

# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

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EASTER SUNDAY, April 21, 2019



## ST. FRANCIS PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

### ST. FRANCIS IS...

**where faith expresses itself in hospitality, where God's love is expressed in its fullest meaning, where Jesus Christ is alive and well and celebrating in S. E. Portland, where the gospel message of active love is made manifest.**

**ST. FRANCIS IS.....**community that finds its health in attempting to serve the neighborhood in its many needs, physical, spiritual and human. In this way we form and support the people of God to reach out rather than build a safe place to be. Though members come from many different neighborhoods, we call upon all to be the church concerned for the core area, inner-city ministry. This is the primary way of effecting a change in the wider community-in life, in family, in work, in the St. Francis Community.

**ST. FRANCIS IS...**community where theology, education, liturgy and social involvement are all dimensions of one reality.

**St. Francis is...** a WELCOMING CONGREGATION. People of various lifestyles, sexual orientations, ethnic and racial groups belong and add to the diversity and grace of the St. Francis Community.

### PASTORAL COUNCIL:

Council Chair: Jerry Harp  
Jerry Harp.....503-239-6211  
Jack Kondrasuk .....503-328-6980

### ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL:

Council Chair: Rob Justus.....971-222-8282  
Karl Hammann.....503-771-3877  
Don Roach .....503-232-1808  
Harry Wohlsein .....503-659-0233  
Jan Rose.....503-824-5059

Auction Chair 2019: Don Roach and Tom Hogan  
Personnel Committee: Julie Cusumano and Rob Justus

Bulletin: Tom Hogan.....503-819-8367

## LITURGY and WORSHIP

Lectors: Art/Environment: Melody Ghormley 503-239-5853  
Land line, no texting/leave voice message  
Children's Worship: Linda Stoltz 503- 891-0305 Greeters: Tom Hogan.....503-819-8367

## ST. FRANCIS PARISH STAFF

### CHURCH OFFICE 503-232-5880

Administrator: Fr. George Kuforiji 503-409-6772  
Bookkeeper: Kathy Dibble  
Music Director:  
Evening Mass Musician: Doug Smith

### DINING HALL OFFICE 503-234-2028

Social Ministry Director: Brian Fallon  
Assistant Director: Dinae Horne  
Campus Security: Tim Meek  
Head Cook: Maleika Dance  
Sunday Cook: St. Francis Community

Maintenance: Roy Hart Church Care: John and Doreen Urbanski Groundskeeper: Jerry Steinke

21 April, 2019 – 28 April, 2019

**Easter Sunday - April 21**

Acts 10:34, 37-43; Colossians 3: 1-4; John 208: 1-9.

**Monday: Parish Office closed**

**Tuesday:** Mass 12:05 PM in the Church

**Wednesday:** Mass 12:05 PM in the Church

**Thursday:** Mass at 12:05 PM in the Church

**Friday:** Mass at 12:05 PM in the Church.

**Saturday:** Mass 12:05 in the Church

**Sunday, April 28: Low Sunday. Mass 9:30 & 7 PM.**

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Sunday Masses: 9:30 AM Family Mass

7:00 PM Contemplative Mass.

Daily Mass at 12:05 in the Church

**PLEASE! TURN CELL PHONES OFF DURING MASS.**

**21 April; Greeter: Nancy Gilbertz & family.**

**Easter Brunch after 9:30 AM mass. 11:30 AM.**

**Gift Bearers: Rebecca Boell and Tom Hogan**

Website: [www.stfrancispdx.org](http://www.stfrancispdx.org)

**PARISH COMMITTEES/TEAMS/GROUPS**

**Building & Grounds:**

**St. Vincent de Paul:** Penny Anders 928-210-3043

**St. Francis Park:** Steve Stevens 503-489-5862

**Community Life:** Tom Hogan 503-819-8367

**Regular Parish Meeting Schedule**

**1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday Liturgy Team 1:30 PM.** The Liturgy Team has met on the 1st Tuesday of the month but all the former members have left. The Committee is looking for people interested in this Team. This meeting time can be changed.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday = St. Vincent de Paul after AM Mass.** Next meeting – May 13.

