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# St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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Fr. Juan Areiza, Pastor

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**Second Sunday of Easter**  
**April 8, 2018**

## LOCKING OURSELVES IN

When we imagine the disciples hovering behind locked doors on the first Easter, it is a matter of the greatest urgency that the doors get opened. They are not locked in as if in prison; rather, they have chosen to marinate in fear. Both the lock and the key stand on their side of the door, in their control. Christ breaks through this significant barrier with a message of "Peace." The risen Lord's word propels them through the door and along the path leading to the consoling image of the community living in harmony in the first reading today. What do we pray for in our tradition? More than anything else, we pray for peace. Every Mass is an earnest prayer for peace with God, with self, with neighbor, and for peace in the world. Yet, curiously, the peace Christ offers is deeper than the mere absence of conflict. Our tradition treasures the memories of saints who were remarkably open to Christ's gift of peace even in the maelstroms of history. St. Edith Stein and St. Maximilian Kolbe, martyrs of the Holocaust, are but two examples. At the eye of a fearful storm, they stand as witnesses to the power of Christ's rising in our lives. —James Field, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

### Weekend Mass Schedule

Sat/Sun:

4:30 p / 8:30 a, 11:00 a, 1:00 p Sp.

**Daily Mass:** Mon to Sat: 9:00 a

**Adoration:** Mon to Fri: 9:45 – 12

**Reconciliation:** Sat: 3:30 - 4:15  
or by appointment

**Baptism/Marriage**

Please contact the parish office.

**Pastor:** Rev. Juan Areiza

**Priest in Residence:** Fr. Wise

**Deacons:**

Dcn. Larry Casey

Dcn. Paul Dietz

Dcn. JP, OFS

Dcn. John Barone



## ANTHEM, ALLEGIANCE & CREED

When we sing the national anthem, recite the pledge of allegiance, or fly the flag at home, we citizens perform an action that expresses who we are and what we believe. We don't have to recite the entire constitution. It is enough to enact a smaller but central symbol of our country. At church, we recite our creed every week. And on Easter we renew our baptismal promises- which put the creed in question form. We don't have to recite the entire bible or the whole catechism. We say this smaller text to express who we are and what we believe. It is a symbol of our faith.

Easter is the season we renew our faith. Our central belief is the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. When we hold fast to that faith, everything else falls in line. John writes in his first letter, "Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God." Our Easter faith will see us through bad times and add meaning to our happy days. Jesus is the Christ, the anointed one of God, the promised redeemer, and he is risen. He is our anthem, our allegiance and our creed. © Resource Publications 2008, Paul Turner

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## INFORMATION CORNER

**OFFICE HOURS: 10-4:30 M-Th**

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**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**Second Week of Easter**  
**(April 8 – Apr 14, 2018)**

Sat	4:30 p	L/†	<b>Woody Family</b> <i>by Leslie Woody</i>
Sun	8:30 a	†	<b>Jerry Albers</b> <i>by Kim &amp; John Burton</i>
Sun	11:00 a	†	<b>Don McConnell</b> <i>by Joanna McConnell</i>
Sun	1:00 p	L	<b>People of St. Francis</b> <i>by Fr. Juan Areiza</i>
9a	Mon	†	<b>Helen Tierney Zavertnik</b> <i>by Lew &amp; Jean Caputa</i>
9a	Tue	†	<b>Earl Waltz</b> <i>by Marge Breslin</i>
9a	Wed	†	<b>Deceased Knights Mass</b> <i>by Knights of Columbus</i>
9a	Thu	†	<b>Carol Restelly</b> <i>by Mary Sellers</i>
9a	Fri	†	<b>Charles &amp; Elda McFarlane</b> <i>by Bruce &amp; Sue McFarlane</i>
9 a	Sat	†	<b>Dell O'Neill</b> <i>by Debbie Ramsey</i>
4:30 p	Sat	L	<b>People of St. Francis</b> <i>by Fr. Juan Areiza</i>

Eucharistic Adoration is held Mon-Fri after the 9 am Mass. Benediction is at noon. Says St. Pope John Paul II, "From the Eucharist comes strength to live the Christian life and zeal to share that life with others."



**April 1, 2018**

<u>First Collection</u>	<u>Second Collection</u>
<b>\$11,100.00</b>	<b>\$2,187.00</b>
Holy Thurs/Easter	Seminarrians

Next Week Second Collection:  
**No Second Collection**

## Mexican Breakfast

It's six weeks away (May 20<sup>th</sup>) but put it on your calendar now. Plan your vacation around it. Invite your favorite relatives. Invite your not-so-favorite relatives. The Mexican breakfast is the most often requested event of the year, so you must come. Tickets are on sale after all the Masses from now until the big event. Adult \$9, Child \$5. Family \$25 (2 adults, 4 children). (How do you say 'whoo-hoo' in Spanish?)

