## SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH

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#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2025

## **6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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"Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh." - Lk 6:21

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#### **Saint Francis of Assisi Church**

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#### **PARISH STAFF**

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#### MASS SCHEDULE

#### SUNDAY VIGIL (SATURDAY)

After Easter to December 28 ... 4:00pm January 4 to April 12, 2025 ... 3:00pm & 4:30pm

#### SUNDAY

After Easter to December 29 - 8:00am & 10:00am January 5 through Easter Sunday 7:30am, 9:00am,10:30am

#### **WEEKDAYS**

Monday - Friday.....8:15 am Holy Days.....8:15 am & 6:00 pm

#### **CHURCH OPEN HOURS**

Monday - Friday 7am-4pm Saturday 2pm - 5pm Sunday 7am -11am

#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Winter - September 4 through May 31 Mon - Fri 9:00am -12:30pm,1:00pm - 4:00pm

**Summer** - June 3 through Aug 31 Monday through Friday 9:00am - 2:30pm

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Thursday after Mass 9:00am - 9:15am After Easter to Dec 29 - Saturdays 3:00pm - 3:30pm Jan 4 to April 13 - Saturdays: 2:00pm - 2:30pm

#### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Call Parish Office at least six months in advance.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Contact Parish Office

#### Mass Intentions and Scripture Readings for the Week

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17 8:15am †THERESA FLANDERS by Barbara and Frank McKane *Reading: Genesis 4:1-15, 25 Gospel: Mark 8:11-13* 

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18 8:15am FOR THE INTENTIONS OF ALL ATTENDEES OF LOUIS MASELLA'S FUNERAL MASS

Reading: Genesis 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10 Gospel: Mark 8:14-21

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

**†FOTI FAMILY** by Mico Reading: Genesis 8:6-13, 20-22 Gospel: Mark 8:22-26

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20 8:15am †MARIA FEBRAZZO by Mico *Reading: Genesis 9:1-13 Gospel: Mark 8:27-33*

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21 8:15am †THOMAS DEAN VANOSDOL by Francie Brown and Bettie Greth Reading: Genesis 11:1-9 Gospel: Mark 8:34—9:1

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22 SUNDAY VIGIL (SATURDAY) 3:00pm **†THOMAS ZASUCHA** by The Vasher Family 4:30pm **†MICHELLE RENEE BROWN** by John and Martha Mingel

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23 7:30am FOR OUR PARISHIONERS 9:00am †TOM GALLAGHER by Connie and Nino 10:30am †LOUIS MASELLA by Beth Hammond Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Reading 1: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49 Gospel: Luke 6:27-38



#### Gospel Reflection Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C Luke 6:17,20-26

The Holy Spirit more easily acts in hearts that are humble and open, making a life in God more possible and visible. This means living our life in conformity with the Gospel message of Jesus Christ, putting God's ways above our own and cultivating a life of prayer and humble service.

But we still might ask: how can one possibly

find happiness in poverty, hunger, mourning and persecution as Jesus seems to be saying in the Gospel today? These are things we are taught in our culture to avoid at all costs, literally!

If we want to be filled with joy and true peace, and the happiness of heaven, Jesus is telling us we must empty ourselves of all that would shut God out of our hearts.

Poverty of spirit means possessing God above all other things. God is the greatest possible treasure, not a fatter bank account, a faster car or eternal youth. All those things pass quickly in this life and can't be taken to the next. It's the point well made by the Reverend Billy Graham: who's ever seen a U-haul trailer in a cemetery?

Only by finding our nourishment and strength in God is our deepest hunger satisfied. Sorrow and mourning over sin and any wasted time leads to a joyful freedom from the burden of guilt and eternal death, defined as separation from God.

God is ready to give to the humble of heart, all those who know they need God, real life and genuine happiness. Jesus promises his hearers, including us, that the joys of heaven will more than make up for the troubles and hardships that are a part of every life.

And mysteriously, many of the hardships are exactly what bring us to our knees, so to speak, when we finally seek out God without reserve, knowing nothing else can ultimately satisfy our deepest longings. Even in this life we can "taste and see the goodness of the Lord" (Psalm 33.9).

The great Doctor of the Church, Saint Thomas Aquinas, who died 1274, said that no person can live without joy. That is why those deprived of spiritual joy seek out other forms of it, only to discover that real joy, what really satisfies and lasts forever, is joy in God.