**2nd Wednesday - Pastoral Council 7:15 PM.** Next meeting – May 8. Old Rectory.

**3rd Thursday, Admin. Council 4 PM.** On the 4th Thursday the last 3 months to accommodate schedules. Next meeting – May 23. Old Rectory.

**FUTURE EVENTS:** Mother’s Day, May 12

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION:**

**Give online at [www.stfrancispdx.org](http://www.stfrancispdx.org)** or information to come for the new bookkeeper.



**NEWCOMERS** are invited to coffee downstairs in the hall. Find the table with the welcoming sign and have some coffee on us!

**SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION:** Infant Baptisms; 1st Communion /1st Reconciliation planned with parent involvement. Confirmation: Planned for interested high school freshman and sophomores; also for adults.

**For RCIA /RCIC (preparation for adults & older children joining the church) and for Wedding Planning or annulments,** please wait and call Fr. Kuforiji at 503-232-5880.

**For Reconciliation:** Regular confessions are on Saturdays from 11:00-11:45 AM and on Sundays from 8:30-9:00. Call Fr. George to schedule another time.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Fr. Bob Krueger, Jeff Maag, whose mother recently passed away; Karl Hammann, whose wife Irene passed away in Dec; Carol Savant, whose husband John passed away in Dec.; Henry Kasner, whose wife Charlotte Butsch, passed away recently; Maria Blackwell, Patricia Plank, Hal Yaeger, Bill Sifferle, Bill Urban, Joe Rastatter, Melinda Pittman, Shirley Stevens, Mary Kay Parham, Ann Thomas, Dianna Shaffer, Tom Hogan, Beth Rose, Ramona Ford and daughter Maria, Sr. Bridget Bauman, Coral Jean Cotterell, Michelle Tuxhorn, Jeanne Rose, Sr. Katherine Smith, Kyle Kroker, Georgie Godejahn, Bob/Mary Thompson, Rene Lippay, Anita Jackson, Mary Fogarty and all who grieve.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Drew Lipay** who passed away recently. More information will be coming from his wife Renee.

Please send your prayers for **David Boell**, who died peacefully on Friday, March 29. David , brother to Rebecca Boell and Ramona Ford, was over 15 years a paraplegic. Information about the service will be coming from Rebecca and Ramona.

Please send your prayers for **Joan Zingmark** and her family and all families who have lost loved ones this past year.

For additions or deletions from this prayer list: contact tomhogan2@comcast.net.

**NEED FOR MORE VOLUNTEERS IN THE MAIL ROOM.**

Does anyone have some extra hours? This need came up at Administrative Council and volunteers should contact Rob Justice at 971-222-8282.

**PASTORAL COUNCIL.** The Pastoral Council will meet next on Wednesday, May 8. This is a change from the previous Tuesday meetings. Minutes will be coming from the meeting on April 10. See Jerry Harp for more information.

**ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL.** Patricia Plank is on medical leave and Kathy Dibble has been hired on a temporary basis. She started March 25. Big thanks to Jan Rose and Marietta Schlumpf for their help in the transition. Rebecca Boell has also been a huge help in

working in the office and with the Post Office to help resolve the mail delivery problem. As of this last week mail was being delivered.

Kathy Dibble has been digging into all the work needing to be done. Let's welcome her!

See Chair Rob Justus for more information on Administrative Council matters.

### SEASONAL CHURCH DECORATIONS

Melody Ghormley, Mary Fogarty and Tom Hogan have agreed to form a group to do the seasonal decorations in the church. See them for more information. All are welcome to be part of this.

Please contact Melody Ghormley on this at 503-239-5853 (it's a land line, no texting, leave voice message) or [melodyanng@yahoo.com](mailto:melodyanng@yahoo.com).

### LENT/TRIDUUM:

A huge thanks to everyone who worked on and made the Holy Week services possible and meaningful. They were beautiful. Thanks to Melody Ghormley, Karen Mathew and Tom Hogan for helping plan and coordinate Holy Week services. Thanks to Melody for creating the sign-up sheets in the rear of the church and tracking volunteers..

#### Passion Sunday, April 14, 9:30 AM.

The weather held up and mass was able to start outdoors and process into the church for mass. Thanks to all the flag bearers and bamboo bearers and everyone who participated in this liturgy.

