



**JUNE 29, 2025**  
**SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES**

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
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**MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE**

**HOLY MASS:** Saturday 4:00PM (Vigil Mass) The Rosary is prayed 35 minutes before each Weekend Mass  
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 PM (Church confessional)  
Sunday Before Mass: 8:15 - 8:40 AM (Church confessional)  
Confessions may also be scheduled by calling the parish office for an appointment.  
**HOLY DAYS:** Check bulletin or website

**PARISH MINISTRY TEAM**

<b>PASTOR</b> .....Rev. Antonio Giraldo	<b>GARDENS &amp; GROUNDS</b> .....Ilene Rainwater
<b>DEACON</b> .....Deacon Jim Schmall	<b>FACILITIES</b> .....David Girard
<b>OFFICE MANAGERS</b> .....Katrina Allocco & Lesa Schmall	<b>SOCIAL MEDIA/WEBSITE</b> .....JoAnne Romer-Aylward
<b>BOOKKEEPER</b> .....Kathleen Halligan	<b>PASTORAL CARE</b> .....Suzie Fay
<b>LITURGY/MUSIC DIRECTOR</b> .....JoAnne Romer-Aylward	<b>ST. CLARE GIFT SHOP</b> .....Camilla Sorrell
<b>DIR. OF RELIGIOUS ED</b> .....Julie Dew	<b>COLUMBARIUM</b> .....Bob Eberhardt
<b>RCIA/OCIA</b> .....Dc. Jim Schmall	<b>WELCOMING, EVENTS &amp;</b> .....All Parishioners
<b>ART &amp; ENVIRONMENT</b> .....Michele Girard	<b>SOCIALS TEAM (WEST)</b>

**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 office a minimum of six months prior to the wedding for planning and preparation.

**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](mailto:sfbulletin7717@gmail.com) with the subject of "Bulletin Announcement" by Tuesday 12:00PM. All submissions are subject to further editing.



How can St. Francis of Assisi be of assistance/service to you & your loved ones?  
Please contact Suzie Fay with our Pastoral Care Ministry at 423-829-5466 or the Parish office at 865-448-6070.

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

<b>Mon</b>	<b>6/30</b>	8:30 AM	<b>COMMUNION SERVICE</b> Brian Barker
			<b>COMMUNION SERVICE</b> Elias, Genoveva,
<b>Tue</b>	<b>7/1</b>	8:30 AM	& Graciela Ventura
<b>Wed</b>	<b>7/2</b>	<b>NO MORNING MASS/COMMUNION SERVICE</b>	
<b>Thu</b>	<b>7/3</b>	8:30 AM	Cecilia Petroskey
<b>Fri</b>	<b>7/4</b>	8:30 AM	Kay Walker
<b>Sat</b>	<b>7/5</b>	4:00 PM	Mark Ruiz
<b>Sun</b>	<b>7/6</b>	9:00 AM	Tranquilino Martin M.

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): Pat Sanders, Doreen Mancuso, Naomi Nwadike, David Holmes, Amy Frink, Claire Cheadle, Elise Martin, Paul Fain, Joyce Fain, Charles Tippitt, Emmanuel Nwadike, Julie Schirack, Laken DuRus-sel, Marcus Bolte, Louann Felske, Stephanie Romer, John & Maria Bermudes, Michael Slater, Rocky Brach, Dennis Richards, Jeff Herzog, Marion McCaughey, Sue Wood, Sue Corsini, Adela Mauer, Bill Irby, Teresa Williams, Jeffrey Garrison, Ann Day, Layla Sexton, Ed Welsh, Thomas Fay


**SANCTUARY FLOWERS:**

If you would like to donate to the altar flowers fund in memory of or in honor of someone, contact the Parish Office via phone or email. The cost is \$40.00 for 1 week. Thank You!



**SANCTUARY CANDLE:**

If you would like to donate to the sanctuary candle fund in memory of or in honor of some-one, please contact the Parish Office via phone or email. The cost is \$15 for 1 week.

