Mass Schedule



Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm **Sunday** 8:00 am 10:30 am & 5:00 pm

For daily Mass schedule see the Parish Calendar inside the bulletin.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday 5:00 -5:45 pm Saturday 4:00 -5:00 pm and by appointment

<u>Perpetual Adoration</u> 24 hours a day in the Chapel

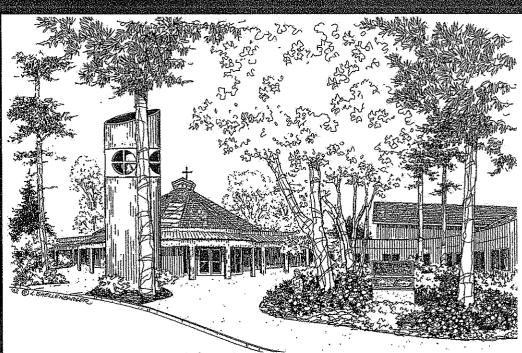
Parish Rosary 4th Thursday

7:00 pm

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Parish Mission Statement

Jesus calls us to conversion and discipleship. Because we believe in Jesus, we the St. Francis Parish Family minister to each other and to the larger community in holiness and justice. Our celebration of the sacraments helps us to be Spirit-filled and challenges us to enable each person, each family and the parish and world communities to promote the kingdom of God every day.

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The 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 24, 2016

Parish Calendar

Monday, July 25 9:00 am Summer Art Davs Art Room 12:05 pm Communion Service Chapel 7:00 pm Altar Server Training Church Tuesday, July 26 9:00 am Summer Art Days Art Room 12:05 pm Communion Service Chapel Wednesday, July 27 9:00 am Summer Art Days Art Room 9:00 am Ouilting Old Hall 9:00 am Food Pantry/Clothes Closet Old Hall 5:00 pm Food Pantry/Clothes Closet Old Hall 6:00 pm **Communion Service** Chapel 7:00 pm 8:00 am Mass Choir Rehearsal Church Thursday, July 28 8:30 am **Communion Service** Chapel 9:00 am Summer Art Days Art Room 9:00 am Food Pantry/Clothes Closet Old Hall 7:00 pm Parish Rosary Chapel 7:30 pm K of C Officers Meeting Old Hall Friday, July 29 8:30 am **Communion Service** Chapel 6:30 pm Couples for Christ Meeting P.C. Saturday, July 30 **Anniversary Blessings** 4:00 pm Reconciliation Chapel 5:30 pm Mass (David Johnson) Church Sunday, July 31 **Anniversary Blessings** 8:00 am Mass (Garland & June Harris +) Church Rosary/Chaplet of Divine Mercy 9:45 am Chapel 10:30 am Mass (Diane Zumpano) Church 5:00 pm Hope Diner – St Francis Team 3 Old Hall Mass (People of the Parish) 5:00 pm Church



Financials

 July 16 & 17 collections
 \$ 9,123.68

 Weekly Expenses
 \$ 12,814.25

 Archdiocesan Loan Balance
 \$ 181,973.44

Next Sunday's Readings

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23 Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 &17 Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11 Luke 12:13-21



Liturgical Ministers - July 30 & 31

Readers	Ushers	Servers		
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Saturday 5:30 pm Mass				
Bill Rhodes	Hank Becker	Kathleen Mehta		
Jerilyn Felton	John Laughlin	Grace Johnson		
		Sophie Johnson		
Sunday 8:00 am Mass				
Steve Holthouse	Marilyn Sykes	Hannah Harnsberger		
Trisha MacKinnon	Kevin Moore	Clare Harnsberger		
		Drew Knickerbocker		
Sunday 10:30 am Mass				
LeRoy Nollette	Chris Corrado	Sophia Bowman		
Rose Rogers		Chase Highberger		
		Aidan Highberger		
Sunday 5:00 pm Mass				
Rachel Engstrom	Scott Volk	Carmela Valdez		
Joey Biever	Sal Fuoti	Amanda Volk		
		Carmen Bartoletta		

Coffee Social Hosts - July 31

8:00 am Mass – Ana and Martin Keim 10:30 am Mass – Espinoza & Valladares Families

If you are unavailable for your scheduled time, please find a replacement Minister or Coffee Host.

From the desk of Father James

When we first look at our first reading today from the book of Genesis and the conversation that Abraham is having with God, we may be taken aback a little by the persistence that Abraham has when he is talking with God.

