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Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

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make our laws in States, Cities, and Towns, give courage, wisdom, and foresight to provide for the

Calendar

Sunday, October 2

- Eucharist, 8 and 10:15 am
- Sunday School, 10 am
- Ministry Fair
- Special coffee hour after 8 and potluck after 10:15

Monday, October 3

- Yoga, 9 am

Tuesday, October 4

- Women's Bible Study, 9:30
- Al-Anon, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 6

- Eucharist/Bible Study, 7 pm

Saturday, October 8

- Eucharist, 4 pm

Sunday, October 9

- Eucharist, 8 and 10:15 am
- Sunday school 10 am
- Bible Study, 9:30
- Pledge Campaign begins
- Blessing of the animals after the 10:15

Ministry Fair Today

Please take time before you get your coffee or your lunch to look over the displays of all the ministries done in this parish in Christ's name. *Miriam*



A Litany for this Time of Elections

*O Lord our Governor, bless the leaders of our land, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth. Lord, keep this nation under your care.

*To the President and members of the Cabinet, to Governors of States, Mayors of Cities, and to all in administrative authority, grant wisdom and grace in the exercise of their duties. Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

*To Senators and Representatives, and those who

needs of all our people, and to fulfill our obligations in the community of nations. Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

*To the Judges and officers of our Courts give understanding and integrity, that human rights may be safeguarded and justice served. Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

*And finally, teach our people to rely on your strength and to accept their responsibilities to their fellow citizens, that they may elect trustworthy leaders and make wise decisions for the well-being of our society; that we may serve you faithfully in our generation and honor your holy Name.

*For yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. Amen.



Ministry Moment with Natalie Gallo

As part of our pledge campaign, "Stepping Out In Faith-Commitment," Natalie will share something about her journey in faith next week, October 9. Here is a small preview of what she is going to say: "I ask myself: When did I realize the needs I have to go beyond clubs, functions, organizations, and such, -- and reach deep down into my soul, serve my Master, love those with whom I interact? Where is my abundance that I must share?"

The Healing Team looks forward to sharing Reiki ... with the St. Christopher's community monthly during coffee hour, after the service when Healing Prayer is offered. **Questions?** Contact Edie Swenson or any member of the Healing Team (Barbara Hughes, Corinne Dodge, Lois & Skip Gilman, Deb Carpenter, Jane Roth, Ann Gerns, Joyce Ryan).



Christmas Gifts for Children of Incarcerated Parents (ChIPs)

As mentioned in last week's Signpost, we will be collecting \$20 to \$25 gifts and books for children, teen and young adult children of Incarcerated Parents from now until Sunday, October 30. Gift guidelines and additional information will be attached to Signpost in upcoming weeks. Cash and checks are always acceptable. Such donations are used by the Prison Ministries Committee of the Diocese to purchase as many gifts and/or books as possible. We will also be collecting cards and envelopes for prisoners to use to stay in touch with family. If you have cards you cannot use, please place them in the box in the vestibule. **Barbara Hughes**, Delegate to Convention.

Why the ChIPs Program is So Important – Kids of Inmates are Sometimes Referred to as the "Forgotten Children."

When a person becomes incarcerated, the family members are left to suffer silently, many times without support or understanding from their community. The children in particular sometimes suffer the most as they may not understand reason for the separation from their parent and may not know how to express their

JOB VS. MINISTRY?

Some people have a job in the church. Others invite themselves into a ministry.

What's the difference you ask?

If you are doing it just because no one else will, it's a job.

If you are doing it to serve the Lord, it's a ministry.

If you quit because someone criticized you, it's a job.

If you keep on serving, it's a ministry.

If you'll do it as long as it does not interfere with your other activities, it's a job.

If you are committed to staying even if it means letting go of other things, it's a ministry.

If you quit because no one thanked you or praised you, it's a job.

If you stick with it even though no one recognized your efforts, it's a ministry.

It's hard to get excited about a job.

It's almost impossible not to get excited about a ministry.

If your concern is success, it's a job.

