

*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.*

September 18, 2016

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**HYMNS**

For Sunday  
September 18, 2016

**Gathering 601**  
"Christ Be Our Light"

**Offertory 624**  
"Whatsoever You Do"

**Communion 622**  
"The Cry Of The Poor"

**Sending 407**  
"In Christ Alone"

Pastor  
Father  
Victor Ray

*All of us at St. Francis ECC want to take a moment to extend a very warm welcome to everyone who's visiting us for the first time this morning. Whether you're just having a look, or are searching out for a place to worship, we're delighted to have you here. Enjoy the rest of your worship time with us, and God bless you!*



## *From The Desk of the Pastor*

Events in our world show that we live in difficult and precarious times, like the manager in the parable. The manager faced squarely the truth of his helplessness and vulnerability and did something about it. Why do we keep on telling ourselves the lie that we are safe and secure and that nothing can ever happen to us? We do not have to wait, like the dishonest servant, for a last minute display of smartness to fix our eternal concerns. The time to be smart is now. The smart manager used what he could not keep to get what he needed so badly, friendship with his business associates. We should likewise invest all our temporal and spiritual resources to gain the only thing that matters in the end: the kingdom of God, the kingdom of love!

	GREETERS	ACOLYTE	1 <sup>ST</sup> READING	2 <sup>ND</sup> READING/ INTERCESSION	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
September 18	John O Leo C	Mike M	Bill S	Jim H	Mike H
September 25	Nile Don	Terry W	Cheryl V	Bill S	Ivy V
October 2	Anthony Dave B	George R	Mark	Deb F	Terry W
October 9	Jon L Barb F	Matt S	Emilie M	Cheryl V	Bill S

### LITURGY SCHEDULE ABOVE:

- To view readings in advance, go to [www.usccb.org](http://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.

## Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1 = Amos 8:4-7

Responsorial Psalm = Psalm 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8

Reading 2 = 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Gospel Acclamation = 2 Corinthians 8:9

Gospel = Luke 16:1-13

## MINISTRIES

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Or visit the Website on the CONTACT Page at [www.stfrancis-ecc.org](http://www.stfrancis-ecc.org) and click their button.

## *St. Francis Community Update*

- **Choir Practice:** Every Wednesday at 7 pm. Come and Join!
- **Name Tags:** Please sign up on the Bulletin Board if you would like one.
- **Pick up a copy** of the “Volunteer Soap Opera”.
- **Survey On Line:** It’s part humor, but could also help newbie visitors to the website understand “Ecumenical Catholic”. See it on the Website ADS/LINKS Page under [saint-matthew.org/quiz.php](http://saint-matthew.org/quiz.php)
- **New Website Reality:** Clicks/Hits promotes St. Francis. Increases interest/membership. Help us with our mission! 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.
- **Share:** If you like something on Facebook or YouTube, **PLEASE SHARE IT**. The more that see it, the more that may join us.



