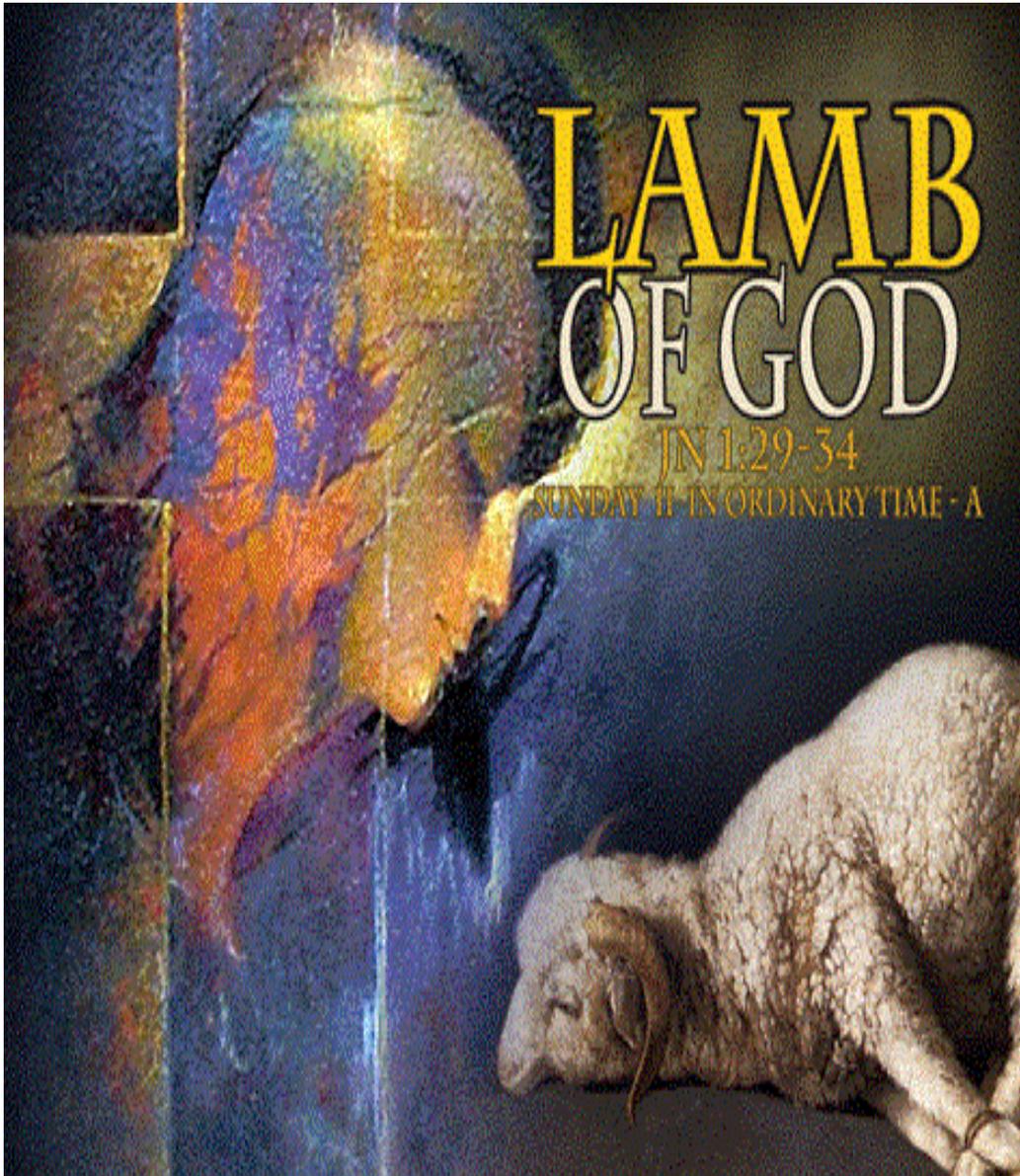


*St. Francis' Mission is:
To live by Faith, be known by Love, and be a voice of
Hope in order to give ourselves in service and better the
lives of others.*

January 15, 2017

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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HYMNS

For
Sunday
January 15, 2017

Gathering 413
"All Are Welcome"

Offertory 376
"Here I Am, Lord"

Communion 338
"Behold The Lamb"

Sending 404
"In Christ Alone"

**Celebrant
Father
Wenrick**

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

Is the season really ordinary time for ordinary people?

