



JUNE 23, 2024 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

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E-MAIL: STFRANCISTOWNSEND7717@GMAIL.COM

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

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| PASTOR: | Rev. Antonio Giraldo |
| DEACON: | Deacon Jim Schmall |
| OFFICE MANAGER: | Kathy Meyerkord |
| BOOKKEEPER: | Kathleen Halligan |
| LITURGY/MUSIC DIRECTOR: | JoAnne Romer-Aylward |
| DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: | Julie Dew |
| OCIA: | 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 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.

ANOIDING 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.)

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| Mon | 6/24 | 8:30 AM | Liberatore Alloco † |
| Tue | 6/25 | 8:30 AM | Allen Berchiolli † |
| Wed | 6/26 | NO COMMUNION SERVICE | |
| Thu | 6/27 | 8:30 AM | Pat Baker † |
| Fri | 6/28 | 8:30 AM | Brian Barker † |
| Sat | 6/29 | 4:00 PM | Elias Ventura † & Genoveva Fuentes † |
| Sun | 6/30 | 9:00 AM | Connie Mahaffey † |

COMMUNION SERVICES

June 3rd through June 28th

While Fr. Antonio is away, Dc. Jim will be offering communion services on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays June 3rd through June 28th.

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, Pat Sanders, Judy Sanders, Doreen Mancuso, Naomi Nwadike, Chris Owens, David Holmes, Amy Frink, Myra Montera, Claire Cheadle, Elise Martin, Mike Scully, Paul Fain, Joyce Fain, Raymond Payne, Sue Ann Tippitt, Charles Tippitt, Emmanuel Nwadike, Kay Walker, Julie Schirack, Jay Ladner, Deb Koehler, Laken DuRussel, Marcus Bolte, Johnny Mallory, Louann Felske, Kathy Meyerkord, Stephanie Romer, Gabriel Ruiz, Anne Pate

SANCTUARY CANDLE *The sanctuary candle is lit in memory of Connie Mahaffey given by John Mahaffey.*

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 \$15 for 1 week.



SANCTUARY FLOWERS: *The sanctuary flowers are in memory of Cecilia Petroskey given by Eric & Gail Simmons.*

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.



ST. CLARE GIFT SHOP

Open after weekend Masses and by request/appointment after daily Mass

First Communion, Graduations, Weddings, Anniversaries!

Stop by our gift shop and find the perfect gift for that special someone and special occasion!

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

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| Mon | 6/24 | 9:00 AM | Church & Hall Cleaning |
| Tue | 6/25 | | |
| Wed | 6/26 | 1:00 PM | Gus Lloyd Discussion Group—PRC |
| Thu | 6/27 | | |
| Fri | 6/28 | | |
| Sat | 6/29 | 4:00 PM | Vigil Mass |
| Sun | 6/30 | 9:00 AM | Mass |



AWESOMENESS!

We are now into the long period of Ordinary Time which will carry us to the end of November. The Book of Job reminds us of who we are and who God is. You could call the Book of Job the Great Debate. It is the only book of the Bible written in this genre, and in its closing chapters particularly we have Job's questioning and God's reply.

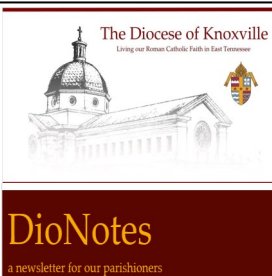
To get a sense of today's first reading, Chapters 38-41 should be read in their entirety. We only see a snippet of the Lord's forceful speech in today's reading. Basically, God tells Job to look around at the magnificence of creation. Where does he think all that came from? Whose hand is at work here?

If you read these four chapters, you will get a sense that the fact that God creates everything in our universe is more important than how He creates it. You do not have to choose between religion and Science. The fact that God continues to create everything in our immense universe is of far greater significance than how God creates. The 'how' is what we know as science, and although we have learned much since Job's Day, we will never know it all.

The onset of Ordinary Time also calls for a reminder that the term simply means the numbered Sundays, not that these weeks are less important than any others. The past couple of weeks we have seen many people having to deal with nature's wrath. Nature can be very fearful whether a tornado or hurricane, a fire or flood, we have almost all felt the panic of being powerless in the face of the forces of nature. Survivors of these sometimes tragic events tell us how fearful they were.

