard! Here are the Steps"

- Pick a Date and a Time: Month or So down the road to get plenty of Advertising time
- Make a Plan: What do you want to accomplish [if you need help, just ask]
- Present a Plan to the Council: either at the Monthly Meeting [for Big Events] or Just Email anytime
- Start Advertising and post a signup sheet. If unsure how to, just ask.
- Get Ready for the Big Day

BG: "That sounds too easy, what's the catch"

Bill: "I'm sure you will have bumps along the way but hey, there is always someone that has been through it and will be glad to guide you."

Plan in action. Set for November 6th at 11:00. Advertising up on the Board in the Bulletin and on the Internet.

Scene Setting: 2nd Week in October

BG: "Oh My Goodness, it's a couple of weeks before the event and nobody signed up. What do I do?"

Voice From Above: "Contact that Adorable Lady – Barb", (what, no laughter from the audience)

(BG picks up the phone and calls Barb)

BG: "Good Morning Barb, this is BG, do you have a minute."

Barb: "What seems to be the problem BG"

BG: "It's a couple of weeks before the BBQ and no one has sign up yet, what do I do"

Barb: "I had that same experience with the Pentecostal Brunch that I organized. It was nail biting. But, have you ever heard the saying – Loaves and Fishes", "Just go with the flow and everything will work out. That Pentecostal Brunch had so much food we didn't know what to do with all of it"

BG: "Thanks Barb, that eases my mind. I'll just trust in the Lord"

Voice From Above: "Now you are with the picture! Just go out and Spread the Word and then later spread the ketchup and mustard."

This has been a fictional Soap Opera and the Events and Characters have no relations to any real event or person(s). Which means, right now there is no BBQ planned for November 6th.

Ok, now time to get off my Soap Box:

Benefit of Volunteering:

- Connection to Others – new friends, contacts, social and relationship skill building.
- Good for Mind and Body – increases self-confidence, sense of purpose, combats depression, improves physical health
- Advance your Career – new experiences in new fields, valuable job skills
- Brings Fun and Fulfillment to Your Life – exploring interests and passions, break the day-to-day routine, chance to give back
- Strengthens the Community

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!!!

Time:

But we know: you're busy.

And yet, we bet the 64.3 million Americans who rolled up their sleeves last year and volunteered their smarts, brawn, and/or empathy to benefit others in their local, regional or national communities were busy too. The total value of the time they gave: roughly \$170 billion. Although that figure is big, and slightly higher than the previous year, it still means that 73.2% of Americans are sitting on the volunteer sidelines. The number one reason given for not volunteering: "I'm too busy."

Consider this: the absolute busiest segment of the population (working moms) actually has the highest volunteer rate. In fact, statistics from the American Time Use Survey conducted by the US Bureau of Labor show that people with less leisure time actually do more volunteering on the whole. So if you're already busy – that's great news – it means you probably are an excellent candidate for volunteer work. *

See, you didn't think that I exist!
Now You
Surprise Me.....



VOLUNTEER!

*2012 stats from getbuttonedup.com

St. Francis E.C.C.
Recognition of PRIDE Weekend
June 26, 2016

A LITANY OF FREEDOM

All: We, as people of faith, claim the promise of Creation's sustaining love.

Reader 1: *(Lighting of the Red Candle)*

From the Hebrew Scriptures, we read: This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all generations: I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living thing.

All: We proclaim our pride. *(Red Candle is placed on the altar)*

Reader 2: *(Lighting of the Orange Candle)*

It is much easier for society and homophobic religion to tolerate a sad and pitiful homosexual than a proud and creative gay man, lesbian, or transgender person. May we march with pride and creativity in our whole lives.

All: We proclaim our bold intentions. *(Orange Candle is placed on the altar)*

Reader 3: *(Lighting of the Yellow Candle)*

With Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., we remember that the oppressed set both the timetable and the agenda for liberation. If we say now is the time, then now is the time. May wisdom sustain us.

All: We remember that we are not isolated or alone in either our oppression or our struggle. *(Yellow Candle is placed on the altar)*

Reader 4: *(Lighting of the Green Candle)*

May our pride and our quest for freedom light a flame within us that is a passion for justice for all who are disregarded, overlooked, or oppressed: native peoples, African-Americans, women, the poor in the United States and throughout the world, those with disabilities, our elders and minority faith groups. May we realize our own participation in fear, denial, injustice and lovelessness, and do what we can each day to live in equity and love.

All: We proclaim ourselves as people of faith, living for right relation in our world.
(Green Candle is placed on the altar)

Reader 5: *(Lighting of the Blue Candle)*

May we become a people of forgiveness and reconciliation as we pour ourselves out in the struggle against oppression and hopelessness.

All: We proclaim our vision of diversity and hope, and our responsibility to share this vision. ***(Blue Candle is placed on the altar)***

Reader 6: *(Lighting of the Purple Candle)*

May we join with one another to follow the prophets and teachers of our faith in the way of love, compassion, hope and peace. ***(Purple Candle is placed on the altar)***