

May 3, 2020
4th Sunday of Easter
**THE FAITH COMMUNITY OF
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

Mission Statement: St. Francis of Assisi is a Roman Catholic worshipping community, dedicated to ministering to our members and to the greater community in the image given to us by Jesus. This ministry is centered on the Sacraments and our Acts of Faith, Hope and Charity.



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What is Spiritual Communion?

Spiritual Communion is the practice of desiring union with Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. It is used primarily by individuals who cannot receive Holy Communion, such as the ill, the divorced and remarried, and those who have not yet been received into full communion with the Church. St. Thomas Aquinas described it as “an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament and lovingly embrace Him” at a time or in circumstances when we cannot receive Him in Sacramental Communion.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

– *Pedro de la Cruz*



Mass Intentions Week of May 3, 2020

DATE	NO PUBLIC MASS	INTENTION / DONOR	READINGS
MON. MAY 4 <i>Easter Weekday</i>		Living & Deceased Members of Rosary Society Rosary Society	Acts 11:1-18 Jn 10:11-18
TUES. MAY 5 <i>Easter Weekday</i>		+Larry Haggerty Alice Havers	Acts 11:19-26 Jn 10:22-30
WED. MAY 6 <i>Easter Weekday</i>		+Catherine Farkas Mary Bicko	Acts 12:24 – 13:5a Jn 12:44-50
THURS. MAY 7 <i>Easter Weekday</i>		+Joan Delusa Family	Acts 13:13-25 Jn 13:16-20
FRI. MAY 8 <i>Easter Weekday</i>		+Mary Spenger Estate	Acts 13:26-33 Jn 14:1-6
SAT. MAY 9 <i>Easter Weekday</i>		+Josephine Rován The Moody's	Acts 13:44-52 Jn 14:7-14
SAT. MAY 9 <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>		All Mothers	Acts 6:1-7 1 Pt 2:4-9 Jn 14:1-12
SUN. MAY 10 Mother's Day <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>		Parishioners & Benefactors +All Mothers	Acts 6:1-7 1 Pt 2:4-9 Jn 14:1-12



*Families and the Gospel...*Jn 10:1-10 – In today's Gospel Jesus tells us , HE IS THE WAY and warns anyone who offers "another way" to happiness is "a thief and a bandit." Strong words! Don't listen to the sales pitch of society for happiness. Look to yourself where God is present and "calls you by name and leads you to abundant life."

MAY – The Month of Mary

The following information was taken from The National Catholic Register

Have you ever heard of THE "FLYING NOVENA" to Our Lady?

Do you know how to pray THE "FLYING NOVENA"?

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta found this never-fail quick novena to turn to our Blessed Mother for speedy assistance. What of those times when you are in need of an answer but time doesn't permit for prayers in petition for a day or

more? St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta knew what to do. She turned to Our Mother, and prayed her “FLYING NOVENA.” This was Mother Teresa’s spiritual rapid-fire weapon. It consisted of 10 Memorares – not 9, as one thinks of a novena. Novenas are usually 9 days. Because Mother Teresa was inundated with requests for prayers and other spiritual needs, she invented the Quick Novena – the FLYING NOVENA. HERE ARE THE WORDS OF THE CENTURIES-OLD MEMORARE:

“Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,
That never was it known that anyone
Who fled to your protection, implored your help, or
Sought your intercession was left unaided.
Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto you,
O Virgin of virgins, my Mother.
To you I come, before you I stand,
Sinful and sorrowful.
O Mother of the Word incarnate, despise not my petitions
But in your clemency hear and answer me. Amen.”

“Mother Teresa used this prayer constantly: for petitions for the cure of a sick child, before important discussions or when a passport went missing, to request heavenly aid when the fuel supply was running short on a night-time mission and the destination was still far away in the darkness. The Quick Novena had one thing in common with nine-day and even nine-months novenas: confident pleading for heavenly assistance as the Apostles did for 9 days in the Upper Room ‘with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and the women’ (Acts 1:14) while waiting for the promised help from the Holy Spirit.”

Why did Mother Teresa always pray 10 Memorares? “She took the collaboration of Heaven so much for granted that she always added a 10th Memorare immediately, in thanksgiving for the favor received.”

Mother Teresa taught: “Get into that habit of calling on her (Mary). She interceded – at the wedding feast at Cana, there was no wine ... She was so sure that He will do what she asks Him ... She is Mediatrix of all graces ... She is always there with us.” The Memorare is so powerful, Mother Teresa said. “We are to pray the Memorares with confidence and in thanksgiving knowing Our Lady will grant this. The Memorare is a prayer that effectively expressed Mother Teresa’s trust in the power of Mary’s intercession as the Mediatrix of all graces.” The Memorare flows from the love and confidence she had in Mary and was a simple way to present her petitions to her. The speedy response she received inspired her with ever greater confidence to have recourse to Mary with the words of the Memorare.

