

APRIL 9, 2023
EASTER SUNDAY



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH
7717 RIVER ROAD - TOWNSEND, TN 37882
865 - 448 - 6070

WEBSITE: STFRANCISTOWNSEND.ORG

MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE

HOLY MASS: Saturday – Vigil Mass - 4:00PM
Sunday – 9:00AM

DAILY MASS: MON, TU, TH & FRI - 8:30AM
(NO MASS ON WEDNESDAYS)
Check bulletin/website for changes

CONFESSION: Saturday before Mass:
3:00 - 3:40 (Church confessional)
Sunday Before Mass:
8:15 - 8:40 (Church confessional)
Confessions may also be scheduled
by calling the parish office for an
appointment.

HOLY DAYS: Check bulletin or website

The Rosary is prayed 35 minutes before each Weekend Mass

PARISH MINISTRY TEAM

PRIEST: Rev. Antonio Giraldo
OFFICE MANAGER: Kathy Meyerkord
BOOKKEEPER: Kathleen Halligan
LITURGY/MUSIC DIRECTOR: JoAnne Romer-Aylward
**DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION:** Julie Dew
RCIA: Bruce Boudin
WELCOMING, EVENTS AND SOCIALS (WEST): All
GARDENS & GROUNDS: Ilene Rainwater
FACILITIES: David Girard
SOCIAL MEDIA/WEBSITE: JoAnne Romer-Aylward
**PASTORAL CARE
(SICK & HOMEBOUND):** Suzie Fay
ST. CLARE GIFT SHOP: Camilla Sorrell
COLUMBARIUM: Bob Eberhardt

PARISH ASSOCIATIONS

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN: Ilene Rainwater
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: Debbie Eberhardt

NEW PARISHIONERS: Please contact the pastor or ask an usher / welcoming member for a registration form, and then place the completed form in the offertory basket or mail it to the church office.
For more information call 865-448-6070.

PARISHIONERS: Please report any change of contact information to the parish office via e-mail, mail or phone.

BAPTISM: Parents are required to attend the Baptismal Prep Class. Your family must be registered in the parish.

MARRIAGE: Contact the parish priest a minimum of six months before the wedding to allow for marriage preparation formation.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Anyone entering the hospital or in serious ill health is encouraged to be anointed.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Please email Microsoft Word articles to sfbulletin7717@gmail.com with the subject of "Bulletin Announcement" by Tuesday 12:00PM. All submissions are subject to further editing to fit the format of the bulletin. THANKS!

PASTORAL CARE AT ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI: How can St. Francis of Assisi be of assistance/service to you & your loved ones? Please contact Suzie Fay at 423-829-5466 or contact the office at 865-448-6070.

MASS INTENTIONS: (Mass cards are available upon request at the office.)

MON. 4/10 8:30 AM NO MORNING MASS
TUES. 4/11 8:30 AM Shirley Keeven †
WED. 4/12 NO MORNING MASS
THURS. 4/13 8:30 AM Virginia A. Anderson †
FRIDAY 4/14 8:30 AM John & Yvonne Peychal
SAT. 4/15 4:00 PM Nancy Cindrich †
SUN. 4/16 9:00 AM Oliver † & Betty † Bryant

To schedule a Mass intention, please contact the Parish Office via phone or email or in person during office hours. Please specify whether the Mass Intention is for a living or deceased loved one. The usual requested donation for a Mass intention is \$10.00 in the Diocese of Knoxville.



PRAYER REQUESTS: (Homebound, sick or recovering parishioners, friends and relatives): Charlotte Graham, Connie Gooden, Pat Sanders, Judy Sanders, Doreen Mancuso, Julie Bobo, Ann Sorvillo, Naomi Nwadike, Charlotte Stalder, Deacon Larry West, Jerome Hebert, Debi Hartman, Joanna Dogid, Chris Owens, Christopher Kramer, Rosemary Barker, Cam King, David Holmes, Rusty Treadway, Amy Frink, Myra Montero, Ann Rizzo, Kim Brown, Robert Modisett, Tony Foster, Mary Sellers, Claire Cheadle, Bea Daily, Annette Zion Baker

SANCTUARY CANDLE: If you would like to donate to the sanctuary candle fund in memory of or in honor of someone, please contact the Parish Office via phone or email. The cost is \$10.00 for 1 week.



SANCTUARY FLOWERS: *No Flowers during Lent.* If you would like to donate to the sanctuary flowers fund in memory of or in honor of someone, please contact the Parish Office via phone or email. The cost is \$40.00 for two weeks.



ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Mon	4/10	9:00 AM	Church & Hall Cleaning
Tue	4/11		
Wed	4/12		
Thu	4/13		
Fri	4/14	9:00 AM	Adoration
Sat	4/15	9:00 AM	Adoration
		4:00 PM	Vigil Service
Sun	4/16	9:00 AM	Mass

NO MORNING MASS
EASTER MONDAY, 4/10



PASTOR'S NOTES

“THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE; LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD! ...”

After the Lenten purification, the prayers and reflections of the Holy Week, and triumphant joy of the Easter Vigil, the whole Church rests gladly because our Lord Jesus, conqueror of death, has bestowed the Church with joy and hope.

Christ is risen, Alleluia! Let us be glad and rejoice with him. Yes, let us rejoice and spread throughout the world the hope and joy of Easter because the Lord has risen.

If Christ didn't rise, our faith and hope would have been senseless. But we know death is not the last word of this life. It is the life and victory in the risen Lord.

Thus, the resurrection of Christ announces to us our salvation; that is, to be sanctified by him in order to reach Heaven. And he also announces to us our own resurrection, for Christ tells us: “He who believes in Me shall have eternal life: and I will raise him up in the last day.” (Jn 6:40).

The resurrection of the Lord recalls a question that has always been in the minds of human beings, and that today arises with renewed interest: Is there life after this life? What happens after death? Is man reduced to dust? Is there a future even though our body is underground and decomposing, or maybe is in ashes, or maybe it might be missing somewhere unknown?

The resurrection of the Lord gives us answers to all these questions. And the answer is: We will be risen, just as Christ rose and as He has promised it to everyone who fulfills the Father's Will (Jn 6:40 and 5:29). His resurrection is the first fruits of our own resurrection and of our future immortality.

The life of Jesus Christ shows us the path we must all travel in order to reach that promise of our resurrection. His life was – and so ours should be – a total identification of our will with God's will during this life. Only in this way can we take the step to the other Life, to the Heaven that God the Father has prepared for us from all eternity, where we will be in glorious body and soul, as Jesus Christ is, his Mother Mary and all saints.

For all this, the resurrection of Christ and his promise of our own resurrection invites us to change our way of being, our way of thinking, acting, and living. It is necessary to “die to ourselves;” It is necessary to die to “our old self.” Our old self must remain dead, crucified with Christ, to make way for the “new man” in order to live a new life.

The community, the Church, is the privileged place to encounter the risen Lord. It is through sharing, solidarity, and fraternal love, the most clear manifestation that truly we have risen with him.

The Easter season that begins today and culminates with the Feast of Pentecost has this goal: to help us in the process to resurrect to a new life. May our personal transformation during these long days, awaken and promote life in us so that together, we can contribute to the construction and growth of the kingdom of God in our community.

This is the task that Holy Week leaves to us all.

CATECHISM CORNER

Happy Easter! Easter is the principal feast of the ecclesiastical (Church) year. Please refer to CCC 1169 for more information! It's the Easter Season! So, when did Lent actually end? It ended with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, because the Mass of the Lord's Supper ushers in the Holy Triduum, a liturgical season in its own right and the shortest of the liturgical year. The Easter Season is 50 days long, ending on the feast of Pentecost (the birthday of the Church)!

During Lent we talk a great deal about prayer. We always begin and end our prayers with the sign of the cross. Think about Mass, Father always begins the Mass (the Greatest Prayer of the Church) with the sign of the cross and ends with the sign of the cross. The sign of the cross. We do the sign of the cross so frequently and without consciousness sometimes, I would like you to take a moment when you are home and are able to truly contemplate the next few instructions:

- Close your eyes and become aware of your own darkness, become aware of your own need to reach deep inside yourself and beyond yourself, be aware of your own heartbeat, be aware of your breath.
- Lift your hand and place it on your forehead.....we pray in the Name of the our loving Creator, our Lord God; this is the Holy One we call Father. Let's pray in in the Name of this God, the Father, Who loves us more totally and more freely than any earthly father or mother could ever love.....to this God dedicate your mind, your memory, your imagination, your intellect, your entire will; give to God all the power that He has placed within you.....it is in the Name of this Loving One that we pray.
- Lower your hands now to the center of your chest and continue your prayer in the Name of the SonHe died that we might live as sons and daughters of the Most High.....hear your heart beat circulating the life blood that keep us alive.....life blood sent from the Cross to your heart, that we might be bonded together in love.....the Kingdom of God is within you (Luke 17:21; 1 Cor. 6:9). Let your chest rise and fall with your breath..... pray in the Name of the Son, this Jesus Who call us family.....as family recognize the Presence of the Holy, not only within yourself, but among us.
- Lift your right hand and let it come to rest on your left shoulder.....in the Name of the Holy Spirit pray in Thanksgiving, celebrate the nurture, creative, symbolic emotional side of yourself, your call to be holy and one, by the one Alone Who is Holy. Inhale the breath of life, pray with Jesus for the gift of the Holy Spirit, pray in the Name of the Spirit.
- Lift your hand to your right side, pray in thanksgiving for all the logical and living, forceful persistent part of your spirit.....pray for a deeper, fuller integration of God's Holy Spirit within your own spirit.
- Join our hands with palms together and fingers pointing to the sky, proclaim that all parts of the body are joined in blessed unity, one God and three Holy Persons.....The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit. It is that Holy present God Who we worship beyond us, within us. It is the in the Name of this God, that we open our prayers. Amen and Amen!