Henry III of Bavaria was a God-fearing king but the demands of being a ruler did not leave him much time for spiritual exercises. One day he got so fed up with being a king that he went to Prior Richard at the local monastery and asked to be admitted as a monk for the rest of his life. “Your Majesty,” said Prior Richard, “do you understand that the pledge here is one of obedience? That will be hard because you have been a king.” “I understand,” said Henry. “The rest of my life I will be obedient to you, as Christ leads you.” “Then I will tell you what to do,” said Prior Richard. “Go back to your throne and serve faithfully in the place where God has put you.” King Henry returned to his throne, ruled his people with the fear of God, and became a saintly king. In today’s second reading, Paul reminds us that we are **“called to be saints”** (1 Corinthians 1:2).

Like King Henry we sometimes believe that we need to run away from the demands of family and profession and escape to a monastery, a convent or the desert, where it will be easy to become a saint. But, as we learn from the wise counsel of Prior Richard, God expects us to be saints in the concrete situations of our personal, family and business or professional lives.

**Liturgical Ministry
Schedule**

	GREETERS	ACOLYTE	1 ST READING	2 ND READING/ INTERCESSION	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
January 15	David B	George R	Emilie M	Jim H	Barb F
January 22	Nile Don	Terry W	Deb F	Cheryl V	Jim V
January 25		Barb F	Mary Lee	Mary Lee	Barb F
January 29	Jon L George R	Jim V	Ron L	Deb F	Terry W

LITURGICAL 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.

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Reading 1 = Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

Responsorial Psalm = Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10

Reading 2 = 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Gospel = John 1:29-34

St. Ignatius of Loyola

(Prayer after Communion)

Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty,
my memory, my understanding, and my entire will, All I have and call my own.

You have given all to me. To you, Lord, I return it.

Everything is yours; do with it what you will. Give me only your love and your grace, that is enough for me.

St. Francis Community Update

- Prayers for Healing: Florence Jean–Pierre will offer Prayers after Mass in the Chapel and before Mass by appointment only. Subject to her availability.
- Choir Practice: Every Wednesday at 6 pm. Come and Join!
- Name Tags: Please sign up on the Bulletin Board if you would like one.
- Survey On Line: Quiz - What is an Ecumenical Catholic? It's part humor, but could also help newer members to understand the "ECC Way". Go to our Website, ADS/LINKS Page, under saint-matthew.org/quiz.php
- New Website Reality: Clicks/Hits promotes St. Francis. Increases interest/membership. Help us with our mission to touch the lives of 5,000! 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.
- *Pass It On:* If you like something on Facebook or YouTube, **PLEASE PASS IT ON**. The more that see it, the more interest we might generate.



Let Us Pray for



"Fear not for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."
(Isaiah 41:10)

- ✚ Leo and John's Friend Chas Casalicchio for healing from recent surgery. Blessing for Healing.
- ✚ Leo and John's Friend Brian Delaney for healing from complications of a knee replacement. Blessing for Healing.
- ✚ Mary K's Mother Mary. Mary K requesting a Prayer.
- ✚ Ivy and Jim's Daughter Jessica for Eye Surgery for Cancer. Prayers for steady hands and Healing.
- ✚ Leo and John's Neighbor Joe Marek for cardiac issues. Prayers for Healing.
- ✚ Cheryl and Mike's Daughter's. Prayers for a healthy pregnancy/safe pregnancy and health for the babies they are carrying: Jasmine, Jennifer, Paula, Lauren and Kaylynn.
- ✚ Dee and D.A. Marx Brother John dealing with stomach issues. Prayer for Healing.
- ✚ Parishioner DA Marx for pain issues. Prayers for Healing.
- ✚ Parishioner Dee Spano. Prayers for continued Healing,
- ✚ Mark Talboom, dealing with health issues. Prayers for Healing
- ✚ Ivy Villafana recuperating. Prayers for Healing.
- ✚ Lorraine and Christine as they battle medical issues. 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.
- ✚ 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.....



