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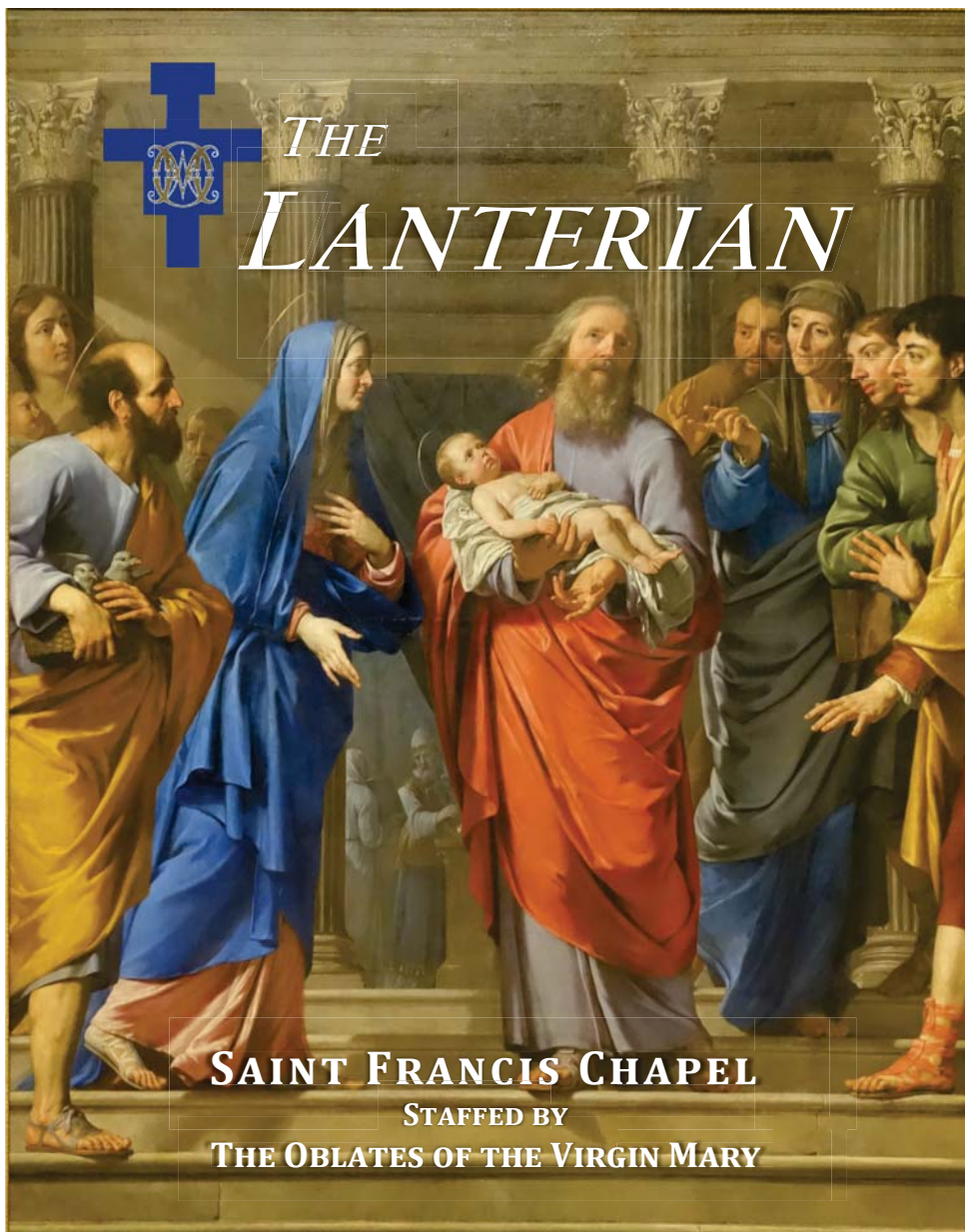
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Cleaning of Chapel

Environment: Nubia Viasus

The Pope's Prayer Intention for January

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.



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SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil 4:00PM,
5:30 PM, (en español)

Sun. 8 AM, 9:15AM, 10:30AM, 11:45AM,
1:15 PM (en español), 4:00PM, 5:30PM

Weekday Masses:

Mon.—Fri. 8:00AM, 12:05PM, 4:45PM
Saturday 9:00AM, 12PM

Confessions:

Mon.—Fri. 8:30 -11:50AM, 12:30-4:40PM
Saturday 9:30 - 11:45 AM, 12:30-3:30PM

Devotions:

Tuesday after Mass: Our Lady
Wednesday after Mass: St. Joseph
Thursday after Mass: St. Jude

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Mon.—Fri. 8:30-11:50AM, 12:30-4:30PM;
Sat. 9:30-11:30AM, 12:30-3:30PM;
Sunday 2:30-3:30PM

Gift Shop Hours:

Monday—Friday 10:00AM - 4:30PM*;
Saturday 9:30AM - 6:00PM*;
Sunday 8:45AM - 6:00PM*
(*Closed during Masses)

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Reflection by Fr. Michael Warren, OMV

We know from following the rest of Genesis that the drama of God's creative love involves the serious plot twist of the man and woman rejecting God's love through the original sin. The experience of the original sin is in all of us. Sin turns love into lust and the gift of self into the taking of the other for one's own pleasure. As we would and should recoil in shock if someone were to damage an icon, so we recoil at a relationship that is not an icon of the love of God.