Jesus Christ is the light that dispels the darkness of our world. He is the source of all the love, light and goodness in our lives and today we CELEBRATE it because Jesus Christ is Risen! Have a most blessed week, St. Francis Parish!

Keep those questions coming at jdewtn2018@att.net!



THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Today as we celebrate the feast of Easter, we find the challenge of also seeing and believing the resurrection that comes through our own lives of self-sacrifice. It is then that we are truly Easter people!

As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering, and you give them Easter hope and joy.

Reminder: When contributing to St. Vincent de Paul by check, please make the check payable to The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP). The Poor Box is located in the church vestibule.

SVDP meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 5:00 PM in the PRC! All Are Welcome!
Thank You for your continued support of SVDP!



SVDP APRIL "PRODUCT OF THE MONTH"

Thank You for all the paper towels and cereal in March.
Our Products of the Month for April are:
Kleenex/Shampoo and Conditioner



SVDP EASTER BASKETS

On Friday, March 31, the St. Francis Conference of St. Vincent de Paul distributed Easter Food Baskets to 53 families (our registered Neighbors in Need) in addition to 32 foster families and 6 families from Townsend Elementary School. SVDP purchased the hams, rolls, butter and Peeps but the remaining food was donated by customers at the Townsend IGA (200 bags in all).

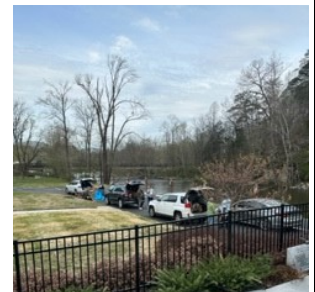


LOADING BAGS FOR DISTRIBUTION

We thank our parishioners, the IGA customers and the IGA staff who make distributions such as this one possible. We are so grateful to our generous parish and community.



WRAPPING UP AT THE END OF DISTRIBUTION



GETTING READY FOR THE "NEIGHBORS"

**FIRST FRIDAY & FIRST SATURDAY
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**



Friday, April 14

Mass: 8:30 AM
Adoration: 9 AM—Noon
Benediction: Noon

Saturday, April 15

Mass: 8:30 AM
Adoration: 9 AM—Noon
Confessions: 9-10 AM
Benediction: Noon

If you are interested in committing to a Holy Hour for either First Friday or First Saturday, please contact Jackie Wagner at 330-807-8663.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP—4/22023

Palm Sunday —Attendance: 187

Sunday Offertory	\$ 3,859.00
Donation Box	10.00
Other Donations*	236.61
Total Donations for the Week	\$ 4,105.61

Year-to-Date Donations	\$ 137,170.33
Year-to-Date Budgeted Donations.....	141,440.40
Year-to-Date Donation ** (Deficit)....	(\$ 4,270.07)

Other Donations Not in Budget

Maintenance Fund	\$ 812.00
Parish Charity	0.00
CRS Rice Bowls	150.00
Total Non-Budget Donations	\$ 962.00

* Mass Intentions, Flowers, Candles, Facility Use, etc.

** Based on Year-to-Date Total Donations minus Year-to-Date Budgeted Donations



WES TEAM NEWS

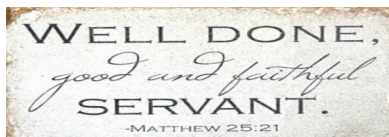
Next Meeting—May 2, Noon, Shea Hall; All are welcome! (Note: this is on a Tues. instead of Thurs.)

Smokies Baseball Game w/Fireworks

June 23, 7:00 PM; Buffet at 6:00 PM
Cost: \$32 for adults/\$30 for children
Includes buffet, non-alcoholic drinks & ticket.
Sign-up sheets will be posted in May.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED
LOVED ONES**

Elizabeth Quinn Mother of David Quinn



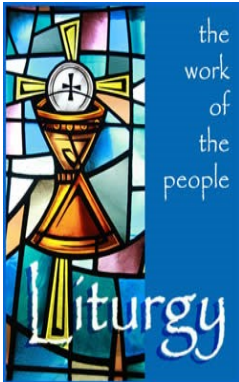
WEEK 41—52 WAYS TO CARE FOR CREATION from laudatosimovement.org