2ND Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ordinary Time refers to two periods of time in the Christian liturgical year that are found in the calendar of the ordinary form of the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church, as well as some other churches of Western Christianity, including those that use the Revised Common Lectionary: the Anglican Communion, Methodist churches, Lutheran churches, Old Catholic churches and Reformed churches. In Latin, the name of this time is *Tempus per annum* translated as time during the year.

Ordinary Time comprises two periods: the first period begins on Epiphany Day (in the Anglican Communion and Methodist churches) or the day after the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (in the Catholic Church) and ends on the day before Ash Wednesday; the second period begins on the Monday after Pentecost, the conclusion of the Easter season, and continues until the Saturday before the First Sunday of Advent. In some traditions, the first period is celebrated as Epiphanytide, and the latter of these periods is observed as Trinitytide. Both of these periods of time, combined, are the longest time in the liturgical year.

The weeks of Ordinary Time are numbered. Several Sundays bear the name of feasts or solemnities celebrated on those days, including Trinity Sunday and the Feast of Christ the King.

The liturgical color normally assigned to Ordinary Time is green.

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Upcoming Anniversaries and Birthdays:

John O'Grady Birthday 1/20
Al and Nancy O'Donnell Ann 1/24
Terry Winslow Birthday 1/26
Larry Roush Birthday 2/7
Becky Byrley Birthday 2/10
Ellie Ospina Birthday 2/12
Matthew Schnabel Birthday 2-13
Nancy O'Dell Birthday 2/29

LOOKING AHEAD:



Jan 15 – Sunday – **Today** - Money due for Bowling. \$10 per person.
Today - Garden Club Party at Jon and Bill's at 3pm
Jan 16 – Monday – Martin Luther King Day
Jan 21 - Saturday – Dunedin Bowling Night 7-9pm
Jan 22 – Sunday – Lunch at Finley's
Jan 24-26 – Wed-Fri- Drop off items for Rummage Sale, Remember all items received will not be returned rather donated to a charity.
Jan 25 – Wednesday – Healing Mass at 7pm
Jan 28 – Saturday – Rummage Sale – 8am-1:30pm
Jan 29 – Sunday – “Dream Center” Speaker today
Feb 2 – Thursday – Ground Hog Day – Do you know where your Ground Hog is?
Feb 3 – Friday – 1st Friday Mass at 6:30pm. New Members Dinner at 7:30pm
Feb 12 – Sunday – Lincoln Birthday. 2nd Annual Valentine Day Cook Off. Soup and Stews with prizes awarded
Feb 14 – Tuesday – Valentine Day. Council Meeting.
Feb 20 – Monday – Presidents Day

CHOIR PRACTICE IS NOW ON THURSDAY EVENINGS AT 6PM

SEE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE CALENDAR PAGE

What Makes My Belly Laugh!

INFLUENCED by Wayne Rettke

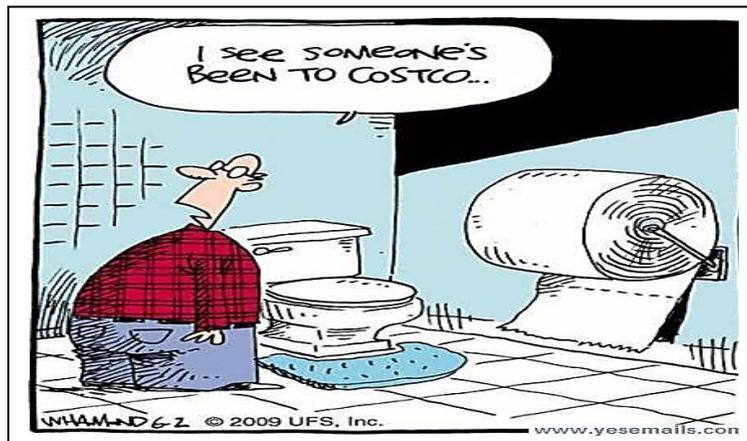
Three Ladies in a Sauna

Three Women, two younger, and one senior citizen, were sitting naked in a sauna. Suddenly there was a beeping sound, the young woman pressed her forearm and the beep stopped. The others looked at her questioningly. That was my pager she said. I have a microchip under the skin of my arm.