If your concern is faithfulness and service, it's a ministry.

If God calls you to a ministry, don't treat it like a job!

LORD, strengthen your servants and move us to a true sense of ministry and service, through your grace and mercy. AMEN.

feelings of loss. These children are sometimes referred to as the forgotten children, the invisible children or the children left behind. The children of inmates face not only the physical and emotional loss of a parent, but many other difficult trials. Most children face an economic loss to the family with one parent unable to help financially. Some children are moved or enter the foster care system. Some families isolate from peers and neighbors as to not let the crime and punishment become public knowledge. Both the families and the incarcerated parents themselves are deeply grateful for the opportunity that the ChIPs program affords them.

Prayers of the People

Pray for Anne Darrah's cousin, **Eva Brown** who is in a nursing home; Danielle LeClair's friend, **Sandi**, a 45 year old mother of four and a dear friend who has breast cancer; please pray for **Ken Swenson** as he continues to recover from rotator cuff surgery; **Dawn Hodges** a friend of Terri McDermott; Deb Pothier's granddaughter **Ellie Laura McCabe**; for **Zach**; **Bill Steinhoff** going through cancer treatment; **Liz Naters-Gamarra and Carmen**, Miriam's daughter and mother; **Ann Donovan**; **Kate**; **Brayden**; **Matty**; **Ian**; for Christine's friend **Christine**; for **Cheryl**; for **Ryan**; for **Jacqueline**; for Natalie's brother **Lorin** and for **George Gallo, Jr.**; for Mark and Ingrid's son **Eric** who with God's grace is in safe hands. **Serving in the Military**: Please pray for Del's cousins, **Daniel**, **Matthew** and **Sandra**, for **Paul**.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: Andrew and Ashley Budelman; Rebecca, Lyle, Megan, Mathew, and Nathaniel Carnahan; Ashley, Matt and Draken Buscanera; Fred and Mikki Black

.Attendance

Tuesday, 9/20, 5, WBS
Thursday, 9/22, 5; Saturday, 9/24, 6
Sunday, 9/25, 8:00am, 23; 10:15am, 43

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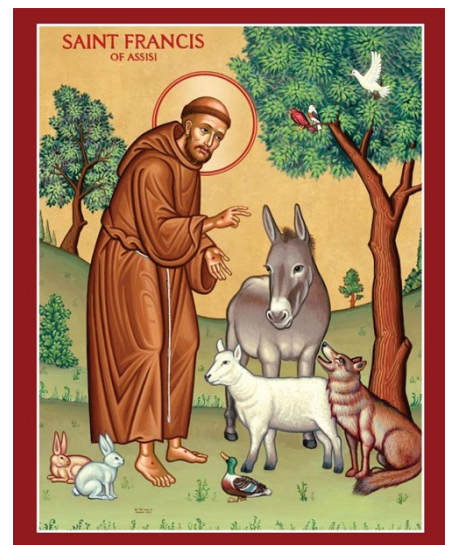


OCTOBER 2, 2016 – TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (C): FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

On October 4, the Episcopal Church celebrates the Feast Day of Francis of Assisi, an Italian friar, beloved saint, and one of the most venerated individuals in Christian history. He founded the Franciscan Order for men and the Order of Saint Clare for women, and he is also widely known for his love of nature and animals. Perhaps the most famous prayer attributed to St. Francis is:

*Lord, make us instruments of your peace.
where there is hatred, let us sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is discord, union;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light; and
where there is sadness, joy.*

*Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.*



But did you know St. Francis is also credited with these inspiring and challenging quotes?

- *Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.*
- *Preach the Gospel at all times and when necessary use words.*
- *If you have men who will exclude any of God's creatures from the shelter of compassion and pity, you will have men who will deal likewise with their fellow men.*
- *While you are proclaiming peace with your lips, be careful to have it even more fully in your heart.*
- *All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle.*
- *A single sunbeam is enough to drive away many shadows.*

Collect for the Feast of St. Francis

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may for love of you delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen (“Holy Women, Holy Men,” p. 623).

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