## Let Us Pray for .....



- ✚ Brandon Brook's Son Cecil battling depression. Prayers for Healing.
- ✚ Cory Vincent's Uncle Paul undergoing a medical treatment. Prayers for Healing
- ✚ Ron Little's last surviving Aunt Evelyn Saeva. She is in hospice in the final stages. Prayers for Comfort and Peace
- ✚ Jim Hofmann friend Dawn R recovering from stroke. Prayers for Healing.
- ✚ Cheryl/Mike cousin Tommy Conlon. Prayers for Healing and Comfort.
- ✚ Parishioner DA Marx dealing with pain issues. Prayers for Healing.
- ✚ Cheryl/Mike Friend, Brian Mahoney recovering from open heart surgery. Prayers for Healing.
- ✚ Parishioner Lynette Kovar dealing with Health Issues. Prayers for Healing.
- ✚ Cory Vincent's Mother Patou dealing with Health Issues. Also, a prayer for good relations with the family. Prayers for Healing and Love.
- ✚ Parishioner Dee Spano. Prayers for continued Healing.
- ✚ Cheryl and Mike's friend. Jim Kash dealing with chemo treatments. Prayers for Healing
- ✚ Parishioner Cookie Waters. Prayers for continued Healing.
- ✚ Ivy's friend, Donna Miller. Prayers for Healing as she battles cancer.
- ✚ Mark Talboom, dealing with health issues. Prayers for Healing.
- ✚ David Baughman dealing with health issues. Prayers for Healing.
- ✚ Cheryl Velez dealing with health issues. Prayers for Healing.
- ✚ Ivy Villafana recuperating. Prayers for Healing.
- ✚ Lorraine and Christine as they battle medical issues. Prayers for Healing.
- ✚ Mary Meier and Linda Ritchie dealing with Mary's cancer issue. Prayers for Healing.
- ✚ George Ressler dealing with health issues. Prayers for Healing.
- ✚ Philip Champagne and Family, Leo's nephew for diagnosis of colon cancer. Prayers for Healing.
- ✚ 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.....**



## 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

Posted on [September 6, 2016](#) by [macaubulletin](#)

### **Administrators only, not owners**

#### Introduction

“The earth and all it contains, the universe and its inhabitants are of the Lord (Ps 24:1). Man is a pilgrim, lives as a stranger in a world not his own. He is a wanderer who traverses the desert. He owns a lot of land as much as his feet trod. But as he steps forward then it’s not his anymore.”

People are not owners but administrators of God’s goods. This is an often insistently repeated affirmation of the church’s fathers. We recall one, Basil. “Aren’t you a thief when you consider your own the riches of this world; riches are given to you only to administer?”

The administrator is a person who appears often in the parables of Jesus. We have one “faithful and wise” who does not act arbitrarily, but uses the goods entrusted to him according to the will of the owner. We also have another one who, in the absence of the Lord, takes advantage of his position to “make himself the owner” and getting drunk and dishonors the other servants (Lk 12:42-48).

There is the enterprising administrator, who commits himself, has the courage to risk and makes the master’s capital gain profit and one who is a slacker and a sloth. The most embarrassing one is the shrewd administrator spoken of in today’s gospel.

The Lord puts a treasure in the hand of each person. What to do to administer it well?

To internalize the message, we repeat:

“Do not attach the heart to riches, even if it abounds.”



## Upcoming Anniversaries and Birthdays:

Joe Ursitti Birthday 9/19  
Bill Hartwig Birthday 9/19  
Nancy Lowe Birthday 9/22  
Bob Ward Birthday 9/22  
Charles Harshbarger Birthday 9/22  
Ron Little Birthday 9/23  
Barb Fichter Birthday 9/28  
James Scudderi Birthday 9/30  
Bill Warner Birthday 10/1  
Debra Faulkner/Terry Winslow Ann 10/5  
Louise & Ray Gauthier Ann 10/5



### *LOOKING AHEAD:*

Sept 18 – Sunday – **TODAY** -Community Meeting. Brief Synod and Brick Fundraising.  
Sept 18 – Sunday – **TODAY** -Lunch after Mass at the Acropol Family Restaurant, Largo  
Sept 23 – Friday – White Elephant Bingo  
Sept 28 – Wednesday – Healing Mass

### **October 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday is St. Francis day “Pet Blessing”. Don’t Forget!**

Oct 2 – Sunday – St/ Francis Feast Day, Italian Potluck  
Oct 2 – Sunday – Council Nominations Open  
Oct 7 – Friday – 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Mass at 6 pm.  
Oct 10 – Monday – Columbus Day  
Oct 10 – 13 - Monday to Thursday – Synod  
Oct 15 – Saturday – Community Outreach and Fellowship Event  
Oct 22 – Saturday – Masquerade Ball  
Oct 26 – Wednesday – Healing Mass at 7pm  
Oct 30 – Sunday – Council Nominations Close  
Oct 31 – Monday – Halloween (time to wear a real costume)

**SEE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE CALENDAR PAGE**

# What Makes My Belly Laugh!

INFLUENCED by Wayne Rettke

Visiting his grandparents, a small boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out. He picked it up and found that it was an old leaf that had been pressed flat between the pages.

