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Dear brothers and sisters of St. Francis of Assisi Parish,

I write to you from Lourdes, France, where I have been walking these days among the grottoes, the waters, and the great crowds of pilgrims who come here carrying every kind of hope. In the middle of this journey, my heart keeps returning to Delaware Avenue and to the South End — to your faces at Mass, to the children in catechesis, to the sick I have visited, to every hand I have shaken at coffee hour. I want you to know clearly: you are not far from my thoughts or my prayers. You are, in fact, at the very center of why I came.

Here at Lourdes one understands in a new way the power Our Lady holds in the life of the Church. She does not point to herself. At Cana she said only:

“Do whatever he tells you.” — John 2:5

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First Friday Adoration and Mass Schedule

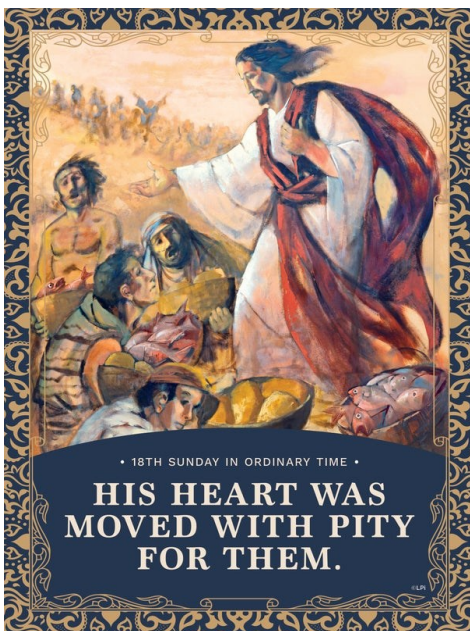
Thursday 6:30 pm—7:30 pm with The Most Holy Rosary at St. Mary's
Friday 8:00 am—12 pm at St. Mary's
11:30 am—3:30 pm at Cathedral
7:30 pm—8:30 pm at St. Francis—Delaware
Mass 12:05 At St. Mary's

FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION VIGIL MASS

Bishop Mark O'Connell will celebrate a vigil Mass at the Cathedral for the Feast of the Transfiguration on Wednesday, August 5th, at c

St. James Food Pantry (518) 414-1929
391 Delaware Ave., (rear) Mon. & Wed. 10:00 am—12:30 pm

St. John's/St. Anne's Center (518) 472-9091
88 Fourth Ave. Mon, Wed, Th: 10:00 am—12:00 pm
1:00 pm—3:00 pm
Welcome Table Tues. Th: 11:30 am—1:00 pm



Queridos hermanos y hermanas de la Parroquia San Francisco de Asís,

Les escribo desde Lourdes, Francia, donde he pasado estos días caminando entre la gruta, las aguas y las multitudes de peregrinos que llegan aquí cargando toda clase de esperanzas. En medio de este camino, mi corazón vuelve una y otra vez a Delaware Avenue y al South End: a sus rostros en la Misa, a los niños en catequesis, a los enfermos que he visitado, a cada mano que he estrechado después de la Eucaristía. Quiero que sepan con claridad: ustedes no están lejos de mis pensamientos ni

de mis oraciones. De hecho, están en el mismo centro de la razón por la que vine.

Aquí en Lourdes se entiende de una manera nueva el poder que tiene la Virgen María en la vida de la Iglesia. Ella nunca se señala a sí misma. En Caná dijo solamente:

“Haced lo que él os diga.” — Juan 2:5

Esa es toda su misión: llevarnos siempre de regreso a su Hijo. En esta gruta, donde se apareció a una joven pobre y pidió simplemente oración y penitencia, todavía llegan miles buscando sanación, y muchos más llegan solo

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That is her whole mission — to lead us, always, back to her Son. In this grotto, where she appeared to a poor young girl and asked simply for prayer and penance, thousands still come seeking healing, and countless more come simply to be near a mother who listens without judgment. This is the power of Mary: not a power she keeps for herself, but a power entirely given over to bringing her children to Christ. When we entrust St. Francis Parish to her Immaculate Heart, we are not asking for magic — we are asking for a mother's constant, quiet intercession.

Please know that each day here, at the grotto and at Mass, I remember our parish by name — our sick, our young families, our catechists, our newest parishioners still learning where they belong among us. You are important, each one of you, and this pilgrimage is being made, in part, for you. I carry you with me to the water, and I will carry Lourdes back to you when I return.

With affection and gratitude in Christ and through Mary,

Fr. Daniel Vallejo

BE A PRAYER PARTNER WITH POPE LEO



For evangelization in the city

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Weekend Confession and Mass Schedule:

Saturday: Confession	3:15–3:50 pm	St. Francis (Del. Ave.)
Mass	4:00 pm	St. Francis (Del. Ave.)
Sunday: Mass	9:00 am	St. Francis (Del. Ave.)
Mass	10:30 am	St. Francis (Del. Ave.)
Mass	10:30 am	St. Francis (South)

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Santa Misa: Domingo 10:30 AM

Confesiones: Domingo 10:00 AM

Primer Domingo del mes: Bendición a todos los niños y jóvenes al final de la Santa Misa

- **Hora Santa: Todos los primeros Sábados de cada mes a las 5:15pm.**

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para estar cerca de una madre que escucha sin juzgar. Este es el poder de María: no un poder que guarda para sí misma, sino un poder entregado por completo para llevar a sus hijos hacia Cristo. Cuando encomendamos a la Parroquia San Francisco a su Corazón Inmaculado, no pedimos magia, pedimos la intercesión constante y silenciosa de una madre.