A few minutes later, a phone rang. The second young woman lifted her palm to her ear. When she finished, she explain, "that was my mobile phone. I have a microchip in my hand'.

The older woman felt very low-tech. Not to be out done. She decided she had to do something just as impressive. She stepped out of the sauna and went to the bathroom. She returned with a piece of toilet paper hanging from her rear end. The others raised their eyebrows and stared at her. The older woman finally said ...Well, Will You Look At That...I'm Getting A Fax!!!

Thank You, Jim Villafana



Thank You, George Ressler

R & R (Respect and Reverence)

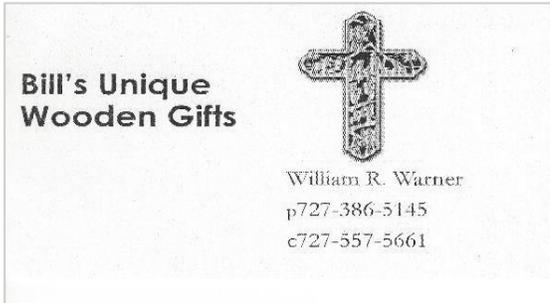
- **Housekeeping Note:** Please no food or drink in the Chapel area. Thank you for your cooperation!
- **Times when not to bother a Priest:** Please be respectful of our Pastor's time before and after Mass. At the present time Father Victor does not have office hours. If you wish to meet with him, you are most welcome to email or phone him to arrange an appointment. Our Website contact page is setup for that purpose
- **Respect People's 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:** Those who have volunteered for these positions are responsible for their Ministry and leading other who volunteer to assist within their ministries.



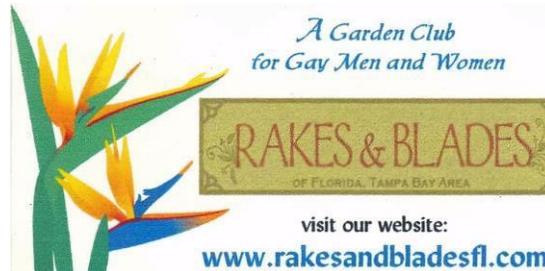
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**CONTACT THE BULLETIN GUY VIA CONTACT PAGE ON
THE WEBSITE UNDER MEDIA MINISTRY!**

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Followed by Coffee and Fellowship*

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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:



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.
Email to: media.stfrancis.eccl@gmail.com or
by calling Bill Schwartz at PH: 727-350-3778

Rummage Sale



Saturday - January 28

8 am to 1:30 pm

St. Francis ECC

Parking Lot

12041 66th Street N., Largo, Florida

DROP OFF DATES AND TIMES

Tuesday, January 24, 6-8pm

Wednesday, January 25, 6-8pm

Thursday, January 26, 6-8pm

We still need volunteers to assist on these days and for Saturday, January 28. Please see sign up list on the Bulletin Board.

If anyone has any Plastic Bags, we can use them for Sale Day!

Items that do not sell at the Rummage Sale will be donated to The Dream Center, Kimberly House or St. Vincent De Paul. Because of this, these businesses have certain restrictions of what they will accept. So, below is the list of items that will not be accepted for the Rummage Sale.

Do not bring - will not accept list:

- electronics of any kind
- food of any kind
- used tires
- furniture - that needs more than one person to carry
- heavily stained/soiled items
- any items with missing parts
- items that are no longer operational
- stuffed animals that are damaged or stuffing coming out of them
- items that were used for personal hygiene use.