**Independence Day**  
**7/4/25**

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH		
<b>Mon</b>	<b>6/30</b>	9:00 AM Church & Hall Cleaning
<b>Tue</b>	<b>7/1</b>	
<b>Wed</b>	<b>7/2</b>	
<b>Thu</b>	<b>7/3</b>	
<b>Fri</b>	<b>7/4</b>	<b>Church Office Closed</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>7/5</b>	4:00 PM Vigil Mass
<b>Sun</b>	<b>7/6</b>	9:00 AM Sunday Mass



**ST. CLARE GIFT SHOP**  
Open after weekend Masses and by request/appointment after daily Mass

First Friday of the Month Adoration for July has been moved to the Second Friday of the Month due to the 4th of July Weekend

**JULY ADORATION:**

**Friday, July 11 - 9:00 AM with Benediction and Closing at Noon.**



### THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In today's Gospel, Peter recognizes Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God. On this rock of faith, says Christ, He will build his Church. In the month of June, you recognized Jesus in his poor. Your gifts of faith enabled the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to help numerous local families, providing them with food, and assisting them financially to pay 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month at 5:00 PM in the PRC. However, we are going into a "summertime" meeting mode and our upcoming meetings for the summertime are: August 6th, and August 20th.

### SVDP JUNE "PRODUCT OF THE MONTH"



**Thank You** for your continued support of SVDP!



### HELP FILL OUR SVDP PANTRY

Are you a BJ's Member? If so, would you like to help fill our SVdP pantry too? Below is a list of products we use from BJ's (but of course we will take any non-perishable item!). These are some of the items we have identified as being a good value:

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|------------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Canned Chicken         | Paper Towels     | Bath Tissues | Toothbrushes      | Ramen Noodle Soup       |
| Macaroni & Cheese      | Saltine Crackers | Canned Tuna  | Toothpaste        | Chips (individual size) |
| Peanut Butter Crackers | Bar Soap         | Kleenex      | Microwave Popcorn | Canned Vienna Sausages  |

Purchased items can be placed in the St. Vincent de Paul food basket located in Shea Hall. We appreciate all you do to help us help those in need – Thank You!



## LECTOR & COMMENTATOR TRAINING/WORKSHOP SATURDAY, JULY 19TH - 10:00 AM

If you are currently a Lector or Commentator for our beautiful little church, or would like to be one, please mark your calendars for a very important training session/workshop on Saturday, July 19 at 10:00 AM in the Church.

Martha Frink and Deacon Jim will lead this interactive training session on how to not merely READ the readings, but how to PROCLAIM Scripture! All of the other intricacies that go along with this ministry will be discussed as well.

This training session is for both Proclaimers of the Word and for those who read the Commentaries at the beginning of the Liturgy of the Word. It is also for "seasoned Lectors" and new Lectors alike - there will be something for everyone at this training session! Please mark your calendars and plan on attending! For more information and/or questions please contact Martha (865-556-4684) or Dc. Jim (901-493-2123).



# UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
7/19/2025	Lector & Commentator Training/Workshop (RESCHEDULED) 10:00 AM In the Church	Online: N/A E-mail: <a href="mailto:stfrancistownsend7717@gmail.com">stfrancistownsend7717@gmail.com</a> Phone: 865-448-6070
8/3/2025	Parish Picnic at Concord Yacht Club Sunday 2:30PM - 7:30PM	Online: N/A E-mail: <a href="mailto:stfrancistownsend7717@gmail.com">stfrancistownsend7717@gmail.com</a> Phone: 865-448-6070
9/20-10/9/2025	11-Day Jubilee Pilgrimage to the Shrines of Italy with Fr. Bill McNeeley	Online: Scan QR code on poster in Shea Hall E-mail: <a href="mailto:ascensiontourstravel@gmail.com">ascensiontourstravel@gmail.com</a> Phone: 800-351-9893
9/21/2025	Liturgical Ministry Commissioning at the Sunday 9:00 AM Mass	Online: N/A E-mail: <a href="mailto:komessenger@gmail.com">komessenger@gmail.com</a> Phone:
12/14/2025	Parish Christmas Party Tremont Lodge - Townsend, TN	Online: N/A E-Mail: <a href="mailto:stfrancistownsend7717@gmail.com">stfrancistownsend7717@gmail.com</a> Phone: 865-448-6070