Sepan que cada día aquí, en la gruta y en la Misa, recuerdo a nuestra parroquia por su nombre: a nuestros enfermos, a nuestras familias jóvenes, a nuestros catequistas, a los feligreses más nuevos que todavía están aprendiendo su lugar entre nosotros. Ustedes son importantes, cada uno de ustedes, y esta peregrinación se hace, en parte, por ustedes. Los llevo conmigo hasta el agua, y traeré Lourdes conmigo de vuelta cuando regrese.

Con cariño y gratitud en Cristo y por María,

P. Daniel Vallejo

LET'S HELP EVANGELIZE THE WORLD!

Pope Leo XIV has called us to be a church of missionaries. And there is no better way to do that than supporting the missionary who will be coming to your parish.

It makes a tremendous difference in the communities and the good work we support.

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THE MIRACLES WE DON'T SEE

by Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



“Why aren’t there miracles anymore?”

I’ve heard people say this more than once. Usually, it is someone who is a believer in Christ but not a Catholic, because Catholics understand that miracles happen at every Mass, to say nothing of the other miracles the Church recognizes. But even some Catholics often find themselves wondering why it’s been so long since God gave us a good show. A good sun-dance in the sky. A good, flashy reason to believe.

I don’t know what it looked like when the loaves and the fishes were multiplied. I believe it happened, and I have envisioned it often, but I just can’t picture it. Did everyone blink,

and there was a giant pile of food? Did they just keep finding more? Was it all the same kind of bread, or did Jesus mix it up?

I think the Gospel is deliberately vague on this to test the patience of pathologically nosy people like myself. It’s not important what it looked like. If those details mattered, they would be spelled out in Scripture.

How often we find ourselves unsatisfied with the answers God has for us!

I wonder if that’s what Christ was thinking when he savored those last few minutes of solitude on the boat, where he had gone to be alone after hearing the crushing news of his cousin’s execution. Was he imagining the crowds gathering on shore? Was he contemplating their enormous expectations for God — for him! — and anticipating their disappointment when every wish could not be granted?

Maybe. But that’s not what the Scripture says.

“His heart was moved with pity,” we are told. I think of him looking at them all, so weary and uncertain and hungry. Pity — this is what he felt. Not resentment, exhaustion or frustration. Pity. And his precious heart was moved.

What a miracle! No details, no explanation. No dancing sun. But what a miracle!

SAVE THE DATE FOR PARISH PICNIC!!!

The Annual Parish Picnic of St. Francis of Assisi Parish and the Cathedral, including Historic St. Mary’s, will be held on Saturday, September 12th, 2026 at the Elm Avenue Town Park in Bethlehem between 11:30 and 3:00 PM.

We’ll have kid’s games, a 50/50 drawing, a kid’s raffle, raffle for door prizes, games for kids and adults, and great food, fun, and fellowship! Hamburgers, hot dogs, beverages and paper products will be provided by the Parishes. All we need is YOU and whatever tasty salads, side dishes, or desserts you decide to bring to share!

No sign-ups yet. Just go home and save this date on your calendar, or on your cell phone calendar, if you haven’t done so already for this great Parish Picnic!!!

We hope everyone decides to attend. We had great weather last year and a great time was had by all. Save the date!!!!



ZOOM TALK WITH

THE SISTERS OF THE RESURRECTION

Aug. 10, 2026 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Discerning a vocation as a sister? Join a monthly Zoom call with Sister Teresa Grace Baillargeon of the Sisters of the Resurrections in Castleton.

Calls take place from 7 to 8 pm every second Monday of the month. Register and receive a Zoom invitation by emailing vocation@resurrectionsisters.org or call or text 812-618-8253.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

St. Vincent “understood that when Christ put on the cloak of humanity, he could have done so in the form of a king, a general, a man of wealth and power, but he didn’t. He chose instead to walk among us as one who was poor, and who served the poor.” (“Walking the Vincentian Pathway: Spirituality,” SVdPUSA.org) As followers of Christ, we too are called to serve the poor.

When we all work together, we are able to help bring God’s aid and hope to those in need.

Please help those in need through almsgiving. Either place your gift in one of the poor boxes near the church entrance, or place a check made out to “The St. Vincent de Paul Society” in the collection basket.

You can also help by joining us.

Call the Cathedral at 518-463-4447 for more information.

Sunday Mass Intentions

As of July 28, 2026

Saint Francis (Delaware)

Requested by:

Sat, August 1 4:00 PM	Pro Populo	
Sun, August 2 9:00 AM	Pro Populo	
Sun, August 2 10:30 AM	Pro Populo	
Sat, August 8 4:00 PM	Pro Populo	
Sun, August 9 9:00 AM	† Jose Palaguachi	Tina Palaguachi
	† Jose Andy Palaguachi	Tina Palaguachi
Sun, August 9 10:30 AM	Pro Populo	

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Sun, August 9 10:30 AM	† Helen & William Shanno William Shanno, Jr.	Family

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 2, 2026

Sunday:	Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18/ Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21
Monday:	Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/ Mt 14:22-36
Tuesday:	Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29, 22-23/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday:	Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 15:21-28
Thursday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/ Mt 17:1-9
Friday:	Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/ Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41/Mt 16:24-28
Saturday:	Hb 1:12-2:4/Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 17:14-20
Next Sunday:	1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

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