## FOCUS Festival

**(Apr. 21<sup>st</sup> 8:30 – 2:30)**

Stop by the Blairsville Farmers Market April 21<sup>st</sup> and enjoy Christian music, vendors, and fellowship in this ecumenical gathering. It is the Festival of Christian United in Service. John and Bea Nishimuta are our contact couple.

## New Respect Life Committee

**(April 24, 1-3 pm, Marian Hall)**

We all know that life begins at conception. But do we address other issues of respect for life – like caring for the elderly, loving someone who has had an abortion? Visiting the sick? And more? Join Maryjane Wyslocki and Clare as they take leadership in the Respect Life Committee. Call Mary Jane 321-960-6351 for more information. Give your input as to what issues to address.

## Why Register in a Parish?

If you attend St. Francis of Assisi Church, have you taken the time to register in the parish? We hope so! Registration is a commitment to our Catholic community, a way to be included in the religious, social and ministerial activities of the parish. It helps us with an accurate count, provides for easier communications, sacraments, donation statements and more. Register...please.

**ONLINE GIVING SIGN-UP**  
<https://www.churchgiving.com/?pc=ynvrsi89>

## What is the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Anyway?

This is Divine Mercy Sunday - and the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be sung after each Mass. What is that all about, anyway? Well, the chaplet is a prayer said on a regular rosary. Instead of saying 50 Hail Marys, you say, "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world." There are other prayers with it, so pick up the purple booklet after Mass to learn this new prayer, with ties to St. Faustina, on the rosary.

## Church Breakfast Next Week

Put the cheerios back in the cupboard and saddle up for a road breakfast. Save the eggs for egg salad and join us for church breakfast. Either way, between 9-1 on Sunday, April 15, the Knights of Columbus serve a wonderful breakfast in Marian Hall. Good price, family rates. Yum.

## Tour of Hamilton Gardens in Hiawassee

(Tues. April 17@ 10:15)

All women of the parish are invited to meet at 10:15 at Hamilton Gardens in Hiawassee (Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds) to tour the beautiful garden. Following our time with the rhododendrons, we will meet at Hawg Wild Bar-B-Q and Catfish House at 11:30, by the bridge. If the weather is inclement or if walking the trails is difficult, we will simply meet at the restaurant. Please RSVP to Judy at 706-781-7954 or jtbald1@msn.com.

## Please Pray For:

- ✓ Jo Schilling
- ✓ **Your Spiritually Adopted Baby**
- ✓ Lynda Bernhardt
- ✓ Wayne Weible
- ✓ Luke Porter
- ✓ Tarah Burrell
- ✓ Joan Tufford
- ✓ Afra Beggy
- ✓ Brendan McGuinness
- ✓ Carrie Derflinger
- ✓ Lorene Glenn



### Living Flame of the Sanctuary Light

burns this week for the repose of the souls of

**Bill & Judy Rogers**

by

**Liz Ordiales**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Dell O'Neill** who passed away April 3, 2018. **Marge Breslin** is in Florida with family after falling at home. **Lorene Glenn** is in NE Ga Medical Center after a fall that resulted in a broken hip and fractured collar bone.

## TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

El lenguaje es una herramienta de comunicación no solo entre nosotros mismos, sino con Diosito. Nací en EE.UU. pero mi lengua materna es el español, lo aprendí en la cuna y lo usábamos en casa. También aprendí inglés en la escuela. Hay quienes me preguntan cual idioma uso para hablar con Dios. Esta pregunta reconoce que el ser humano debe usar un lenguaje humano para rezar.

Esta semana celebramos el Día del Idioma para festejar la herencia que tenemos en nuestra lengua castellana. Festejamos el 23 de abril, fecha en que falleció Miguel de Cervantes y Saavedra (1547–1616) autor de Don Quijote de la Mancha. Este autor español fue el que enriqueció y ayudo a dar forma gramática a la lengua española.

Hay que saber que el castellano que llegó a nuestro continente tiene una larga y rica historia, ya que es una mezcla del latín, dialectos ibéricos y el árabe. Una vez en América el español tomó características y vocabulario indígena, y ahora en EE.UU. se está renovando con anglicismos. Y es en este idioma que yo y muchos latinos hablamos con Diosito



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