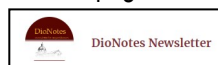
A different kind of fear, fear of the Lord, one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, might be better translated as awe. It is what we find at the close of today's Gospel passage: "They were filled with great awe..." Awe in this sense indicates wonder, incredulity, amazement. When the awesome power of God is made known to us everything else loses its power over us to scare us. The realization that God is with us is tremendously reassuring.

The renowned scientist, Albert Einstein, once remarked that when we have lost our power to stand in awe, we are in deep trouble. Try out your capacity for wonder. Since we have moved here, I have been in awe of many things. Like today's Gospel passage, "I am filled with great awe," when I look at the night sky. Just looking up and realizing that God made that is again so comforting and reassuring. There is no fear, just AWESomeness!



Are you receiving your weekly Diocesan DioNotes e-mails? DioNotes is an electronic/online newsletter covering the news, events, and the ministries of the Diocese of Knoxville. If you are not yet on the mailing list, and would like to be, go to www.DioKnox.org, scroll down to the bottom of the page and

- ❶ click on the DioNotes Newsletter area:
- ❷ fill in the form that pops up
- ❸ click on the **SUBMIT** button at the bottom of the form.



DioNotes will be delivered (for free ☺) to your email inbox every Friday.

CATECHISM

CORNER



Happy Sunday! I can't wait to get right into today's "Corner"! We will be concentrating on the following: ***I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.***

Please note, though the Creed we recite today is essentially the same as centuries ago, it has undergone a few modifications. Originally, the Creed concluded simply "and we believe in the Holy Spirit." The Church's definitive statement about the divinity and co-equality of the Third Person of the Trinity would not be added until the next ecumenical council at Constantinople in A.D. 381. Thus, the Creed we pray at Mass is technically named the "Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed."

At Constantinople, the council fathers added to the Creed that the Spirit is "the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father." You may notice that this differs from what the Creed states today: that the Spirit proceeds from the Father "and the Son." How did this addition come about? While the Church fathers clearly followed Scripture in identifying the Spirit as "the Spirit of Christ," the way they expressed the nature of the relation between the persons of the Trinity differed. The Greek fathers, such as St. Athanasius and the Cappadocian fathers (St. Basil the Great, St. Gregory Nazianzus, and St. Gregory of Nyssa), preferred to say that the Spirit proceeds from the Father through the Son. The Latin fathers and writers (Tertullian, St. Hilary of Poitiers, and St. Augustine) tended to say that the Spirit proceeded from the Father and the Son (in Latin, filioque).

In the West, the filioque (Latin for "and from the Son") was inserted in the Western version of the Nicene Creed to assert the doctrine of the procession of the Holy Ghost from the Son as well as from the Father, which is not admitted by the Eastern Church. It was one of the central issues in the Great Schism of 1054. It was added to the Creed gradually between the eighth and 11th centuries. The Eastern Churches took exception to this, saying that the Creed should not be changed without the approval of another ecumenical council. The issue remains a point of disagreement between the East and West (please see CCC, 246-248).

So, let's look at: *I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.* We believe in one God in three Persons. The third Person of the Trinity is the Holy Spirit, who we also rightly call Lord and the giver of life. God breathed life into the first man, after all. This holy breath of God is the Spirit which gives life and sustains life. He is glorified and loved as God, along with the Father and the Son. We believe that the Holy Spirit, preceding the Incarnation as well as after, inspired the prophets.

The Trinity is the mystery of God, as He is. It is difficult to wrap our minds around this mystery in any meaningful way. Our metaphors are usually material, like a three-leaf clover or the states of water as ice, liquid, or vapor, and because they are material, they always fall short. God is spiritual, not material. The best explanation I have heard of the Blessed Trinity is from St. Augustine's Analogy of the Mind. I will try my best to offer a simplified version. Though, it is far from simple. In our own minds, we have intellect and will. We know things and act freely. When we learn or know things, we have a procession of the intellect. When we act freely upon ourselves or the world, we have a procession of the will. If we analogously apply this understanding to the "mind of God," we see a procession of the intellect and a procession of the will. God is perfect and so these processions must be infinite and perfect.