#### Holy Thursday, April 18, 7 PM

Thanks to Melody Ghormley and Tom Hogan for coordinating this. Also to Mary Fogarty for overseeing the Foot Washing and Rene Kerhwald for help with that. Thanks to Joan Smith and all who helped in the stripping of the alter and all who participated in this liturgy.

#### Good Friday, April 19, 7 PM

Thanks to Tom Hogan for coordinating this service, to Nancy Gilbertz, Pat Bechtold and Fr. George for the Passion Proclamation, to Nancy Gilbertz for the Prayers of Reconciliation, all who participated in the Veneration of the Cross and to Jane Rickenbaugh and the dancers for the Infinite Light procession..

#### Easter Sunday, April 21, 9:30 AM

Thanks to everyone who worked on and participated in this liturgy.

And, of course, a big thanks to our Celebrant **Fr.**

**George** and to the wonderful **Music Group** for their consistently beautiful music. I apologize in advance for anyone I may have missed.

#### Easter Breakfast after mass.

We will have our traditional Easter Breakfast for both communities in the Dining Hall after the 9:30 Mass. Volunteers are still needed for both shifts. Thomas,

the Head Dining Hall Cook will be fixing the meal. There will be a program MC'd by Albert Alter. See Tom Hogan for information or to volunteer

### ST. FRANCIS DINING HALL NEEDS:

Warm coats.

Men's pants in sizes 30, 32, 34 and 36.

Women's pants in sizes 6, 8, 10 and 12

Socks & gloves

Men and women's underwear

Travel size soap, shampoo and disposable razors.

**FROM BRIAN FALLON, Director.** Donations have been coming in but we still need coats, sweatshirts and good boots or shoes, especially for men. See Brian for any information about the Dining Hall needs as the weather gets nicer and the days longer. Or to volunteer.

**RADICAL HOSPITALITY:** Sunday Meal. The parish community has taken responsibility for the Sunday Meal.

**Cooks are being sought**, so if you have a skill in this, here's an opportunity.

Volunteer help is needed in two shifts: 11 AM-2 PM and 1:30-3:30 PM. For more information or to volunteer, connect with Julie Cusamano at 503-422-9442 or [juliecusumano@msn.com](mailto:juliecusumano@msn.com). It's rewarding.

Here's are the Leads and cooks through June 30

4/21. Joe R/Thomas, Dining Hall cook EASTER BRUNCH

4/28. Albert/Minh-Chau (chicken adobo)

5/5 Julie/Harry

5/12 Steve/Janet

5/19 Tom/Julie

5/26 Joe R/ \_\_\_\_\_

6/2 \_\_\_\_\_/Julie

6/9 Tom\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

6/16 \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

6/23 \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

6/30 \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

Give some thought to this ministry. Help is needed.

**Meal Sponsors:** Would you like to sponsor a meal? Sponsors are needed for each Sunday. Contact Julie Cusamano at 503-422-9442 or [juliecusumano@msn.com](mailto:juliecusumano@msn.com).

**Come and Serve any day, M-Th 10am -7pm , Friday 10-2pm or Sundays 12-5!** Join parishioners serving dinner guests on 2nd / 4th Thursdays. Begin at 4:45 PM end when the work is done. Many hands make light work and clean-up is part of the dinner shift! It is a great

way to get to know other people in the Church and the Dining Hall Communities.

**PARISHIONER CORNER:** We need to know each other better. We'd like to highlight community members, so give some thought to sending in things of interest and adding events from your life to share with others.

Here's an experience from Jan Rose about helping carry in the cross at the Good Friday service.

*What an honor and privilege to help carry the wooden cross at St. Francis of Assisi Church! As we headed up the main aisle, dedicated parishioners who danced the "Light of Lights," were standing with lit candles in the dimmed church, marking our path. As we slowly moved up the aisle, we were drawn to the sanctuary by the accompanying light. It was an experience of abiding community, the lights of many flames surrounding us, enveloping the cross, accepting us all—just as the Triduum should. I shall never forget the experience!*

Jan Rose

Here's some comment from Joe Rastatter.

### *A Letter to a Young Priest*

I have enjoyed and benefited from friendships with priests all my life. I recently met a wonderful young priest that inspired me to write this. This is what I would write to him.