Throughout the Scriptures we encounter the numerous recollections of the couples, families, men and women, striving for holiness, falling short, seeking mercy and rising again through that Divine Mercy. Jesus, Mary and Joseph teach us in the Gospel that, through God's grace, marriage is not only capable of reflecting the creative love of God but now it also reflects the redemptive love of God. Through Christ, Christian marriage of a man and a woman is a sacrament. Christian marriage is also an experience of sacrificial and eucharistic love. This refers to love that remains true throughout the process of two broken people becoming whole again over a life-time together. The experiences of the good times and bad, the sicknesses and the health are the same as they were in the drama contained in the Bible. Marriage and family love are not all roses; there is suffering, pain and sadness. But those become sacrificial in the sacrament and help in the redemption of the family members and of the whole world. As the Eucharist contains Christ in the reality of his sacrificial love, so Christian marriage contains the reality of human love that is not yet perfect but is in process to become so, which requires much sacrificial love. In this way, the family is a "domestic church." Faith, hope and love are lived within the context of every-day life and its plot twists.

The Holy Family itself experienced the various crises of life from unexpected pregnancy to traumatic escapes from Herod, to emigration, to the toil of daily work. In all of it they remained true to each other and to the faith handed on by the holy prophets and teachers of Israel. Through that faith they found their hope to trust in divine providence. Every Christian family should look to Jesus, Mary and Joseph as their partners in the noble and challenging task of family love.

*And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, "This is the way, walk in it."
(Isaiah 30:21)*

Day of Discernment for Young Men



January 20, 2024

St. Joseph's Retreat House
65 Father Carney Dr.
Milton, MA 02186

- Learn skills for Ignatian Discernment
- Learn How to Choose God's Will
- Hear from Layman, Priest and Brother about life in each vocation
- Time for Prayer
- No Cost and Lunch Provided

To Register: stfrancis@omvusa.org

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, Dec. 31

8:00 AM +Irene Fitzgerald
 9:15 AM +Ryan Kelly
 10:30 AM Mera Galeno & Paula Oliver—
 healing
 11:45 AM Patrick Egan—healing
 1:15 PM +Angel Ramon Sanchez
 4:00 PM +Maria Jimenez & +Ramon Bar-
 rientos—1st anniv.
 5:30 PM +Anne Walsh

Monday, Dec. Jan. 1

9:00 AM The Gao Family
 12:00 PM +Eliz Mulcahy

Tuesday, Jan. 2

8:00 AM +Barbara Vasconcellos
 12:05 PM Deceased of the Wheatley
 Family
 4:45 PM Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, Jan. 3

8:00 AM +Joseph A. Husak
 12:05 PM +Marguerite & +Bob Reiling
 4:45 PM +Margaret Lyons

Thursday, Jan. 4

8:00 AM Sophia Feitelberg
 12:05 PM +Caroline & +Raymond Graves
 4:45 PM +Walter Morgan

Friday, Jan. 5

8:00 AM Sierra June Gindele
 12:05 PM Mary Anne Goldberg—special
 intentions
 4:45 PM +Henry Peter Engo, Sr.

Saturday, Jan. 6

9:00 AM +Maria Della Peruta—birthday
 12:00 PM Souls in Purgatory
 4:00 PM For Families with special needs
 5:30 PM +Ercilia Nunez & +Leoncio
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Prayer Before Mass



by Ven. Bruno Lanteri

My God, I offer you this holy sacrifice to proclaim, honor and glorify your infinite greatness, and in recognition of the supreme dominion which, as the first principle and last end, you have above all created things. I give you this homage for all those who still do not know you or do not want to recognize you.

I offer this too in thanksgiving for the benefits that I and all the world have received and will receive from your infinite goodness; in satisfaction for my sins and those of the whole world; to implore the graces that are necessary for my eternal salvation and for all mankind. Oh, my God, I offer to you the merits of Jesus Christ; grant me at this Holy Mass a profound adoration of him.

My God, my Creator, I implore you to grant me the grace of final perseverance. I know by faith that I do not deserve it, nor can I deserve it, but your Divine Son deserves it for me with all his virtues and with all the wounds he shows you in his Most Holy Body, on behalf of my wounded love. Amen.

St. Francis Chapel Children's Ballancicos and Nativity Play—December 17