# Parish Picnic

## Sunday, August 3, 2025

### 2:30 - 7:30

- The Parish will provide burgers, hot dogs, buns, and condiments
- Parishioners, please BYO drinks and a side dish to share
- Please BYO lawn chairs (picnic benches available in the pavilion)
- Please sign up in Shea Hall



#### JULY 5 & 6 SECOND COLLECTION - MAINTENANCE FUND



Your donations made to this fund will help pay for the rising cost of maintaining our aging buildings and to continue with preventative maintenance. This would not be possible without your generous contributions to the Maintenance Fund! Thank you for your support!

Visitors to our beautiful little church on the Little River frequently ask where their donation would be of the most use. We are very thankful for our visitor's financial contributions, especially during our lean winter months when tourism typically declines. This Maintenance Fund would be a great choice for making your donation!

To contribute to this fund, please place your pre-printed envelope in the **second** collection basket the weekend of July 5th and 6th. If you do not have a pre-printed envelope, you may place cash or check in the **second** collection basket.

**PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH.**

If you choose to mail in your donation, please mark on the envelope or check that it is for the "Maintenance" Fund and send it to:

St. Francis of Assisi Church (Maintenance Fund Contribution)  
7717 River Rd. Townsend, TN 37882



## CATECHISM

ORNER



BY: David Quinn

### THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Perhaps the most overlooked of the seven sacraments is Confirmation. This is a sacrament many of us received in our teens or during the Easter Vigil for those who converted to Catholicism. It is conferred through the laying on of hands (usually by a bishop) and the anointing of chrism oil. "Confirmation completes the grace of Baptism by a special outpouring of the gifts of the Holy Spirit." [Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC)]. One of the major differences between Baptism and Confirmation is that we generally had someone else speaking for us in Baptism (parents and godparents) but we speak for ourselves in Confirmation.

As part of Confirmation, people are given sponsors instead of godparents. The sponsor's role is to help clarify any Church teachings. This does not mean the sponsor needs to be an expert on Church teachings but should be able to point the person to a good resource (the Bible, the CCC, a priest or deacon). It is important for someone who will be a sponsor to understand it is not a ceremonial role, though it is still a great honor to be asked to be a sponsor.

The person being confirmed is asked to adopt a saint's name. By exploring the saints, people being confirmed often discover more about Church history and Church teachings. By selecting one saint, they select a saint who can serve as a great role model and act as their intercessor. During the Confirmation rite, the bishop or priest calls the person by their saint's name.

Once confirmed, the person receives the Holy Spirit and hopefully takes that power of the Holy Spirit to the world, performing acts of charity and love in the Lord's name. This is one of the reasons why the Church prefers to confirm people when they reach "the age of reasoning." The confirmed Catholic takes on the responsibility for their own faith journey instead of relying on others.

This is different from our Eastern Church brothers and sisters. They actually perform Confirmation at Baptism. In fact, they do Baptism, Confirmation, and First Communion all at the same time. For Communion, they will take a drop of the Precious Blood and place it on their tongue. So, in the Eastern Church, all three sacraments of initiation are performed on infants.

Most other Christian denominations are not aware that we have a sacrament called Confirmation. Have you ever had someone from another denomination ask "Have you accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?" or they may ask "Have you been saved?" or "Have you been born again?" If you want to catch them off guard, you can respond with "Yes, I have. Through the sacrament of Confirmation." Their likely confused response of "What's Confirmation?" is your opportunity to start to catechize them. And don't be concerned about what you would say as the Gospel tells us that the Holy Spirit will provide the words for us [Luke 12:11-12].



Confirmation



*Let us thank God together  
for founding his Church  
on the rock of Peter.*



*- Pope St. John Paul II*



#### INSPIRATIONAL QUOTES TO PROMOTE DEVOTION TO JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST

*"He knows that we need it,  
because the Eucharist is not  
the reward of saints,  
no,  
it is the Bread of sinners."*

*Pope Francis, Angelus June 6, 2021*