

March 5th, 2017 - 1st Sunday of Lent

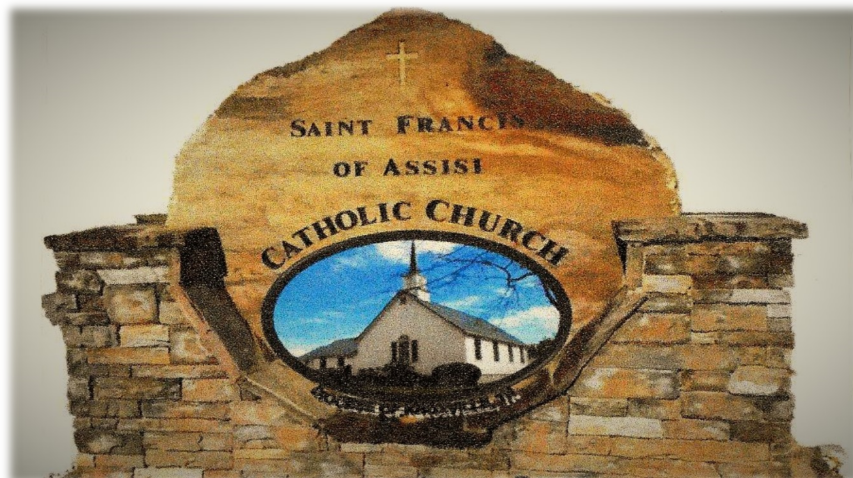
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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Holy Mass

Saturdays – Vigil Mass - 4PM

Sundays – 9:00AM

Daily Mass

Monday – Friday - 8:30AM

First Saturday – 9:00AM

Check bulletin/web for daily Mass changes

Confession

Saturday – 3:00PM – 3:40PM

Sunday – 8:15AM – 8:40AM

Other times by request to priest

Holy Days: Check bulletin or website

Parish Ministry Team

Priest: Rev. Jerry Daniels - frjerryd@comcast.net

Office Manager: Open

Bookkeeper: Kathleen Halligan

Liturgy/Music Director: JoAnne Aylward

RCIA/Adult ED: Joyce Welsh

Hospitality Coordinator: Elizabeth Anderson

Pro - Life Coordinator: Ursula Beckmann

Social Media/Website: JoAnne Aylward

Parish Associations

Council of Catholic Women: Ilene Rainwater

St. Vincent de Paul Society: Sharon McKune

New Parishioners: Please contact pastor or ask an usher / hospitality member for a registration form, and then place the completed form in the offertory basket or mail it to church office.

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

MASS INTENTIONS: (Mass cards are available upon request)

Rosary prayed 35 minutes Before Weekend Mass

Monday, Mar 6th:	8:30AM - Poor Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday, Mar 7th:	8:30AM - John Dupuy - Special Intention
Wednesday, Mar 8th:	8:30AM - NO DAILY MASS
Thursday, Mar 9th:	8:30AM - Jonathan & Jesse Dupre - Special Intention
Friday, Mar 10th:	8:30AM - Poor Souls in Purgatory
Saturday, Mar 11th:	4:00PM - Vigil - Pro Populo (People of the Parish)
Sunday, Mar 12th:	9:00AM - Pro Populo (People of the Parish)

To Schedule a Mass intention, (at least two weeks in advance), contact Fr. Jerry at call 865-448-6070 or sfrancistownsend@comcast.net Usual requested donation is \$10.00 in the Diocese of Knoxville

Prayer Requests: Homebound, sick or recovering parishioners: MaryAnn Ashworth, Sarah Hebert, Magdalena Ortiz, Charlotte Graham, Lorraine Crawford, Marilyn Janke and Kathy Janke

Pray for friends and family members:

Mollie Ross- Niece of Fr. Jerry Daniels – surgery and rehab.