May we know the joy and happiness of belonging to God alone, through Christ our Lord and in the Holy Spirit. May our hunger and thirst not be for material things but for the kingdom of peace and righteousness which God is offering us all. May we find perfect joy in doing the will of God, who lives and reigns forever and ever.

Brought to you by Penny Fleming, Communications Coordinator. Abbot Christian Leisv, OSB, Monastery of Christ in the Desert dated February 9, 2022.

## Catholic Faith Appeal 2025 2025 CFA Goal: \$227,000

To donate, use the **blue envelopes in pew** or go to **https://dioceseofvenice.org/ways-to-give/cfa/** 

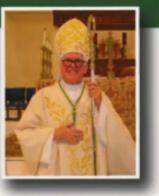
in the designation box choose St. Francis of Assisi in Grove City.

# A Message from Bishop Dewane



DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

January 2025



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This year the Diocese of Venice in Florida celebrates 40 Years of Service. Throughout this time, those who have come before us, as well as today's faithful, have supported the good works we are called to do as the People of God. In scripture we are taught, "Whoever cares for the poor lends to the Lord...". This reminds all that kindness and generosity toward our brothers and sisters is a blessing to Our Lord and will be returned.

Won't you be part of this call to "lend to the Lord" by donating to this year's Catholic Faith Appeal (CFA)? Your continued generous support is much needed and genuinely valued. Your kindness allows essential programs, ministries and works of mercy to be extended to individuals and families in every stage of life. From disaster relief to caring for the poor, from resources for the underserved to faith formation and education; individuals, families and communities receive compassion and care.

Many of the Diocesan programs and ministries funded through the CFA are highlighted in this brochure. As here presented, the CFA furthers the Mission of the Church given by Christ and impacts those in need throughout Southwest Florida.

May the Lord abundantly bless you in this Jubilee Year 2025, declared by Our Holy Father, for your desire to help those among us in need. Be assured of my continued prayers for you and your family.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Frank J. Dewane Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida



DONATIONS: Clothing, Shoes, Holiday Decorations, Books, Toys, Sporting Goods, Small <u>Working</u> Appliances, Knick-Knacks, Jewelry, Computers, Flat Screen TV's Only. Sorry we cannot accept mattresses, empty picture frames, plastic, mismatched glassware or <u>large</u> furniture. St. Francis of Assisi Parish Women's Guild 5265 Placida Road, Grove City • Parish Center • 941-697-4899 ext. 6



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!! These are the VOLUNTEER hours that need to be filled. TUESDAY FEB 18th • 10:00am - 2pm Setup WEDNESDAY FEB19th • 8:30am - 3pm Setup/Price THURSDAY FEB 20th • 8:30am - 1pm Setup/Price THURSDAY FEB 20th • 8:30am - 1pm Setup/Price 2:30pm to 5:30 pm FRIDAY FEB 21st • 8:30 - 2pm SALE SATURDAY FEB 22th BROWN BAG SALE

8:30 am to 12 noon (cleanup 12-2)

CONTACT: women's guild 941-697-4899 ext, 6; ckmitch1@aol.com; kathy6150@aol.com; with days & hours available

# VOU'RE INVITED TO OUR

### MEET THE ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI YOUTH GROUP

## FEBRUARY 23, 2025

#### IN THE PARISH CENTER AT 11:30 AM IMMEDIATLEY AFTER THE 10:30 AM MASS







CONVERGING ROADS WHERE HEALTH CARE ETHICS AND MEDICINE CONVERGE



## **CATHOLIC SOCIAL DOCTRINE** IN MEDICINE

#### MARCH 1, 2025 9:15 AM - 5:45 PM IN PERSON AND ONLINE

ST. JOHN XXIII CATHOLIC CHURCH 13060 PALOMINO LANE, FORT MYERS, FL 33912

#### PRESENTATIONS

The Implications of Catholic Social Doctrine for Health Care Rev. Peter Fonseca, MA, MS, MDiv

The Origins, Challenges, and Ethics of Transhumanism Deacon Michael J. Deem, PhD

Human Dignity at the End of Life Andrew S. Kubick, PhD, MA

Advance Directives: How Should a Catholic Prepare? Rev. Peter Fonseca, MA, MS, MDiv, D. Brian Scarnecchia, MDiv, JD, and more!

