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THE JOY OF BEING A FAMILY IN CHRIST

Dear brothers and sisters:

I end this weekend with a heart full of gratitude. After celebrating the Eucharist together with you and sharing so many conversations — some brief, at the church door, others longer over coffee after Mass — I am reminded once again that the most beautiful part of being a priest is walking alongside a people who love God and love one another. Every face I saw this weekend, every greeting, every story shared, reminded me that the Church is not a building or an organization: she is a living family, gathered around the altar of the Lord.

That is why I want to insist on something I have carried in my heart since beginning this new journey as your Pastor: we are called to be a community of love and welcome. A parish where no one feels like a stranger, where the one who arrives for the first time finds peace, and where the one who has been away for a long time knows the door is still open. St. Francis of Assisi, our patron, taught us that God's love becomes visible when we receive one another without judgment, with open arms, just as the Father received the prodigal son. May that always be the mark of our parish.

I want to invite all of you to stay connected to the life of

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1:00 pm–3:00 pm
Welcome Table Tues. Th: 11:30 am–1:00 pm



LA ALEGRÍA DE SER FAMILIA EN CRISTO

Queridos hermanos y hermanas: Terminó este fin de semana con el corazón lleno de gratitud. Después de celebrar la Eucaristía junto a ustedes y de compartir tantas conversaciones —algunas breves en la puerta del templo, otras más largas tomando un café después de Misa— confirmo una vez más que lo más hermoso de ser sacerdote es caminar junto a un pueblo que ama a Dios y se ama entre sí. Cada rostro que vi este fin de semana, cada saludo, cada historia compartida, me recordó que la Iglesia no es un edificio ni una organización: es

una familia viva, reunida alrededor del altar del Señor.

Por eso quiero insistir en algo que llevo en el corazón desde que comencé este nuevo camino como su Pastor: estamos llamados a ser una comunidad de amor y acogida. Una parroquia donde nadie se sienta extraño, donde el que llega por primera vez encuentre paz, y donde el que ha estado ausente por mucho tiempo sepa que la puerta sigue abierta. San Francisco de Asís, nuestro patrono, nos enseñó que el amor de Dios se hace visible cuando recibimos al otro sin juzgar, con los brazos abiertos, como el Padre recibió al hijo pródigo. Que esa sea siempre la marca de nuestra parroquia.

Quiero invitarlos a todos a mantenerse conectados con la vida de nuestras parroquias —tanto en Delaware Avenue como en South End—. Esta es la casa espiritual de todos

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**OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL
THURSDAY OF THE
15TH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME**



This feast, instituted in the 14th century of the Carmelite Order, commemorates the day in 1251 when the Blessed Mother gave the brown scapular to St. Simon Stock. “The scapular is an external sign of the filial relationship established between the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother and Queen of Mt. Carmel,

and the faithful who entrust themselves totally to her protection, who have recourse to her maternal intercession, who are mindful of the primacy of the spiritual life and the need for prayer.” (Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy 205). The Blessed Virgin Mary “watches unceasingly with a mother’s loving care over the brethren of her Son, and lights us along our pilgrim way to the Mount of your glory, our beacon of comfort, and the embodiment of all our hopes as members of the Church” (Carmelite Preface I of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel).

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ustedes, el lugar donde Dios nos acoge con ternura y misericordia, sin importar de dónde vengamos ni por lo que estemos atravesando. No dejen de participar, de acercarse, de hacer de este espacio su hogar.

Un saludo especial quiero dar a la comunidad de South End. Durante esta semana tuve la alegría de visitar su parroquia, y debo decirles que me sentí muy feliz al ver lo bonita que es y el cariño con que la cuidan. Estoy muy contento de poder visitarlos este fin de semana y de comenzar a caminar juntos como comunidad. Gracias por abrirme las puertas.

