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 February 26th, 2017 - Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Fr. Jerry's Tidbits

The Meaning of Ashes – Ash Wednesday

Both the atheist and the Christian will agree on this: we came from dust and to dust we shall return. Apart from God we have no hope, for we are dust and ashes.

The ashes on our forehead are not a beauty mark. They point to the ugliness of the sins within us. Yet they are also an appeal to God that he would wash us clean.

Fire, like sin, consumes all it touches. Our ashes are a sign of all we have lost or harmed by sin. However, Old Testament sacrifices were also offered up to God by fire. Our ashes are also a sign of our desire to sacrifice ourselves entirely to him.

We receive ashes on our forehead in the shape of a cross; ashes because we are sinners, and a cross because we are Christ's.

ASH WEDNESDAY - 9:00AM & 6:00PM

'Now that you have renounced the world and material things, renounce evil thoughts as well.' St. Thalassios the Libyan



Statement of Mission



The Parish of Saint Francis of Assisi, Townsend, in friendship With our Heavenly patron and in union with our local bishop, is a community of the Christian faithful in southeast Blount County, Tenn. We are determined to be:

- Diligent disciples, eagerly learning all Christ wants to teach us through His Apostles and bishops,
- Courageous missionaries, inviting all our friends and neighbors into a joyful encounter with Christ and His Church,
- Humble foot-washers, getting down on our knees to serve those among us suffering from any need,
- Generous hosts, welcoming all our visitors with the same joyful care with which we welcome Christ Himself,
- Effective reconcilers, celebrating the Lord's mercy and sharing it with each other, and
- Reverent worshipers, gathering around the Altar of God to offer Him His divine Son in gratitude for our many blessings.

Prayer Requests: Sick and recovering parishioners — Maryann Ashworth, Sarah Hebert, Marilyn Janke, Lorraine Crawford, Magdalena Ortiz, Charlotte Graham, and Kathy Janke.

Please pray for friends and family members:

Mollie Ross - Niece of Fr. Jerry - recovering from surgery

Please send your requests to Emmanuel Nwadike via nwadike@pawa.com or 786-387-2200.

MASS INTENTIONS (Mass cards are available upon request)

MONDAY February 27 th	8:30am Poor Souls in Purgatory
TUESDAY February 28 th	8:30am Fr. Godfrey Okello – Special Intention
WEDNESDAY March 1 st	ASH WEDNESDAY 9:00am – Poor Souls in Purgatory 6:00PM – Pro Populo (People of the Parish)
THURSDAY March 2 nd	8:30am Bradley Parent – Special Intention
FRIDAY March 3 rd	8:30am Poor Souls in Purgatory
SATURDAY March 4 th	9:00am – First Saturday – Poor Souls in Purgatory 4:00pm – Vigil – Pro Populo (People of the Parish)
SUNDAY March 5 th	9:00am Pro Populo (People of the Parish)

Mass Intentions: To schedule a Mass intention (at least two weeks in advance), please contact Father Jerry Daniels at 865-448-6070. The usual donation is \$10.00 in our diocese.

HOLY MASS:
Saturday at 4pm
Sunday at 9am
Monday-Friday at 8:30am
First Saturday at 9:00am

CONFESSIONS:
Saturday at 3:00pm – 3:40pm
Sunday at 8:15am – 8:40am
Or by Request to Priest.

NEW PARISHIONERS:
Please ask an usher for a registration form, and then place the completed form in the collection basket at Mass.

OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM

PRIEST: Rev. Jerry Daniels

OFFICE MANAGER: Open

DIRECTOR OF LITURGICAL MUSIC: JoAnne Aylward

BOOKKEEPER (865-982-3672): Kathleen Halligan

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COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN: Ilene Rainwater

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: Sharon McKune

RCIA-RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS: Joyce Welsh

WEBMASTER: JoAnne Aylward

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR VOCATIONS:

Sister Francesca Silver, FSE

Second Collection

National Collection for Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. On Ash Wednesday, March 1st, a second collection will be taken up in support of the Church in Central and Eastern Europe that suffered so much under decades of harsh Soviet communist rule. Great need remains for the Church in many of these countries as they are still unable to support their own renewal and growth. Your donation will help with the training of seminarians and lay leaders, youth ministry, pastoral and catechetical centers, schools, church construction and renovation, and evangelization through Catholic media. Thank you for your generosity in support of the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.

