

Dear Family & Friends of St. Francis ECC,

Here is some of the news and information which is being talked about all around the church for this second week in January:

- We will have our next Healing Mass on Wednesday January 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM. Have you been to one of our Healing Masses yet? They are very moving, you can come to the healing Mass for yourself for someone else in absentia. All are welcome and we hope you will be able to join us for it.
- As most of you know by now, one of our snowbird members, Chris Noonan, spouse of Lorraine Kerr, passed away last Saturday January 14<sup>th</sup>. There is going to be a Funeral Mass for her on Saturday February 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:30AM here at the church. There will be a luncheon following the Mass. All are welcome to attend.
- On this Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will be going out to Finley's Irish Pub for lunch immediately after Mass. Everyone is welcome to join us for food, fellowship and fun. If you did not sign up to join us for it, there is still room available at the table. There is info on the bulletin board in the social hall.
- We will be having our first ever church Rummage sale here at the church on Saturday January 28<sup>th</sup> from 8:00AM to 1:30PM. Please ask your family, friends and neighbors to donate items for it. You can drop off your items on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday January 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup> between 6:00 and 8:00PM. This is going to be a big fundraiser for St. Francis and additional help is needed. If you can help out, even an hour of your time, would be greatly appreciated. See Cheryl Velez for more information.
- We are continuing to look for additional readers, greeters, ushers and acolytes. If you would like to help out with the liturgical aspect of the Mass, please see Jim Villafana, our liturgical coordinator.
- We would like to ask for your help please. We are starting to run low of goodies to eat on some Sunday mornings after Mass. If you could occasionally bring in something to share with everyone, it would be greatly appreciated.
- We are going to have a New Members Dinner on Friday February 3<sup>rd</sup>, immediately after the first Friday Mass from 7:30-9:00PM. If you joined St. Francis as a new member in 2016 or if you would like more information about the ECC, you are welcome to join us for it. We will have sandwiches and finger food provided. Look for more information about this in the coming weeks.
- We will have our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Valentine Cook Off, which will be for Soup or Stew on Sunday February 12<sup>th</sup> immediately after Mass. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the social hall. If you will be entering the cook off, you will be required to list the name of the dish. We hope you will be able to join us for it.
- Prayers and Get Well Wishes are continuing to go up for Ivy Villafana, Dee Spano, Chris Warner and Mark Talboom. Please remember to say a little prayer for them. Thank you.
- If you would like to receive a statement of the donations which you made to St. Francis ECC in 2016 for tax purposes, please see Larry Roush, our treasurer.

Thanks for reading this week's Council letter. Please let us know if you should have any questions, concerns or comments. You are always free to e-mail us or contact any member of the church council. Thank you, and as always, we look forward to seeing you in church!!!

In God's Peace, Your Church Council,

Larry, Jon, Jim, Terry, Mike & Leo