The Mental Health Crisis for Children and Adolescents Sister Maria Amata Rossi, RSM

The Science and Ethics of In Vitro Fertilization Daniel Kuebler, PhD

Continuing education credits for healthcare professionals will be offered.







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REGISTER HERE



For more information, contact the conference coordinators at CR@forlifeandfamily.org 832-779-1070



## Order online on Catholic store websites or wherever books are sold.

The Gospel of St. Matthew Shares with us astonishing words of a promise of everlasting happiness, far removed from the usual recipes for gratification. Blessed are the poor in spirit! Blessed are those who mourn! Happy are the meek!... Fr. Jacques shares with us a profound clarity to the full scope of meaning behind Christ's eight beatitudes, and in turn, outlines for us a way in which we can live them in our daily lives. We learn how each beatitude gives insight into how we can situate ourselves in an honest and fulfilling relationship with God, with oneself, and with others, and how to confront head-on the difficult realities of life.

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All are Welcome to Join! Call Martha Mingel with any questions 941-697-4899

# Saint Francis Parish Women's Guild SPRING FASHION SHOW MARCH 16, 2025 1:00PM - 4:30PM

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Our models will be displaying beautiful and unique women's apparel from: Sisters Unique Boutique Arlene Bechtold, Owner at 40? West Dearborn St. Englewood

Tickets are \$25 and are available in the Parish Office. No tickets sold at the door. Lunch: Asian Cuisine prepared by Chefs Patrick and Jason

## Diocese of Venice Anniversary Mass

Location: St. Thomas More Parish, Sarasota Date: Saturday, March 8th Time: 11am

All couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, or more than 50 years of marriage are invited by Bishop Frank J. Dewane to an Anniversary Mass in their honor.

The Anniversary Masses will be celebrated in two locations:

February Ist at St. Leo the Great Parish in Bonita Springs at Ilam, March 8th at St. Thomas More Parish in Sarasota, also at Ilam.

Please contact your local parish office for reservations no later than one week before the event you choose to attend. SFOA Church Office: 941-697-4899



Parish Lenten Retreat

Wednesday, March 26, 2025 Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center Time: 9am - 3:15pm Cost: \$45 per person The day consists of a hot breakfast, first conference, prayer time, confession, lunch, second conference, adoration and Mass.

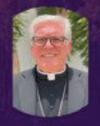
Register at sfoachurch.com click *Parish Forms* scroll down and click *Lenten Retreat Registration Form* or fill out the attached form and drop in offering basket with cash or a check made payable to Saint Francis of Assisi Church. Car pooling available. Cars will leave the church parking lot at 8:00am Wednesday morning.

## **Retreat Registration**

Name:
Phone Number:
Email:
Car Pooling? Yes No If yes, Will you drive? Yes No
Cash or Check #:
Total amount paid:



## Eucharistic Conference Becoming Missionary Disciples March 29, 2025

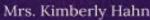


Bishop Frank Dewane



Dr. Scott Hahn







Mrs. Mary Ann Wiesinger-Puig



Mr. Andrés Arango



To Register: https://dioceseofvenice.regfox.com/eucharistic-conference For information contact Jim Gontis at: gontis@dioceseofvenice.org 941-486-4754