*You are not on this planet or positioned in the Church to be particularly respected or honored. It's good to recognize you have privilege, but you must not search for it or acquiesce to it. No, you are here to serve. Learning to serve is what being a priest is all about. Sometimes those you serve may become friends of yours, allies, even admirers. But let your capacity for love and service be judged by how well you do with the most needy and desperate children of God. It is there that you will find Jesus smiling on you in special ways. I am reluctant to say these things about service to you. Not because it is not right, but because I know I must practice what I teach. I, too, need to grow in my capacity to practice*

*these priestly tasks. You are not alone, for we are all called.*

*Blessings and Peace to all.*

*Joe Rastatter*

*4-19-2019*

**Jane Rickenbaugh is teaching a Sacred Dance** class Tuesday evening 7-9 PM at Trinity Episcopal. Spring term begins April 2, 2019. This class is in Kempton Hall and on the word floor there is a replica of the labyrinth at Chartres Cathedral. The last class of the term is on May 7. Guests are invited anytime, but particularly on May 7, and there will be feasting. See Jane for more information about dance and this class.

### **ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE NEWS:**

The parish St. Vincent de Paul Conference meets on 2nd Sundays after the morning mass in the back of the church. All are welcome to participate with us. **LifePaxs are sold on the First Sundays**



Thanks to the Saint Francis Conference of SVDP for their contribution of non-perishable food items at the **Holy Thursday service** on April 18th. They were taken to the altar during the service. These items will be used to stock the food pantry.

Food boxes are delivered weekly to our neighbors in need. Ground coffee, jam or jelly (store-bought only), peanut butter, pasta, pasta sauce, tuna, cereals are appreciated items. Thank you in advance for any and all food donations. Without a doubt these are gratefully received by both SVDP and our neighbors.

If you have questions or want to volunteer, please contact either Penny Anders at 928-210-3043 or Email: [pennysueanders@yahoo.com](mailto:pennysueanders@yahoo.com) or Sandy O'Rourke at 360-828-8210 or Email: [johnoorourke@msn.com](mailto:johnoorourke@msn.com).

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS:** The Building and Grounds Committee is looking for people with skills and knowledge to support the small projects needed for ongoing maintenance. Call:

### **ST. FRANCIS IS A WELCOMING CONGREGATION!**

The Catholic Coalition of Welcoming Parishes focuses on welcoming non-traditional families and individuals, particularly members of the LGBTQ Community. Contacts:

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & ENRICHMENT:**

Children's Worship Service meets during 9:30 AM mass on the first three Sundays of the Month with the

exception of holidays. If you have questions please call Nancy Gilbertz at 503-238.0908.

**Catholic Inquiry/Adult Confirmation: Needs a leader/committee.**

## Mardi Gras Auction, 2019!



Our Mardi Gras Auction 2019 was a huge success! A great big thanks to everybody for the effort and work you all showed in putting it on. It was a class act! The Auction Committee conducted its Debriefing Meeting and is looking at ways to move forward.

Kathy Dibble, our new bookkeeper, is nearly finished with the Auction reconciliation and the listing of all our expenses. Our preliminary gross is approximately \$68,500. We raised about \$24,700 on the "Fund-a-Need. We should have some final figures for you soon.

We also would like to get whatever feedback you have on the Elysian Ballroom. How did you like it, those who went? That will be a big help in deciding where we go next year.

To make input contact the Auction Co-Chairs Tom Hogan at 503-819-8367 or [tomhogan2@comcast.net](mailto:tomhogan2@comcast.net) or Don Roach at [donroachlaw@yahoo.com](mailto:donroachlaw@yahoo.com)

## FROM FR. GEORGE

I hope this article will help some people who are hoping for women priesthood in the Catholic Church. If Jesus had wanted us to have women priests, He would have ordained the most perfect human on earth. He would have ordained His own mother Mary who is sinless and she is the Immaculately Conception.

We have to remember, Jesus left the Holy Spirit to guide the Church. So in matters of Morals and Doctrine the will of God will be done.

Jesus said the Church is supposed to be the light of the world and not the world the light of the Church. What is going in the world that contradicts Scripture, should be ignored. All those causes is disunity in the Church.

St Paul said, **“Therefore, brothers, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught, either by an oral statement or by a letter of ours** (2 Thessalonian 2:15).