Please send your requests to Fr. Jerry at sfrancistownsend@comcast.net or call 865-448-6070

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Tuesday, March 7, 2017

RCIA - 6PM - Resource Center
Lectio Divina - 6:30PM - Church

Wednesday, March 8, 2017

SVDP - 5PM - Resource Center

Friday, March 10, 2017

Stations of the Cross - 5PM - Church
Lenten Supper - 5:30PM - Shea Hall

All Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence
(no meat)

Stewardship/Attendance

8th Sunday Ordinary Time

Collection: \$1883.00

Attendance: 139

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ALTAR FLOWERS

During Lent there are no fresh flowers in the sanctuary until the Easter Vigil.
Thank you for your support in providing flowers for the sanctuary.
Donations for Easter Lilies in Memorial are now being collected.
God Bless: Yvonne Peychal



Fr. Jerry's Tidbits

Lamps, Baskets & Beds

"Is a lamp brought in to be placed under a bushel basket or under a bed, and not to be placed on a lampstand?" MK 4:21

How many bushels can a bushel basket hold when the bushel basket is covering a lamp? Zero. A basket used like this is totally unproductive for bringing in a harvest.

How would you feel about sleeping in a bed with an open flame beneath it? You probably wouldn't get much peaceful rest.

You are the lamp and your light is from Christ. Having been brought into the house, the Church, your light should shine for the benefit of others. As the Letter to the Hebrews says, "*We must consider how to rouse one another to love and good works. We should ... encourage one another.*" Heb 10:24-25

How do you help others to produce good work and to be at peace? What else could you do to help those around you to become more productive and more peaceful with Christ?

'How pure and stainless should be the heart on which is written the most holy name of Jesus!' St. Paul of the Cross

Sacred Heart Cathedral Divorce Ministry will once again offer the *Journey of Hope Divorce Healing Program*. *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.

Over eight Sundays the program utilizes the book *Divorced. Catholic. Now What?*, The Voices of Hope DVD presentation and participant discussion 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

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

Time: 6 – 7:30 PM **Cost:** free

Contact: to register or more information

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



Bulletin Deadline: Submissions are to be emailed to parish office with the subject line: Bulletin Announcement Request to stfrancistownsend@comcast.net by Tuesday 12:00PM. Submissions should be brief, sent in Microsoft Word format, (NOT PDF) and employ only standard capitalization and punctuation. All submissions are subject to further editing to fit format of bulletin. THANKS

Council of Catholic Women

Lectio Divina

Read, Reflect (Meditate),

Respond (Pray), Rest (Contemplate)

We invite you to join us on Tuesdays, during
Lent from 6:30 – 8:00 PM

March 7, 14, 21, 29 and April 4.

Contact: Ilene Rainwater 693-6154

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Lent is a call to “give alms for the poor.” Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the church office. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell. **Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please contact our Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor.**

SVDP meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the Month at
5PM – Everyone is Welcome

Contact - Suzy Smith

Hospitality Committee:

Our quarterly meeting is on Tuesday, March 14th, at 10:00 AM. If you love to welcome visitors to St. Francis and extend hospitality through parish events you are welcome to attend the meeting.

We are looking for a Social Coordinator through the months of Mid October to Mid May. Duties include: Coordinating Sunday Pastry Social, maintaining supplies in the Shea Hall kitchen, email parish to remind everyone of Potluck Weekends etc. If you are interested, please call Elizabeth 865-456-7576.

Hospitality Committee

Invites you and your friends to come pray the Stations of the Cross @ 5PM on Friday's during Lent and enjoy fellowship, good food during the Meatless Supper immediately following. Sign up sheets are in Shea Hall for those wishing to participate in bringing food to share.

Please No Deserts !!!!

Contact: Martha Frink - 556-4684



2017 Parish Results Coming

Thanks to all in the Parish who gave to the Bishop's Appeal. May God's Blessing be upon you hundredfold.

Operation Rice Bowl

I ask your participation in a most cherished practice of Catholic Relief Services (CRS) called, “Operation Rice Bowl.” While our pocket change may seem very little, it becomes quite sizeable and able to do much good when combined with that of others participating in this worthwhile effort. Through “Operation Rice Bowl,” CRS is able to help our brothers and sisters in need around the world. It also helps those in need within our own diocese through Catholic Charities of East Tennessee who receives 25 percent of what is collected. Visit crsricebowl.org for more information or contact Paul Simoneau at psimoneau@dioknox.org / 865-584-3307.

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