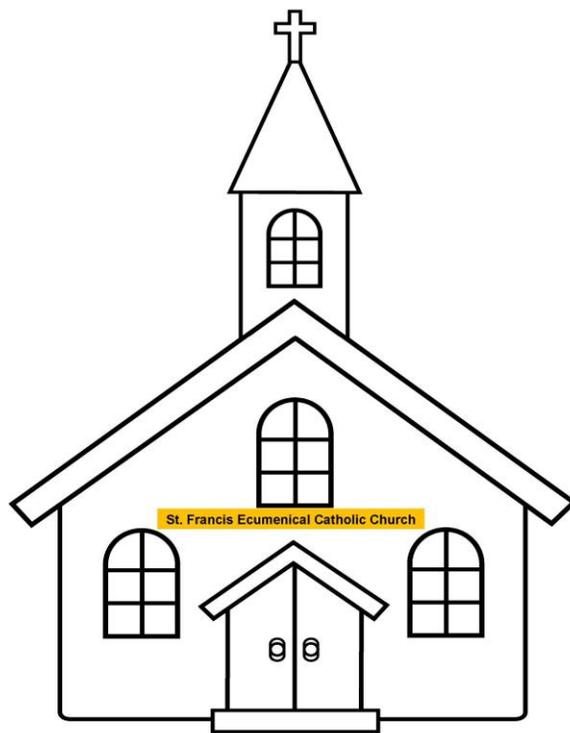
All items donated are final and will not be returned. The pricing of donated items will be completed by the team organizing the sale and not the donor.

Also, keep in mind the rummage team member has the right to turn down an item being donated if they feel it fits into one of the above categories and/or by using their own discretion.

Brick Fundraising – Phase 2

I HAVE SOME GREAT NEWS, AS OF TODAY, WE HAVE ABOUT \$6,500 IN THE BUILDING FUND CONTAINING BOTH LIQUID AND PROMISED ASSETS. UNFORTUNATELY, AT TODAY'S PRICES THAT WILL GET US A SET OF BLUEPRINTS, A FRONT DOOR AND MAYBE A WINDOW.

AND ONCE AGAIN I MUST APOLOGIZE. WE'VE PRESENTED THIS BRICK PROGRAM TO YOU AND WE REALLY HAVEN'T DONE A VERY GOOD JOB OF GIVING YOU THE PROPER MOTIVATION.



NOW THIS IS A CLIPART OF COURSE AND NOT THE REAL CONCEPT FOR OUR CHURCH BUT, I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THE YELLOW SIGN ABOVE THE DOOR THAT SAYS

ST. FRANCIS ECUMENICAL CATHOLIC CHURCH.

THIS IS OUR MOTIVATION AND OUR GOAL. TO NOT ONLY HAVE OUR OWN BUILDING BUT, HAVING A GREATER IMPACT IN PINELLAS COUNTY.

SO, UNLESS WE FIND A CHURCH SUGAR DADDY OR A SUGAR MAMA THE ONLY WAY TO OUR GOAL AT THE PRESENT IS THROUGH THE BRICK PROGRAM.

NOW ONE OF FATHER'S SAYING IS "IF YOU HAVE TO, USE WORDS", I KNOW YOU ARE ALL SITTING THERE AND THINKING OK, THIS IS WHERE BILL TELLS US TO GO OUT AND SELL DOOR TO DOOR. "WELL, BILL, I DON'T HAVE THE TIME". THAT WAS THE BULLETIN GUY YELLING AT BILL

LET ME INTRODUCE YOU TO "BRICK FUNDRAISING – PHASE 2. ABIDING BY FATHERS WISHES WE WILL BE USING THE POWER OF WORDS, THE WRITTEN WORD. WE HAVE THIS WONDERFUL SALES TOOL CALLED THE **BI-FOLD**. IT'S GOT EVERYTHING. OUR MISSION, WHAT WE'RE ALL ABOUT AND WHY THIS FUNDRAISER. ALL WE ARE ASKING YOU TO DO IS WHEN YOU GO TO A STORE, FRIENDS HOUSE, DOCTORS OFFICE, WHATEVER JUST TAKE ONE BI-FOLD, HAND IT TO THEM AND SAY

"GOOD MORNING DEB (WHO EVER) THANK YOU FOR READING THIS INFORMATION", *THAT'S IT!*

IF THEY HAVE QUESTIONS YOU CAN'T ANSWER, JUST REFER THEM TO THE MEDIA CONTACT ON THE BI-FOLD.

REMEMBER THAT THE FINANCE PLAN IS ONLY FOR PARISHIONERS OF ST. FRANCIS

REMINDER:

MOTIVATION (BUILDING AND IMPACT)
+ PRODUCT SALES (BRICK PROGRAM)
= GOAL (St. Francis ECC Building)