"Mama, look what I found," he called out.

"What have you got there, dear?" his mother asked.

With astonishment in his voice, the boy answered, "I think it's Adam's underwear!"

## Council Nominations Open October 2<sup>nd</sup>

2017 Council goal is to move the Church forward. Numerous events and the determination of a permanent home are decisions that are in the future focus. If the Spirit is calling, please consider being a member of the Council. Qualifications include spiritual and forward thinkers

### R & R (Respect and Reverence)

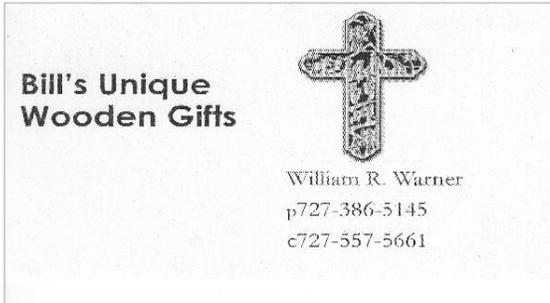
- **Housekeeping Note:** Please no food or drink in the Chapel area. Thank you for your cooperation!
- **Times when not to bother a Priest:**
  1. Before Sunday service. He has a Homily to remember and practice.
  2. Immediately after Sunday service. **All** should be mingling with the Visitors so, that 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.
- **Respect Peoples Personal Space:** During our sign of peace tradition, we at St Francis are quite zealous with our affection. Please be mindful of those that aren't as comfortable with hugs and kisses and remember, a soft spoken word with an appropriate handshake or even an acknowledgement bow can go a long way!
- **Ministry Leaders:** People that have volunteered for this position are responsible for the Ministry and have full authority for the management of it.
- We are developing something new here at St. Francis ECC. We are now a PFZ.....a **Political Free Zone**. Please refrain from talking politics to anyone, especially through Facebook, E-mail and texting to someone.



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**Father Victor Ray, Pastor  
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Followed by Coffee and Fellowship**

**2016 Community Council**

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*Father Victor Ray  
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*Are Currently  
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Appointment Only.*

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To Email Father Victor.*

**Bulletin Guy Request:**



***HEY EVERYONE***

*I NEED JOKES, COMIC STRIPS, FUNNY STORIES, RECIPES,  
ETC. WHATEVER YOU GOT, THE BULLETIN NEEDS IT. HELP  
ME OUT!*

*THANK YOU!!!*

**Bulletin Submissions due by Thursday at Midnight.**

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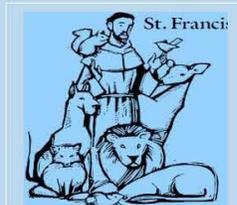
**ST. FRANCIS ECC**  
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2016**

**PET BLESSING**  
**11 AM TO 1 PM**



### **EVENTS TO INCLUDE:**

- **Drive thru Pet Blessing**
- **Complimentary Gift Bag**
- **Donations benefiting VIP Rescue**