God has come down to see if the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is true. Are these communities really as sinful as the cry against them claims? How will the Lord respond if H e finds that it is true? Well, we know that the Lord intends to wipe out these cities because of the sinfulness of the people. And, this is where we find Abraham and God having a conversation.

Abraham asks the Lord, if the innocent would be wiped away with the sinful? What if there was just fifty innocent people? Would they all still be wiped away? Abraham goes on and on with this line of questioning. What might take us aback in this exchange is the fact that Abraham still continues to ask God, boldly, what if there was only forty-five, forty, thirty, ten.

Even Abraham admits that he is indeed speaking boldly to the Lord. Where does Abraham come up with the courage to address our Lord this way? It is because of the intimate friendship that he has with our loving Lord. There was talk that the Lord is one of vengeance. When His people fail to live as they should, He punishes. But, that is not the God that Abraham knows. The God that Abraham knows is one of generosity and love. In this text from Genesis we see that Abraham is haggling with God to find the loving Lord that he knows that God is. He is only able to pray in this way because of the deep relationship that he has with the Lord.

As we look at our own prayer life, we can ask ourselves the question, do we have this same intimacy with God? Do we bring what is on our minds to the Lord? Are we intimate with God? Do we feel as though we can pray to the Lord with the same boldness as Abraham? Whatever we bring to the Lord, He will hear and He will answer. Do we truly have the courage to bring everything we carry in our hearts, place it into our loving Lord's hands and accept His loving embrace?

This past week here at St. Francis, we had our Vacation Bible School. After having about a month of quiet on our campus since the school kids have been on vacation, our campus was filled with the joyous sound of the children as they were here learning about Jesus and their faith. They focused on the Year of Mercy and different acts of mercy that they can do in their own lives to show the mercy of Jesus to others. We ended on Friday with a Mass with all our kids in the school gym!

I want to thank Violet Franco and all the staff and volunteers that worked so hard to make this week a great success! Thank you.



In the Spirit of St. Francis...

- To Timberly Marek and family for stepping in and volunteering to host the Coffee Social last weekend.
- To Ocie Gardner and Yvonne Nimeh for the beautiful flowers for the church.

In the Spirit of St. Francis...THANK YOU!

St. Francis Catholic Church is seeking a qualified individual as the part time Music Coordinator for the parish. The ideal candidate will be expected to:

- Plan and coordinate music for all liturgies
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- Schedule and direct practice for choir members and musicians

The candidate should have experience in the areas of music coordination and success in managing and training volunteers. Skilled accompaniment with piano or guitar required. Successful completion of background check required. Please contact Sheila in the parish office for further information, 503-625-6185 or send resume to spolowicz@archdpdx.org.



RCIA

COME AND SEE - Do you attend Mass with a Catholic spouse? Or perhaps you have a Catholic friend who has piqued your interest in the Church. Maybe your grandma was Catholic, and now you feel called to find out more about the Catholic faith. The RCIA might be for you. Come ask questions. Contact Linda Blackwood at linda@stfrancissherwood.org or 503-625-6185.

Middle School Campfire



Who: incoming 6th-8th graders

What: campfire for marshmallow roasting, games and

fellowship

When: Wednesday, July 27, 7:30 pm - 10:30 pm

Where: in front of school

RSVP by Monday, July 25 Ashley Ludwig 503-625-6185 ashley@stfrancissherwood.org

High School

July

* 24th - Mass at Grotto, picnic and hike (11:00 am - 7:00 pm)

If you are interested in participating in any of these events, please contact Ashley Ludwig at ashley@stfrancissherwood.org.

Many thanks to our wonderful Youth Volunteers for sharing their time in helping to make this another great year of VBS!

Madeleine Ball
Joey Cangelosi
Angelina Conrow
Emmy Dalebroux
Catherine Felix
Mason Gardner
Sophie Johnson
Stephanie Killinger
Stefi MacKinnon
Sierra McCaulley
Gab Morrow
Kaitlyn Oliver
Stephanie Salazar
Britney Wexted
Matthew Zapodeanu



Abby Biever
Lauren Cangelosi
Joseph Conrow
Andrew Dunn
Averi Fuchs
JP Grosso
Meghan Killinger
Maddie Langon
Jeffrey Manning
Ashley McNeil
Maia Oliver
Sammi Rogers
Michael Wanner
Madeline Woodruff
Stephan Zapodeanu

Adult Volunteers

Anna Brockman Monica Conrow Kristin Huber Amy McIntosh Dave Slegers Rose Byles Yvonne Gill Barb Lance Paola Santos Monica Slegers

We would like to give special recognition to
Andrew Dunn and Sierra McCaulley for graciously
agreeing to lead a station at the last minute! Also, many thanks
to Monica Conrow for leading us in song each day and still having the energy to lead the Prayer station!

