

SOLEMNITY OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
PRINCIPAL PATRON OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN FRANCISCO
 October 4, 2009

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mon 7AM James Pidgeon
 9AM Norma Geissberger

Tue 7AM Serge & Tom Cincotta
 9AM Stan & Fran Conway

Wed 7AM Harriet & Dick Scollin
 9AM William P. Walsh

Thu 7AM Hank Ayres
 9AM Norma Geissberger

Fri 7AM Marty C. Rice
 9AM Bill & Ed Tarrant

Sat 7AM Frank & Angela Lucas
 9AM Jim Staats

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Lorenzo Acciai, Ken Anderson, Sally Arango, Marco Balistreri, MaryAnn Bellia, Bertha, Joseph Calleja, Patricia Cane, Charles, Yondellan Coleman, Elizabeth Crowley, Bill & Vladia Cutler, Dick Degan, Doris Doty, Doug, Nanette Duffy, Ed, Luke Duval, Faith Gillis, Philip Hansen, Eileen Harriman, Taro Hart, Rosemarie Hayes, Joseph, Germaine Khohayting, Jeanne Killian, Karla Kincade, Jan Lamphere, Manda Masse, Mary McDonald, Warren McGuire, Richard Mogas, Monte Maroevich, Tony, Valerie Milroy, Marie Palleschi, Mark Piatti, Bertha Ponce de Leon, Joe Popovich, Stephanie, Steve Schlesselmann, Mary Ann Smith, Rose Tannlund, Tim, Elizabeth Ward, Sibeal Whitty, & Camilla Wolfe.

STEWARDSHIP – A WAY OF LIFE

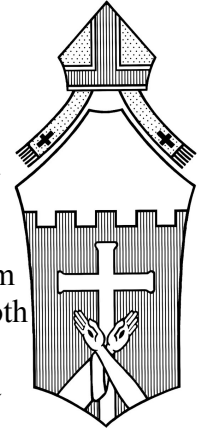
Last weekend's collection \$ 3,868.
 Weekly goal \$ 5,200.
 Weekly average \$ 4,142.

THE ANNUAL "OCTOBER COUNT"

Every Sunday in October, parishes count the number of men, women, & children at Sunday Masses for Archdiocesan records.

Let us pray that all those who are able to attend will do so, and come to celebrate the Mass with us!

In the Archdiocese of San Francisco, we celebrate October 4th—the Feast of our Patron Saint—as a Solemnity, taking precedence over what would be the 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time.



In the image on the right, you can see the Franciscan “logo” showing the arm of Jesus and the arm of St. Francis, both of which bear the nail marks of the crucifixion. Francis bore the stigmata for the last year of his life.

BLOOD DRIVE AT ST. PATRICK’S CHURCH

Sunday, Oct. 4 7:45 am to 1:00 pm
 409 Magnolia Ave, across from Larkspur Fire Stat’n
Walk-ins welcome! Give blood & save a life!

WELCOME NEW & RETURNING CONFIRMATION YOUTH GROUP (CYG) MEMBERS:

First Year: Edilyn Haddad, Brian Montesinos, John Traverso, Tommy Fant, Joseph Matthews, Matthew Cinelli, Ryan Newhard, Jack McKernan, Jared Lazor, and Stephen Cresalia.

Second Year: Ryan McCarty, Michael Kelly, Maggie Maguire, Joseph King, and Thomas Cavanaugh.

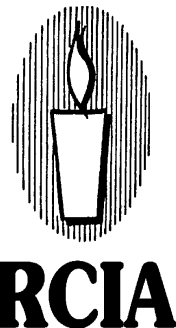
CYG meets Monday nights 7-8:30pm in the Hall. First meeting is Oct. 5. CYG is a 2-yr preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Candidates must be 7th grade or above to begin their preparation. Enrollment is still open.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CHURCH?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A CATHOLIC ?

Adults interested in becoming Catholics, or Catholics who want to receive the Sacraments of Communion, and/or Confirmation are invited to attend R.C.I.A. classes (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) with the view to receiving the Sacraments next Easter. Adult Catholics who want to know more about their religion are also welcome to inquire. Call the Parish Office at 461-0704.



"COFFEE SUNDAY" NEXT WEEK

Next Sunday is "Coffee Sunday", so don't "run off", but be sure to come to the Parish Hall after the 7am, 9am, or 11am Mass and visit with fellow parishioners who look forward to seeing you there!

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Wednesday, October 7 is the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary. Praying and meditating on the Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious, and the Luminous Mysteries is a powerful way to grow in the knowledge of our faith and to develop a devotion to Our Mother Mary.