Y a la comunidad de St. Francis en Delaware Avenue, gracias de todo corazón por la acogida que me han brindado en estos primeros días como su Pastor. Ha sido un inicio lleno de calidez y fraternidad, y espero que sigamos disfrutando de un tiempo de verdadero amor y conexión como parroquia, creciendo juntos en la fe.

Finalmente, quiero compartirles que del 16 de julio al 10 de agosto estaré en Lourdes, Francia, en peregrinación. Los llevaré a todos conmigo en mis oraciones ante la Gruta, presentando sus intenciones, sus familias y sus necesidades a la Virgen María. Sepan que, aunque esté lejos físicamente, seguiremos unidos espiritualmente, y confío en que Dios seguirá bendiciendo y guiando a nuestra parroquia en mi ausencia, a través de los sacerdotes que generosamente cubrirán las Misas.

Que Dios los ilumine esta semana y les regale su paz.

Paz y Bien.

P. Daniel Vallejo

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**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.

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!!!!



SAINT BONAVENTURE DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH JULY 15TH

Born in the Tuscan region of Italy, Bonaventure entered the Franciscans in 1243. He was elected minister general in 1257. At this time, the Franciscans' explosive growth threatened the purity of their charism. Having been schooled at the University of Paris, where he rose to the position of "Master," Bonaventure brought a keen mind to his task. He wrote the definitive biography of St. Francis, as well as a commentary of his order's rule, and defended evangelical perfection from its critics. He is lauded as a Doctor of the Church and the "second founder" of the Franciscans. He died in 1274.

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our parishes — both at Delaware Avenue and at South End. This is the spiritual home of each one of you, the place where God welcomes us with tenderness and mercy, no matter where we come from or what we are going through. Don't stop participating, drawing near, making this space your home.

A special greeting goes out to the South End community. This week I had the joy of visiting your parish, and I must tell you that I was truly happy to see how beautiful it is and how much care you have put into it. I am very glad to be able to visit you this weekend and to begin walking together as a community. Thank you for opening your doors to me.

And to the St. Francis community at Delaware Avenue, thank you from my heart for the welcome you have given me in these first days as your Pastor. It has been a beginning full of warmth and fraternity, and I hope we continue to enjoy a time of true love and connection as a parish, growing together in faith.

Finally, I want to share with you that from July 16 to August 10 I will be in Lourdes, France, on pilgrimage. I will carry all of you with me in my prayers before the Grotto, presenting your intentions, your families, and your needs to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Know that, even though I will be far away physically, we will remain united spiritually, and I trust that God will continue to bless and guide our parish in my absence, through the priests who will generously cover the Masses.

May God enlighten you this week and grant you His peace.

Peace and Good,
Fr. Daniel Vallejo



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Sunday Mass Intentions

As of July 6, 2026

Saint Francis (Delaware)

Requested by:

Sat, July 11 4:00 PM	† Gloria Johnson, † Francis R. Johnson, † Francis J. Johnson	Gloria Moak
Sun, July 12 9:00 AM	<i>Pro Populo</i>	
Sun, July 12 10:30 AM	<i>Pro Populo</i>	
Sat, July 18 4:00 PM	† Richard Kirner Sr.	Pat & Bob Benac
	† Thomas Kirner	Pat & Bob Benac
Sun, July 19 9:00 AM	<i>Pro Populo</i>	
Sun, July 19 10:30 AM	<i>Pro Populo</i>	
Saint Francis (South End)		
Sun, July 12 10:30 AM	<i>Pro Populo</i>	
Sun, July 19 10:30 AM	† Georgeann Payne	Joe Keller

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In today's Gospel, we hear the story of the sower and we know that "some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirty fold."

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Readings for the Week of July 12, 2026

Sunday:	Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14/Rom 8:18-23/ Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9
Monday:	Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 10:34- 11:1
Tuesday:	Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday:	Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15/Mt 11:25-27
Thursday:	Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21/Mt 11:28-30
Friday:	Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 12abcd, 16/Mt 12:1- 8
Saturday:	Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14/Mt 12:14-21
Next Sunday:	Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16/Rom 8:26 -27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

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