Jesus tells us that our heavenly Father knows all that we need, so we need to let tomorrow take care of itself as today has troubles enough of its own. With your contributions to the **Society of St. Vincent De Paul**, our conference has helped several neighbors this month with food from our pantry and with utility bill assistance. Thank you!

SVDP meets the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 5 pm. Everyone is welcome.

Lectio Divina (Read, Ponder, Pray) will again be offered by CCW during Lent from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, March 7, 14, 21, 29, and April 4. Twenty minutes of reflective prayer precedes a reading and discussion of that day's Gospel. Attend any/all of the sessions; everyone is welcome.

Ilene Rainwater 693-6154

Divorce is so difficult

If you are searching for peace, truth, and hope we invite you on a journey back to a life of promise and peace. *Journey of Hope* is an 8 week program to help Catholics regain hope from the pain of divorce and separation. *Journey of Hope* addresses the key challenges brought on by divorce and helps participants recover using principals of their Catholic faith and a deep connection to Jesus Christ, the great healer and restorer of hope.

Sacred Heart Cathedral Divorce Ministry will once again offer the *Journey of Hope Divorce Healing Program*. Over eight Sundays the program utilizes the book *Divorced. Catholic. Now What?*, The Voices of Hope DVD presentation, and participant discussion to lead participants through the struggles of divorce. *Journey of Hope* uses the teaching and sacraments of the Catholic Church to transform the loss and tragedy of divorce into life-giving wisdom, sensitivity, and hope.

Location: Sacred Heart Catholic School Art Room

The art room has an east facing entry on the south end of the school.

There will be a sign to direct you to the correct entrance.

Dates: Sunday, March 12, 2017 – Sunday, May 7, 2017

Time: 6 – 7:30 PM

Cost: free

Contact: to register of more information

Deacon Walt Otey at 865-388-0690 or wotey@shcknox.org



Hospitality Committee wants you to invite your friends and come to the Stations of the Cross @ 5:00 PM the Fridays in Lent with a Meatless Supper following immediately. SVDP Society will sponsor one of the Fridays.

Lenten Stations of the Cross @ 5:00 PM & meatless suppers to follow.

Sign up sheets are in Shea Hall for those wishing to participate in bringing dishes. No desserts. Dates are March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 31st, & April 7th. Martha Frink 556-4684

1. Our Next Pot Luck Social is March 4 & 5. Please bring a meal to share.
2. Ash Wednesday is March 1st. Mass will be at 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
3. Stations of the Cross will be each Friday during Lent beginning at 5:00 p.m. with a meatless meal to immediately follow.
4. We are in need of paper napkins for our Parish Pastry Social and Pot Luck. All donations are greatly appreciated. If you have any questions please contact me.

Thank you,

Adria Herrmann

Bulletin Deadline: Submissions are made to Emmanuel Nwadike via nwadike@pawa.com by Tuesday at noon. Submissions should be brief, pre-edited, employ only standard capitalization and punctuation, and should not contain any emboldened or underlined words or phrases. All submissions are subject to further editing for length and clarity.

You Can Help Your Marriage – 25% of surveyed couples say they are 'Happily Married'. For everyone else, there is Retrouvaille. Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other?

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Last Week's Mass Participation:
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Contributions: \$2,418.00
In Attendance: 164

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Altar Flowers: During Lent there are no fresh flowers displayed until Holy Saturday. Thank you for your continued support in purchasing flowers.

God Bless, Yvonne Peychal

RCIA: Are you or is someone you know interested in joining the Catholic faith? For more Information, Contact Joyce Welsh at 865-382-4706

Before working with minors, all parish staff and volunteers must attend a "Protecting God's Children" seminar, undergo a criminal background check and agree to follow all policies concerning the protection of minors from sexual abuse. Anyone who has actual knowledge of or who has reasonable cause to suspect an incident of sexual abuse should report such information to the appropriate civil authorities first, then to the bishop's office, (865) 584-3307, or the diocesan victims' assistance coordinator, Marla Lenihan, (865) 482-1388.

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Join Dynamic Catholic for Best Lent Ever, a free, video-based email program featuring internationally acclaimed speaker and *New York Times* bestselling author Matthew Kelly. From Ash Wednesday to Easter, Matthew will help you identify what stands between you and happiness . . . and what to do about it. Are you ready for your best Lent ever?

TO SIGN UP, VISIT BestLentEver.com