God's Mercy is: Loving, Helpful, Free, Forgiving, Endless!

MSSR Volunteers

Josh Felix Trisha Killinger



Kim Felix Yolanda McVicker

Lastly, many, many thanks to the MSSR crew for making this a fantastic experience for the Middle Schoolers! Thanks also for your work at the Old Hall!

"Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly"

"Faith formation is more than a subject to be taught—it is an invitation to a way of life"

- Joe Paprocks

Cheering for Each Other

What the Eucharist Reminds Us about Connection

By Shemaiah Gonzalez for Busted Halo, May 17, 2016

A few Sundays ago, as I took my place in line to receive the Eucharist, I noticed an older man sitting in the front, right near the Eucharistic ministers. He'd solemnly watch as they would hand the Host to the parishioner and say, "The Body of Christ." As the person would receive it and say "Amen," he would crack a smile. I was enchanted. I watched him do this for about 15 people until it was my turn.

I thought about this moment again, days later. What about it so touched me? I think it reminded me that we are all connected, even if I don't always feel it. It was as if, for that one moment, that man got it. He understood that through Christ, we are one and he was cheering for each one of us, to feel Christ's love through the Eucharist, to become whole, to be healed.

I remembered years ago, taking a friend, a lapsed Protestant who was dabbling in agnosticism, to Mass. As everyone lined up for the Eucharist, she leaned over and whispered to me, "They are all equal!" Of course they are! I thought. Then, I realized, she was used to sitting in a pew, waiting for communion to be passed to her on a tray or a bowl. She sat there waiting, anonymous. In Mass, we all get out of our seats where everyone can see us, slow down, wait and then humbly prepare to receive the Host. There is something about that action that makes us become one — one big mass of people coming to Christ together. Yes, we are all equal.

A recent Sunday was the anointing of the sick at Mass. Parishioners in need of healing of mind, body or spirit were welcome to receive the holy oil. I noticed a new friend walk up, a proud and private woman who recently confided in me the details of the trauma her family is going through. Not many at the church know this. She is strong. She is discreet. I was so moved by what I saw that I wept. I felt such a strong connection to her, I was cheering for her. I wanted her to be healed.

The last words we say before we take the Eucharist each week are "Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed." I think again of that old man cheering for us as we received the Host. I imagine him as Christ, cheering for each one of us to be healed. For each one of us to be whole again. For each one of us to love and be loved. This is why He created us, for relationship, so that we can connect with one another and we can connect freely with Him. We can be the people He created us to be.

That same Spirit dwells in each of us, calling out to each other in love. No wonder the old man was watching each of us at Mass. No wonder my own heart leapt with longing for my friend to be healed. That's the part of us, made in His image. We cheer for one another just as He cheers for us.



Anna Wilson - 503-625-7067 Old Hall - 503-625-1263 anna@stfrancissherwood.org Food Pantry Hours: Wed & Thur 9:00 am—11:00 am and Wed 5:00 pm—7:00 pm

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: canned soup, canned fruit, baking mixes, chili

HOPE DINER: A place for people hungry for food and friendship, Sundays - 5:00 pm at the Old Hall. All are welcome. **Hosts:** St Paul Lutheran

Jubilee Year of Mercy - July: Bear Patiently Those Who Do Us Ill

God is so patient with us. Let us ask for the grace to have that kind of patience with others.

Why? - July contains the Feast Days of: <u>St. Elizabeth of Portugal</u> (Patroness of Peace) and <u>St. Benedict</u> (Patron of Community)

Serve - Compliment or thank someone who "has done you ill".

Accompany - Participate in a peaceful and prayerful vigil:

For peace in our homes and in our world For an end to abortion For an end to gun violence

You may receive pushback and counter protests - remain peaceful and prayerful.

Defend - If you hear of gossip or talk against someone in your workplace, family or circle of friends, step up to the defense of the person who is not there to defend him or herself.

Live - Plan a date night.

Write a letter of affection to your spouse.

Practice being quick to forgive.

At night, pray for each other.