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	Start	End	Event - Location
Mon Feb 17			Parish Office Closed - President's Day
	7:50am	9:00am	Rosary/Mass/Anointing/Chaplet - Church
	9:15am	11:30am	Parish Outreach Ministry - Parish Center
	9:15am	11:30am	Parish Rosary Makers - Room 6
	11:45am	12:30pm	Lectio Divina Gospel Prayer - Church
	7:00pm	8:00pm	K of C Assembly 2782 Officer's Meeting - Parish Conference Room
Tues Feb 18	7:00am	8:00am	TMIY - Parish Center
	7:50am	8:45am	Rosary/Mass - Church
	8:50am	9:50am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration - Church
	9:00am	10:00am	Parish Stewardship Ministry - Church
	9:50am	10:00am	Benediction - Church
	1:00pm	3:00pm	Women's Bible Study - Parish Conference Room
	5:30pm	6:45pm	Religious Education K-8 - Parish Center
Wed Feb 19	7:50am	8:45am	Rosary/Mass - Church
	9:00am	2:00pm	Rummage Sale Drop Off ONLY - Parish Center
	9:15am	11:30am	Parish Outreach Ministry - Parish Center
	7:00pm	8:00pm	AA - Parish Hall
Thurs Feb 20	7:50am	8:45am	Rosary/Mass - Church
	9:00am	9:15am	Sacrament of Reconciliation - Church
	9:00am	1:00pm	Rummage Sale Drop Off ONLY - Parish Center
	3:00pm	5:00pm	Rummage Sale EARLY BIRD SALE \$5 - Parish Center
	5:30pm	6:30pm	OCIA - Church
Fri Feb 21	7:50am	8:45am	Rosary/Mass - Church
	9:00am	2:00pm	Rummage Sale - Parish Center
	9:15am	11:30am	Parish Outreach Ministry - Parish Center
Sat Feb 22	9:00am	12:00pm	Brown Bag Sale \$5 to fill a bag - Parish Center
	2:00pm	2:30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation - Church
	3:00pm	4:00pm	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass - Church
	4:30pm	5:30pm	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass - Church
Sun Feb 23	7:30am	8:30am	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass - Church
	9:00am	10:00am	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass - Church
	10:30am	11:30am	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass - Church
	11:30am	12:30am	Donuts and Coffee - Parish Center

For the most updated Calendar please go to www.sfoachurch.com

# Interested in joining the Saint Francis of Assisi Parish Choir?

Please contact our Director of Music, Dr. Aina Olonade for an audition Phone: 941-697-4899 Email: aolonade@sfoachurch.com



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AN WALK BA RF Local acupuncture clinic is treating the untreatable, peripheral neuropathy with incredible results

Pain comes in many shapes and sizes. One of the most debilitating being the burning and tingling that comes with peripheral neuropathy. A disease that comes with years heightened sensitivity to touch targets specific nerves in the of shooting, stabbing pain that making it almost impossible for gradually ends in numbness, balance problems, and on occasion, amputations. A disease that was once classified as irreparable.

David R. of Venice, FL was facing such a fate.

"I stopped golfing. I wasn't taking walks on the beach That is until he found Lauren with my wife. I was living on gabapentin and antidepressants and everywhere I went; my doctor, the specialists, the edge, medical solution to

pain institute, told me there was no cure. How are greatly reduce its symptoms you supposed to live your life knowing that everyday brings pain and suffering?

Peripheral neuropathy is a result of damage to the nerves, commonly caused by a lack of blood flow to the nerves in the hands and feet.

to degenerate due to lack of nutrient flow.

Most peripheral neuropathy sufferers experience a those diagnosed to even wear shoes, much less enjoy life.

"It was like walking on sharp river rocks. I barely left my recliner." shares David, whose experience is not uncommon for those diagnosed with peripheral neuropathy.

Milligan of Sage Point Acupuncture & Integrative Medicine. Dr. Milligan and her staff have pioneered a cutting Success stories like David's are treat neuropathy, eliminate or and give people their lives back. Best of all, they're doing neuropathy," shares Dr. it without the use of prescription medications and invasive surgeries.

"Acupuncture is incredible at restoring blood flow and stimulating damaged

This causes the nerves to begin nerves, preventing them from dying off," tells Dr. Milligan.

further by integrating ATP **Resonance BioTherapy which** body using microcurrent. ATP While David's peripheral therapy is like watering a plant. neuropathy was idiopathic, This treatment will stimulate the blood vessels to grow back unknown, Dr. Milligan's around the peripheral nerves and provide them with the proper nutrients to heal and repair."

#### Three months later David is thrilled with his progress, "I can walk barefoot on the beach again!"

not atypical for the staff at Sage Point AIM. "We have a 87% success rate in treating Milligan.

The number of treatments needed to allow the nerves to fully recover will vary from person to person and can only be determined after a detailed

neurological and vascular evaluation. So long as you "We take our treatments a step have not sustained more than 90% nerve damage Sage Point AIM offers hope where there once was none.

> meaning the cause is treatments can also help people whose neuropathy is caused by diabetes or chemotherapy.

"We have seen tremendous success in treating neuropathy of all types through very personalized treatments, specifically tailored to treat each individual case."

To schedule a consultation and complete evaluation call (941) 451 - 8154 but do so quickly because Sage Point AIM is taking a limited number of new neuropathy patients.

For more information and to take advantage of their new patient offer visit SagePointAcu.com.