What Is the
Nicene Creed and
What Does It Mean
for Catholics?



The procession of the intellect, within the mind of God, is God the Father's perfect knowledge of Himself. This perfect image of Himself is the Son. The Son, in return, perfectly loves the Father. God is love. Therefore, the procession of His will is perfect love which proceeds as the love shared between the Father and the Son. This is the Holy Spirit. However, we must understand that He does not proceed in time, as He is as eternal as the Father and the Son.

I don't know about you, but "my procession of intellect" hurts! See you next week!

Have a most wonderful week filled with many Holy Moments!



THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In the Gospel today, Jesus calms the sea and then asks the disciples "Why are you lacking in faith." In our life's journey, we also must learn to believe in God's presence and to trust in his care.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to continue to show God's love and care to others by assisting many local families, providing food from our food pantry, and lending financial assistance for utility and rent bills.

Have you considered answering the call to serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul? Contact Debbie Eberhardt at 865-312-0141 for more information.

SVDP typically meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 5:00 PM in the PRC. However, **we will not meet again until the 7th of August.** At that time (and as always) all are welcome to attend!

Thank You
for your continued support of SVDP!

SVDP JUNE "PRODUCT OF THE MONTH"



INSPIRATIONAL QUOTES TO PROMOTE DEVOTION TO JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST



Eucharisticrevival.org

St. Irenaeus
(c. 130 - c. 202)

"For as the bread, which is produced from the earth, when it receives the invocation of God, is no longer common bread, but the Eucharist, consisting of two realities, earthly and heavenly; so also our bodies, when they receive the Eucharist are no longer corruptible, having the hope of the resurrection to eternity."



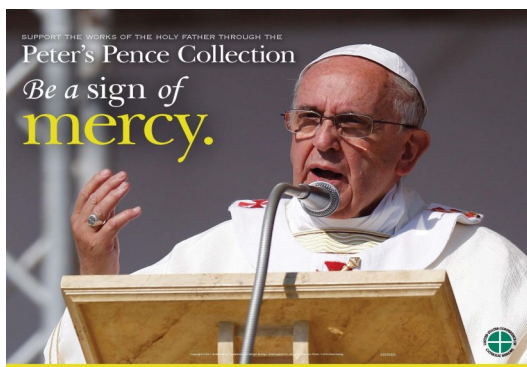
2024 Mission Trip June 13-27

Pray for our missionaries Fr. Antonio, Ilene Rainwater, and Grace & Rosie

Rapien as they minister to the people - old and young - of Marsella, Colombia.

One Heart Colombia, founded by Fr. Antonio, is a Christian non-profit mission dedicated to helping the most vulnerable in Colombia. During their time in Colombia, our missionaries will attend daily Mass, visit the homebound, assist in facilitating a Vacation Bible School (VBS) for approximately 200 children, distribute food bags to needy families, and immerse themselves in daily Colombian life. Please pray for a safe and bountiful mission trip, and a safe return with a lifetime of memories.

SECOND COLLECTION JUNE 29 & 30, 2024



The "Peter's Pence" collection that will be taken up on June 29 & 30 will assist the Holy Father with his charitable works.

Your donations help the Holy Father to respond with emergency financial assistance to the neediest and most disadvantaged throughout the world - especially those who suffer as a result of war, oppression, and natural disasters.

Your contributions will be combined with those of Catholics from around the world to help the Holy Father reach out to the voiceless and most vulnerable in need.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP—6/16/2024 11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Attendance: 233

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| Sunday Offertory..... | \$1,184.00 |
| Donation Box | 00.00 |
| Holy Days | 00.00 |
| Other Donations* | 20.00 |
| Donations for the Week | \$1,834.00 |
| Year-to-Date Donations | \$176,252.73 |
| Year-to-Date Budgeted Donations..... | 188,517.42 |
| Year-to-Date Donation Deficit** | (\$12,264.69) |

Other Donations Not in Budget

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| Maintenance Fund | \$90.00 |
| Parish Charity | 5.00 |
| Second Collection..... | 00.00 |
| Other:..... | 00.00 |
| Total Non-Budget Donations..... | <u>\$95.00</u> |

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

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

Please note that an error was detected in the spreadsheet used to calculate the Year-to-Date Actual Income versus the Year-to-Date Budgeted Income.