St. Paul said: **“But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach [to you] a gospel other than**

**the one that we preached to you, let that one be accursed!** (Gal. 1:8)

Fr George

## Cardinal Sarah explains why female priests will ‘never happen’ in Catholic Church

**“April 9, 2019 (LifeSiteNews) – African Cardinal Robert Sarah said that the question of ordaining women to the priesthood has already been "resolved" by a previous pope who declared it an impossibility.**

"This question is already resolved: John Paul II affirmed that the Church did not have the power to ordain women. His declaration used a definitive formulation. "This door is closed," stated the Prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship in an April 6 interview with Catholic website [Aleteia](http://Aleteia).

"Francis has confirmed this by saying: "The Church has spoken and has said no," he added.

Speaking about the “pseudo-reformers” of the Catholic Church, the Cardinal pointed out that the Church was built by Jesus who endowed it with his immutability.

***“I cannot change what I have not built myself and which, therefore, does not belong to me. No one can change the Church of Jesus,”*** he said.

Cardinal Sarah discussed many of the pressing topics that are currently troubling the Catholic Church. Among them is a “division within the Church” which is “tragic.” This division, the African prelate explained, “manifests itself mainly on doctrinal, moral, and disciplinary levels. Everyone now says and thinks what they want. How could we not be concerned if it seems that the Church no longer has doctrine or clear moral teaching?”

One cause of confusion and division in the Church is on the subject of female ordination. German Bishop Franz-Josef Bode has recently proposed to ordain female deacons, even if this might cause a “schism.” Bode is the Vice President of the German Bishops' Conference.

Sarah stated that he would be “happy” to give women more “responsibility in the Church” and that they have “an important place and role in the Church and in society.” “But,” he adds, “they [women] are not valued any better by entrusting them with duties and a mission that God, in his infinite Wisdom, reserves for men. From the Old Testament, God chose Aaron and his sons to exercise His priesthood.”

“It is surprising,” commented the Cardinal, “to insist on a possible ordination of women, because it seems to me, after more than 2,000 years of Christianity, that this shows a lack of faith. *The ordination of women will never happen in the Catholic Church even if there were no priests left in the world. Not out of contempt for women, but because it is not in God’s will and plan.*”

In light of this current moral and doctrinal confusion, the prelate recommended that Catholics “hold on to the boat [the Church] firmly, and pray. In other words, it is our responsibility to stand firmly by the Doctrine, the teaching of the Church, and to pray.””

Pope Francis has rejected in the recent past the proposal to ordain women, yet his recent praise of a bishop – Bishop Fritz Lobinger – has then caused confusion, inasmuch as Lobinger is himself a promoter of the idea to ordain female married priests. In 2016, Pope Francis also established a Commission on the history of female deacons. Its 2018 final report has yet to be published by the Pope.

#### FROM POPE FRANCIS:

Pope Francis on Easter Sunday: ‘Let’s respond immediately to God’s surprises!’

#### ‘Easter Day’: A Poem by Oscar Wilde

Oscar Wilde (1854-1900) is not now principally known for his poetry (indeed, it might be said that he is still less famous for his writings than he is for ... having been Oscar Wilde), and his one enduringly famous poem is ‘The Ballad of Reading Gaol’.

However, early in his career he wrote more poetry than anything else, and ‘Easter Day’ is one of his finest verses – a nice sonnet about Rome on Easter Day.

#### Easter Day

The silver trumpets rang across the Dome:  
The people knelt upon the ground with awe:  
And borne upon the necks of men I saw,  
Like some great God, the Holy Lord of Rome.

Priest-like, he wore a robe more white than foam,  
And, king-like, swathed himself in royal red,  
Three crowns of gold rose high upon his head:  
In splendour and in light the Pope passed home.

My heart stole back across wide wastes of years  
To One who wandered by a lonely sea,  
And sought in vain for any place of rest:  
‘Foxes have holes, and every bird its nest,  
I, only I, must wander wearily,  
And bruise my feet, and drink wine salt with tears.’



This year, **Earth Day, (April 22nd)** falls on Easter Monday. Therefore, we invite you to celebrate Earth Day anytime during the Easter Season, or on a day of your choosing.



From the Catholic Climate Covenant. For more information see the <https://catholicclimatecovenant.org>