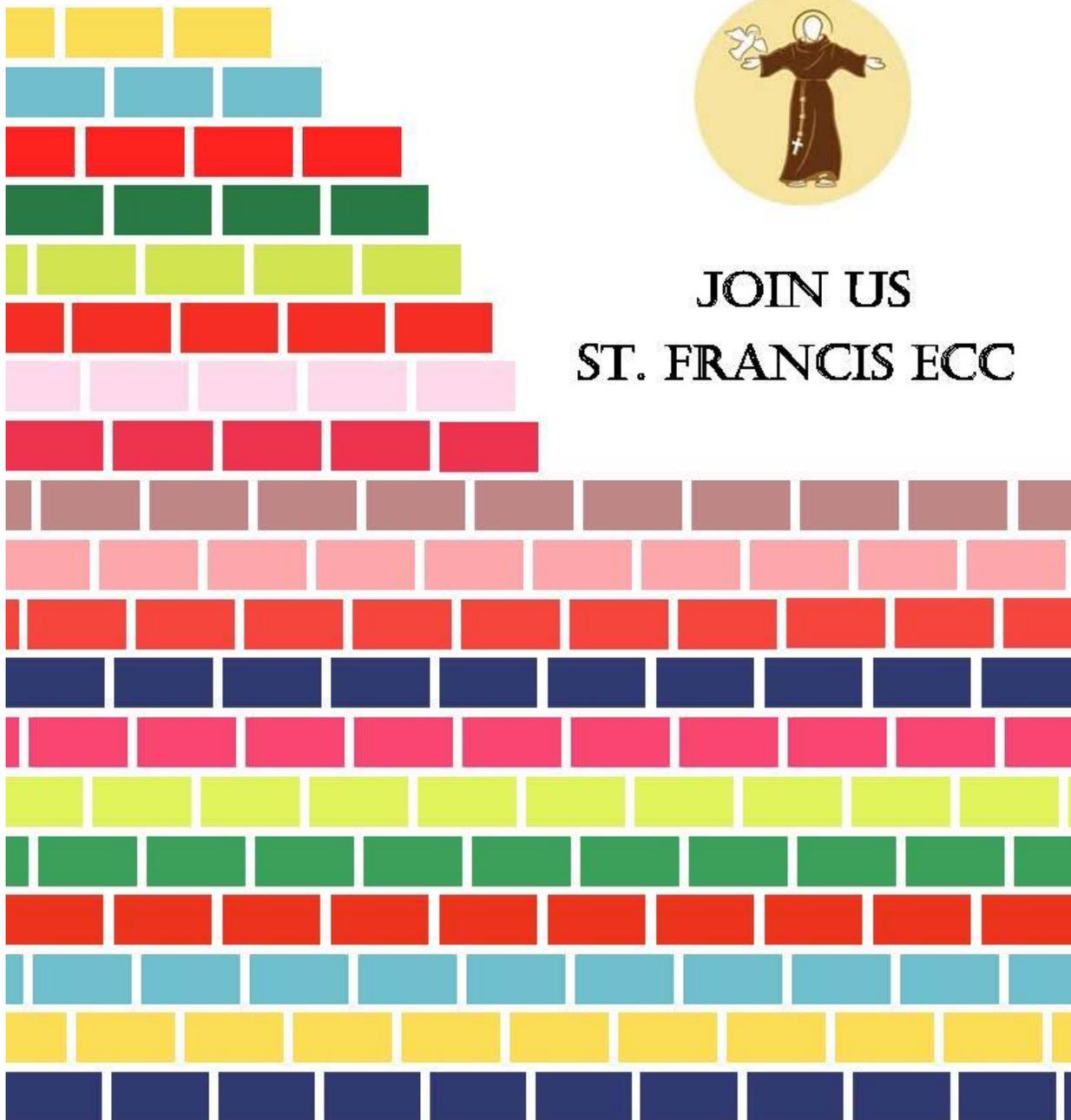
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AS WE BUILD THE HOUSE OF THE LORD

# BRICK BY BRICK



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### *St. Francis*

*After his epiphany at the church of San Damiano, Francis experienced another defining moment in his life. In order to raise money to rebuild the Christian church, he sold a bolt of cloth from his father's shop, along with his horse.*

**TODAY - 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY  
ST. FRANCIS ECC  
BRICK FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN**

## **DONATE TODAY**

**YOUR DONATION WILL HELP FUND THE FUTURE OF  
ST. FRANCIS ECC**



### **FUNDRAISING DONATIONS:**

**1 BRICK = \$100**

**4 BRICKS = \$350**

**CORPORATE BRICK = \$250**

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