It is important to remember that this information is based only on budgeted versus actual **INCOME** and doesn't take into consideration actual **EXPENSES**.

The Actual Year-to-Date numbers are calculated by our bookkeeper and take into account all other miscellaneous income such as interest income.

Once all year end expenses and miscellaneous income information is received from the various sources, the final balance sheet will be prepared and will be shared with the Parish.

GUS LLOYD

CATHOLIC *Apologetics*

**DISCUSSION GROUP
WEDNESDAYS AT 1:00 PM
IN THE PARISH RESOURCE CENTER (PRC)**

Over the next few weeks we will be completing our discussions based on the Gus Lloyd Apologetics CD series. Our sessions last about an hour and are filled with lively, thought-provoking discussions. Please come and join in the discussions! A few bibles and support materials can be made available during the sessions, but feel free to bring your own!

Any questions, please contact Julie Dew:
954-749-3929; jdewtn2018@att.net

ST. FRANCIS NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK RESCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 9TH



**Yee-Haw at the Yard
Group Section**

**\$35 for adults
\$33 for children
(12 and under)**

**BUFFET DINNER FROM 6:15 - 7:45
FIRST PITCH AT 7:00 PM**

Reserve your tickets on the sign up sheets in Shea Hall. Payment is due by July 28th. Please make your checks payable to St. Francis of Assisi Church.



THANK YOU, PARISHIONERS!

Your shopping during March - May, 2024 (24 households) has earned St. Francis of Assisi Parish

\$ 68.94 !

Do you know that your Kroger shopping can earn money for St. Francis of Assisi Church at no additional cost to you? Kroger's Community Rewards program makes fundraising easy by donating to local organizations based on the shopping you do every day. Once you link your Card to St. Francis of Assisi Church, all you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Shopper's Card. For detailed (super simple) instructions on how to join and link your card, visit <https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards>. Our NPO number is XP941.



"While the whole world is doing everything it can to avoid and drown out their pain and suffering, we are reminded each Sunday at Mass that our pain and suffering have tremendous value when united to the pain and suffering of Jesus on the Cross."

MATTHEW KELLY
33 Days to Eucharistic Glory



Place all your trust in the heart of sweet Jesus ... Never abandon your faith and renew it always. Faith has never abandoned any man, and far less so will it forsake a soul that yearns to love God.

- St. Padre Pio

Upcoming EVENTS

| DATE | EVENT | DETAILS |
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| 6/24/2024 | National Eucharistic Pilgrimage in Chattanooga 11:00 AM - 7:30 PM | Online: dioknox.org/revival Other: Scan QR code (Bulletin or Shea Hall poster) |
| 7/17-24/2024 | Eucharistic Congress Pilgrimage to the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, IN | Online: DioKnox.org/Revival E-mail: Revival@DioKnox.org Phone: 423-596-0181 |
| 7/26/24 | Installation/Ordination Mass at 2:00 PM for Bishop Elect Mark Beckman at Knoxville Convention Center | Online: https://dioknox.org/episcopal-ordination E-mail: To Be Announced Phone: To Be Announced |
| 8/9/2024 | Tennessee Smokies Baseball Game Yee-Haw At the Yard Group Section | \$35.00 for adults; \$33.00 for children (12 and under) Signup on sheets in Shea Hall |
| 9/10-19/2024 | Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes with Fr. Charles Robinson Coupon Code: Bulletin150 | Online: www.QoHTours.com E-mail: info@qohtours.com Phone: 800-213-4295 |
| 10/6-11/2024 | Yellowstone National Park Retreat with Fr. Michael Cummins | Online: https://www.saintdominickpt.org/ E-mail: secretary@saintdomchurch.com Phone: 423-288-8101 |



NATIONAL
Eucharistic Pilgrimage
July 17-24, 2024
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

The diocesan pilgrimage will include round trip transportation, a four-night hotel stay, and admission for all Eucharistic Congress events, speakers, and the closing Mass. Pricing ranges from \$541-\$1,098 per pilgrim, depending on the occupancy of the room

There is also a tickets only option, which excludes transportation and lodging. Buses will depart from Knoxville on July 17, 2024 and return on July, 21, 2024. See the table above for additional information.