Say "I'm sorry".

Frustrated with someone? Step away from the situation, take a few deep breaths, pray the Our Father, asking God for patience.

Reflect and follow-up: The work of mercy isn't finished when the activity ends. Spend time in prayer, reflecting on where you saw and experienced the love and mercy of Christ. If you did an activity with a group, follow-up with others in that group and share insights or observations. This is a chance to grow in faith and mercy together (Jubilee Year of Mercy, Archdiocese of Portland).



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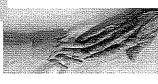
Catholic Corner

What are the duties of workers toward their employer? Workers must respect their employer and faithfully serve them according to their agreement. St. Paul Family Catechism, 658

Next Week: How should employers treat their workers?

Respect Life

Natural Family Planning (NFP) is a unique form of fertility education.



Specifically, NFP is the title for the moral, natural and healthy, modern and scientifically reliable methods of family planning. These methods teach married couples how to identify and understand their combined signs of fertility. This information then helps married couples plan to achieve or postpone a pregnancy. NFP is morally good because it helps married couples respect God's design for married love. ~Theresa Notare, PhD, Assistant Director, NFP Program, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

Sunday July 24 Where All Are Welcomed and Loved With Mercy - Day 497 The U.S. is 1 of 3 countries that offers no paid family leave.

Announcements

Happening This Week:

• Interested in becoming an altar server? There will be altar server training this Sunday, July 24 at 12:00 pm or Monday, July 25 at 7:00 pm in the church. New altar servers need to be 4th grade or above in the fall and have completed 1st Communion. Contact Deacon Bill if you have any questions.

Parish Announcements:

- If your group regularly uses the parish kitchen, please attend a "train the trainers" session on Tuesday, August 2, from 1:00 pm 2:30 pm. General health and food safety protocols and proper use of kitchen equipment will be addressed at this session. For more information and to RSVP, please contact Sheila in the parish office.
- Liturgical Ministers are asked to contact the parish office before Wednesday, August 3 with your non-availability dates for the next period, September 4 through November 27. This includes All Saints Day on Tuesday, November 1 and Thanksgiving Day on Thursday, November 24.
- USCCB's National Natural Family Planning Awareness Week July 25-30 Discover Natural Family Planning! This simple, natural, and effective means of understanding a couple's fertility goes beyond the decision to avoid or achieve pregnancy. Through incorporating NFP into their lives, married couples have found a new depth of intimacy, understanding and communication. These all build a deeper level of trust, commitment, and fidelity. There will be a table in the narthex the weekends of July 24 and July 30 with materials on NFP and local/national resources. Check it out!
- The Annual Knights of Columbus Garage Sale is Friday & Saturday, September 9 & 10 at the old Haggen's parking lot. Please drop off all your donated items at the old hall, not at the church office. If you need large items picked up, contact Rob Watson 503-476-6206 or Paul Mayer 503-610-1000. Please no clothing or out of date TV's and/or electronics, and only appliances in working condition. Thank you for your thoughtful donations. You make a big difference in our ability to provide meaningful contributions to our Church and surrounding communities.
- The first two listening sessions with Father James have gone well. There are additional listening sessions
 open in August to get to know Father James better. You can sign up in the Narthex.
- It's that time again to be thinking about sharing your extra marion berries, blackberries, blueberries, peaches and apples. When you are freezing or canning, please remember to put pie sized portions away for the "Holy Rollers". Just freeze the fruit; it is not necessary to make pie filling. Keep the fruit in your freezer until asked to bring the fruit in for pie making in early November.

Out of Parish:

• Come and join The Franciscan Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Sorrows for their Annual Family Barbeque on Sunday, August 7 from noon to 6:00 pm at Our Lady of Peace Retreat, 3600 SW 170th Avenue, Beaverton. Menu Includes: Hamburgers, Pulled Pork, Chicken, Hot dogs, Sausages, Veggie Burgers, Fresh Corn on the Cob, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans and Watermelon, Dessert Booth, Cotton Candy, Ice Cream, Popcorn and Sodas. Meal Prices - \$5 to \$10 (Takeout available). Sweepstakes tickets are available. The drawing will be at 5 pm, need not be present to win. Live entertainment, the Franciscan Girls Club Games and more. For more information or to obtain sweepstakes tickets, email sisters@olpretreat.org, phone 503-649-7127 or visit www.olpretreat.org.

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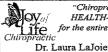
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