Mother Teresa wanted everybody to learn and use this prayer for it will glorify Our Lady and it will glorify Her Son, Our Lord.

THERE’S ALWAYS REASON FOR THE FLYING NOVENA. PRAY IT 9 TIMES FOR THE REQUEST AND THE 10th IN THANKSGIVING SINCE MOTHER TERESA BELIEVED THAT IT WOULD BE GRANTED – MAYBE THAT IS WHY SHE IS A SAINT.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

James Edward Adams; Rose Blaschak, Odessa Bobak, Galynn Brady, Sister Carol Jean Czrynik, Verne Esposito, LeAnn Golby, Caleb Herdman, Alicia Junghans, John Kasper, Kathryn Legat, Tyler McKinley, Rick McKinley, Margaret Murray, Carl Pavlosky, Rowen Ream, Kathy Reddy, Alexandra Rice, Carly Rice, Doug Rice, Rose Rice, James Schuster, Gary Singel, Betty Spisak, Joanna Stone, Carol Sobbecky, Leona Sutt, Agnes Swarney, Jeanne Toth, Sheila Weppner, Dorothy Youchak.

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SALUTE TO THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY AND A REMEMBRANCE IN OUR PRAYERS

May God bless these brave men and women who serve God and Country.

Ensign Adam Guarino, USCG; **Master at Arms 2nd Class Izeke W. Pinkas**, Fallon, NV; **Lt. Col. Joshua P. Higgins**, US Army; **Petty Officer 1st Class Paul Rambish**, US Navy, Coronado Naval Base, San Diego; Major **Melinda Rowan Corallo**, Nellis Air Force Base, Las Vegas, NV; **HMC David Bakos**, US Navy; **PFC; Lance Corporal Jacob Taylor**, USMC; **Private 1st Class Zack Taylor**, US Army; **Trista L. Urban**, PFC, Army National Guard; **Jared N. Dull**, HM3, US Navy, Quantico, Va.; **Stefanie Kollar**, TSgt. Air Force, Hurlburt Field, Fort Walton Beach, Fla., **Fr. Don Fullerton**, USS Enterprise, **Airman 1st. Class Maxwell Schutte**, F. E. Warren, WY; **Sgt. Bryan Maxwell Porath**, **Captain Aaron Donahey**, US Army, Fort Stewart, GA; **Petty Officer 1st Class Heather**

L. Dovala, Great Lakes, IL.; **Sgt. Jarod Pisarchik**, Army National Guard; **Ens. Kara Yingling**, Pentagon; **Lt. JG Shannon Yingling**; **S/SSgt Devon Gilbert**, Tinker AFB, OK; **Senior Airman Daniel Christner**, USAF, 193rd Special Operations Wing; **Lt. Col Steven Thomas**, USAF, deploying to the Middle East; **2nd Lt. Colin Harrington**, US Army, Bethesda, MD; **2nd Lt. Ryan Powers**, USMC, Camp Lejeune, NC; **Senior Airman Anthony Rosage**, USAF; Fort Gordon, GA; **Tech Sgt. Daniel Bracken**, USAF, deployed to Kobal Afghanistan; **Spc. Adken Torchia**, US Army, Fort Drum, NY; **Sgt. Lucas Tomak**, US Army, Fort Hood, TX; **Lt. Kenneth Yacynych**, US Army, Fort Lewis, WA; **Cpl Elliott Mulvehill**, USMC, New River, NC.; **Senior Airman Jeremy Williams**, Kandahar Air Base, Afghanistan; **Kasey Meredith**, O.C.S., USMC, Quantico, VA.; **Pvt. Harrison Barham**, US Army, Fort Leonard Wood, MO.; **Cpl. Aunna Yingling**, US Army, Afghanistan; **Petty Officer 2nd Class, Gage Pollino**, US Navy.
To add a name to our Salute to those in the Military, please call 539-1632. If a person is no longer serving on active or reserve duty, please call the Parish Office to remove his/her name.

A PRAYER FOR OUR DEPLOYED MILITARY: Heavenly Father, inspire those who are overseas for the cause of peace. Send Your Son, Jesus Christ, as the Prince of Peace. Bless the men and women of our military who respond to the needs of peacekeeping. Keep them safe from harm. Let them be models of discipline and courage and bring them home safely to their loved ones. We ask this in Your Name. Amen.



Do you know the spirituality of my favorite candy (fr. Anthony Francis) M & M's?
As you hold these candies (that don't melt in your hands but in your mouth) in your hand and turn them you will see the "M" becomes a "W" and "E" and then a "3". But here is where the spirituality comes in:
"E" is for Easter Sunday, the celebration that Jesus lives.
"M" is for the mercy and miracles that He freely gives.
"3" is to remind us that He rose on the third day.
"W" because we worship Him and it's in His Name we pray.