YOUR KARM DONATIONS BENEFIT THE SVDP FOOD PANTRY

Do you know that your donations to KARM can benefit our food pantry "Neighbors in Need"? All you have to do is take your donation items to any of the KARM locations. Tell them that your donations are to benefit St. Francis of Assisi—Townsend. SVDP then receives gift cards from KARM which we give to our neighbors for purchasing clothing and other items. We have been getting \$100 to \$150 in gift cards each quarter, so your donations are greatly helping! Thank you for helping us and helping your brothers and sisters in need!



Episcopal Ordination and Installation of Bishop Mark Beckman July 26, 2024



Bishop-elect James Mark Beckman will be ordained and installed as the fourth Bishop of the Diocese of Knoxville on

**Friday, July 26 at 2 p.m.
at the Knoxville Convention Center**

Tickets are required to attend. The registration link for tickets, located below, will open on Monday, June 24, at 9 a.m. Eastern Time. Tickets will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

For links, and more information, please visit:

<https://dioknox.org/episcopal-ordination>

- Ticket link - opens Monday, 6/24 at 9:00 AM E.T.
- Hotel link - opens Monday, 6/24 at 9:00 AM E.T.
- Parking Map and Shuttle Schedule
- Bishop, Priest, and VIP Parking Map
- Convention Center Map
- DioKnoxTV (live-stream hosting information)

"The Bishops, established by the Holy Spirit, succeed the apostles. They are 'the visible source and foundation of unity in their own particular Churches.'

Helped by the priests, their co-workers, and by deacons, the bishops have the duty of authentically teaching the faith, celebrating divine worship, above all the Eucharist, and guiding their Churches as true pastors."

- Catechism of the Catholic Church 938-939



LET US PRAY FOR YOUR LOVED ONES

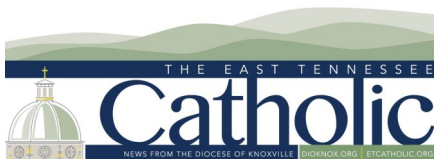
The Armed Services bulletin board in Shea Hall is getting a cosmetic facelift! If you have any relatives or loved ones in the armed services whose picture and information you would like to have placed on the bulletin board during their period of service, please contact JoAnne to get it posted:
joannera.726@gmail.com or 859-361-4561

SUNDAY MORNINGS COFFEE, PASTRIES, AND FELLOWSHIP

Each Sunday after the 9:00 AM Mass, the congregation is invited into Shea Hall for Coffee, Pastries, and Fellowship. Our parishioners and visitors have really been enjoying this ministry! Our visitors have shared with us their travel stories and what brought them to St. Francis of Assisi for weekend Mass and worship.

YOUR help is needed to supply the pastries each week. If you are enjoying this ministry and would be able to help out supplying pastries, **please sign up** on the clipboard hanging in the kitchen area in Shea Hall. The clipboard is also set out on the countertop on Sunday mornings to make it a little easier to sign up!

We need your help to keep this ministry active! Please contact Donna Czerniewski (847-668-4074) with questions or for more information.



Are you receiving your copy of the East Tennessee Catholic? All parishioners should be receiving this monthly newspaper publication. Several parishioners notified us recently that they weren't receiving them so we're trying to make sure everyone is aware of this informative newspaper. Please contact the office if you are not getting your copy.



Occasionally, we run out of paper bulletins after our weekend Masses. If we have run out of bulletins, you can always request a paper bulletin from the church office or access our bulletins online at our website

www.stfrancistownsend.org.

Just click on the "Bulletin" icon/button on our website's home page and then select the week you wish to view.

Additionally, you may choose to receive the weekly bulletin as an e-mail attachment simply by sending an e-mail with "E-Bulletin" in the subject line to:

SFBulletin7717@gmail.com.