CYO REGISTRATION FOR BOYS & GIRLS

CYO registration for the 2009-10 basketball season has been underway for the past three weeks!

Registration for Boys & Girls in grade 4 thru 8 for St. Sebastian CYO can be accomplished by going to

www.eteamz.com/StSebastianCYO

and clicking on the Registration tab.

The active.com registration site will appear. Option "C" should be chosen for registration.

Questions? Contact Bob McCullough at bob@summitcrestcapital.com

FLU SHOTS

Flu shots—for the regular flu—will be available in the Parish Hall for anyone aged 4 years and up.

Sat., October 10, & Sun., October 11

Call the Parish Office

at 461-0704 so that we'll have enough vaccine.

ST. NICHOLAS ORTHODOX CHURCH

102 Ross Ave., San Anselmo

ANNUAL BAZAAR

Saturday, October 10, 10:30am—3:00pm

Traditional Slavic Foods

Live Music, Handmade Crafts, Rummage Sale

Choir Concert at 1:00pm

Church Tours throughout the day

Vespers Service at 4:00pm

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CENACLE OF PRAYER TODAY

Today, October 4th, from 3 to 4pm
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,
Rosary, Meditation, & Benediction
Spend an hour here with Our Lord.

YOUNG AT HEART MEETING

Tuesday, October 6, 11:45am in Parish Hall

"Serve Yourself" Buffet of Sandwiches,
Salad, & Cookies for \$5/Member.

Guests and Non-Members: \$7.50.

(You may bring your own lunch and enjoy the usual dessert and coffee, but please let us know if you are coming so that we can set up enough places.)

Fr. Mark Taheny will have a presentation of Stereoscopic (3-D) Slides of varied subjects and places, and a few humorous songs as well.

Call Denise Carrade 461-0689 or
Barbara Wakida 461-2735.

JOIN THE "YOUNG AT HEART"

Those aged 55 or older are invited to become members of this wonderful social group; annual dues are only \$15. The new year began July 1st. Current members are from all parts of Marin, Southern Sonoma, & San Francisco. Lunch and entertainment are usually scheduled in St. Sebastian's Parish Hall the first Tuesday of each month. Our trip committee has some great ideas for the coming year.

Come join us.

Call Donna Boyd 453-3383 or
Denise Carrade 461-0689.

Marin Center for Independent Living

**"Empowering Marin County seniors
and individuals with disabilities and medical issues
to live independently"**

The Marin Center for Independent Living (MCIL)

proudly presents its

30th Anniversary Celebration,

"Angels by the Bay"

Friday, October 16, 2009 at 11:00 at the Corinthian Yacht Club in Tiburon. The day includes **wine tasting** with six exclusive wineries, passed hors d'oeuvres, and a fabulous **silent auction**, an **exquisite three-course culinary delight** paired with fine wines and a lively **live auction**.

Information: contact fellow parishioner,
Kathleen Woodcock at 459-6245 x17. Ticket price is \$90.
MCIL is a Not-for-Profit organization

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

Every October, we celebrate “Respect Life” Month, and we begin this year’s month of prayer by also celebrating St. Francis of Assisi, a holy man who had great respect for all life because all of creation gave glory to God.

Francis prayed to be an instrument of God’s peace, as in the “Prayer of St. Francis” which we sing so often. Let us pray that we may be channels of God’s peace to others in our troubled world. Where there is hatred, let us bring love; where there is despair, hope. It is in giving that we receive.

Words from Blessed
Mother Teresa of Calcutta:

“But I feel a great destroyer of peace today is abortion, because it is a direct war, a direct killing, direct murder by the mother herself.

And we read in the scripture, for God says very clearly: *“Even if a mother could forget her child, I will not forget you. I have carved you in the palm of My Hand.”*



We are carved in the palm of His Hand; so close to Him, that unborn child has been carved in the Hand of God. And that is what strikes me most, the beginning of that sentence, that even a mother could forget something impossible—but even if she could forget—*“I will not forget you.”* And today the greatest destroyer of peace is abortion. And we who are standing here—our parents wanted us. We would not be here if our parents would do that to us.”

*--Lecture upon receiving the Nobel Peace Prize,
Oslo, Norway, Dec. 11, 1979.*

“Catholics who are privileged to serve in public leadership positions have an obligation to place their faith at the heart of their public service, particularly on issues regarding the sanctity and dignity of human life. Thomas More, the former chancellor of England who preferred to give his life rather than betray his Catholic convictions, went to his execution with the words, ‘I die the king’s good servant, but God’s first’”

—(US Bishops, *Living the Gospel of Life*, 1998, n. 31).