Easter Joy

In the words of Pope Francis- “The New Testament does not only tell us of the earthly Jesus and his tangible and loving relationship with the world. It also shows him risen and glorious, present throughout creation by his universal Lordship... This leads us to direct our gaze to the end of time, when the Son will deliver all things to the Father, so that “God may be everything to every one” (1 Cor 15:28). The very flowers of the field and the birds which his human eyes contemplated and admired are now imbued with his radiant presence” [LS 100]. And, “In the meantime, we come together to take charge of this home which has been entrusted to us, knowing that all the good which exists here will be taken up into the heavenly feast. In union with all creatures, we journey through this land seeking God” [LS 244]. We have such a magnificent Risen Savior and we praise Him through His creation! Many blessings and Happy Easter from the OLOF Care for Creation Ministry!

The Care for Creation group meets twice a month on every other Tuesday at 3:00 pm at Our Lady of Fatima. All St. Francis parishioners are welcome to join them. For more information contact Mary Tankersley (maryetank@hotmail.com) or the OLOF Care for Creation Ministry, or laudatosimovement.org.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES QUARTERLY SIGN-UPS FOR MAY, JUNE AND JULY, 2023



It is time for Liturgical Ministries signup! The signup sheets are on the counter in Shea Hall. Please take some time this week and next and sign up for your ministry/ministries.

If you sign up for the "Commentaries," please remember that Father Antonio wants the commentary to be delivered by someone other than the Lector(s) scheduled to proclaim the readings for any given weekend Mass.

If you would like more information about our Liturgical Ministries, please check out our website, the bulletin board in Shea Hall or contact one of our ministry heads:

Lectors	Martha Frink	865-556-4684	marthafrink00@gmail.com
EMHC*	Karen Messenger	225-572-9400	komessenger@gmail.com
Ushers	Paul Czerniewski	847-877-7347	paul.czerniewski@gmail.com
Sacristans	Kathy Meyerkord	630-698-5563	kmmeyerkord@gmail.com
Altar Servers	Dan Meyerkord	708-846-4144	dkam27@sbcglobal.net

* Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

2023 KDCCW CONVENTION SERVICE PROJECT



Isaiah 117
changing the way foster care begins

providing physical and emotional support in a safe and loving home for children awaiting foster care placement

ITEMS NEEDED:

- * Monetary gifts
- * Walmart gift cards
- * Adult & Teen sizes male and female clothes
- * Adult & Teen sizes male and female pajamas
- * Jeans in all sizes
- * Underwear all sizes
- * Socks all sizes

**Only new items
NO USED ITEMS**

Please contact Ilene Rainwater (865-748-1873) if you have items you wish to donate.

She will need them by **this Wednesday (4/12/2023).**



2023 KDCCW CONVENTION

ALL WOMEN are cordially invited to the **Knoxville Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Convention** that will take place at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Lenoir City, April 20, 21 and 22nd, 2023. Come 1, 2 or all 3 days.

The conference brings together women from across the Diocese to share in spirituality and holy sister-hood. Come and see what we are all about.

More information can be found on the KDCCW.Org website.



EASTER FLOWERS

The Easter Flowers on the Altar have been donated by several parishioners in memory or honor of someone they know.

In Memory of

Gerri & P.J. Schlosser	Ray & Rita Polak
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Czerniewski	Rita Hamilton
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Tkatch	David & Ruth
Ann McTavish	Mike Luck
Marion Ganley	Philip Peychal
Norman & Lucille Weiland	Ralph & Herma Peychal
Cheryl Korth	George Szekely
Lois Zehnder	Edward Szekely
Lois & Elmer Szekely	Mable & William Hurles
Ward Swartz	Rita & Robert DuRussel
Sally DuRussel	Angeline & Gene Solgat
Gene Solgat Jr.	Duane Johnson
David Reinbold	Nicola Patitucci



In Honor of

Our Guardian Angels & Saints	Cam King
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AN INSPIRATION FOR APRIL 9 FROM “THE WISDOM OF THE SAINTS”

Trust in God: *“Cast yourself into the arms of God and be very sure that if He wants anything of you, He will fit you for the work and give you strength.”* St. Philip Neri

A REFLECTION FOR APRIL 9 FROM “THE WISDOM OF FULTON SHEEN”

Solitude can be very rewarding and full of blessing because in the silence of the inner being, one finds God.



RACHEL’S VINEYARD RETREAT

Benton, TN

May 26 – 28, 2023

Rachel’s Vineyard is a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. The weekend offers a supportive and non-judgmental environment to transform the pain of the past into love and hope. We encourage women, men, and couples to attend. Space is limited so sign up now! For Retreat Details Contact: Sandi Davidson: sandi@ccetn.org , call or text 865 776-4510. Confidentiality is honored at all times.