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OUR PARISH IS SERVED BY:

(The Right Rev.) Monsignor James St. George, OSF, Pastor
(The Rev.) Father Liam Murphy, OC, Assisting Pastor for Spiritual Life and Formation
(The Most Reverend) Kenneth Denski, OCR, Bishop in Residence
(The Rev.) Father Bryan Wolf, OSF, Assisting Priest
(The Rev.) Father Geraldo (Jerry) Pinero, OC, Assisting Priest
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To Volunteer or Serve:
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SACRAMENTS:

Baptism
Baptisms scheduled on the Third Sundays at Morning Mass (except in Lent). Contact Parish Office.

Pre-Jordan
First Sunday of every month at 12:00pm.

Marriage
Couples are encouraged to participate in Pre-Cana, available in-person and online, please contact Parish Office for Registration and Information.

Holy Eucharist
At Saint Miriam we offer an "Open Table" at all Masses and all are welcome.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Available 30 minutes before any Mass, after all Masses, or by appointment. Please contact parish office.

Children's Faith Formation (CFF)
Please contact our Director of Religious Education (DRE) for all religious educational needs including First Holy Communion, First Penance and Confirmation.

Small Groups & Parish Life
Please contact our Parish Office for more information on becoming part of our parish life! Newcomer gatherings are twice annually!

Interested in Becoming a Practicing Catholic?
Please contact our Associate Pastor to join the classes for Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)

MASS SCHEDULE:

Week Days
First Fridays at 9:15am (September - May)

Sunday
7:30 am - Early Mass
9:30 am - Morning Mass

DEVOTIONS

Adoration - Open Adoration Thursdays from 4:00pm - 6:00pm
Rosary - Rosary welcome during Adoration and every Sunday at 8:30am

Holy Days
All Holy Days are located on our primary website under Worship >Schedules

For Pastoral Emergencies, please contact our Pastor 215-836-9800 (ext. 703)

Oh, Those Ladies!

Please consider joining *The Women of Saint Miriam* and support them as they support all of us! Please reach out to Pat Wilcke today!

Please Give Today!

Did You Give Today? We depend on everyone to keep us fiscally strong. Please make a gift today by (1) Leaving an **Envelope**, (2) **Scan** the QR code below, (3) **Text** "GIVE" to 844-950-4074 (4) or Visit **Website** under Support. *Thank you to all who give!*

From Our Associate Pastor: Italy Version!

[Editor's Note: Father Liam is away for his annual pilgrimage and to lead retreats in Assisi, Italy! In order to give us a taste (no pun intended!) of his Italian journey, he is sending blog posts for the next few Sundays! Each entry will lead us on a tour on the life of St. Francis with his reflections and insights! This will be another wonderful way to deepen 'The Year of St. Francis' we are honoring at Saint Miriam. *Post #4, his final, is here!]*

Dear Friends,

My final installment after being away to Italy and it is good to be home, although Assisi is always amazing!

One of the most special places to visit in Assisi is, of course, the tomb of Saint Francis. Francis remains are in a crypt below the Lower Church of the Basilica of Saint Francis. Francis was so beloved that even before he died plans were being made to build a church in his honor. Simple Francis would never have wanted this. Yet shortly after his death construction began on the Basilica. When his permanent resting place was prepared, his remains were transferred from San Giorgio Church when he had been buried in secret so folks wouldn't come to try and steal parts of his body as relics.

Now Francis lies in his tomb, surrounded by some of his earliest followers in the Order of Friars Minor: San Rufino, San Leo, San Angelo and San Masseo. Also nearby is Lady Jacoba, a follower of Francis who became a dear friend. She prepared almond cakes which were Francis' favorite treat. When Francis lay dying, Lady Jacoba came to bring him some of those almond treats. As she was a woman and not a member of the Friars, there was some hesitancy in letting her pass by to see Francis. Francis simply said, "Let Brother Jacoba come." And so "brother" was let in and Francis feasted on his almond treats once more before he died.

It's interesting that the piece of land which was given to the church to build the Basilica was called at the time "Colle d'Inferno" or "Hill of Hell" because it was the place of execution of criminals. After the cornerstone for the Basilica was laid, the place was newly named "Colle del Paradiso," the Hill of Paradise."

Francis let Christ transform his life completely. And Francis transformed so many lives by his love, kindness and example of authentic gospel living. He continues to inspire today! (It is amazing to see the non-stop line of pilgrims at all hours of the day who pass by his tomb to spend a moment in prayer with him.)

And, of course, the challenge for all of us is to let Christ transform us too, to let Christ live in us and through us as completely as Francis did, continuing the work of transforming the hills of hell around us into hills of paradise where the Peace of Christ takes hold.

Pace e bene,

Father Liam

Honor Your Heart and Loved Ones Today!

We rely on the Sacrifice of the Mass, as a way to honor those we love! Did you know that you can remember someone living, as an 'Honor of' Mass Intention, or someone who has died with an 'In Memorial of' Mass Intention or join the Society? Complete the envelope on the Mass Stand directly to the left of the Sanctuary doors and leave in the donation box, or submit online today under "Support"! *Thank you!*

Bereavement Group?

We are considering forming a *Saint Miriam Bereavement Support Group* that offers a compassionate, safe space to share, heal, and grow alongside others experiencing similar situations. Please let Father Jim know if you would like to join or help coordinate? Please email **Pastor@mySaintMiriam.org**

A Refresher with Father Jerry!

Join Father Jerry on **Sunday**, ***October 18th after the 9:30am Mass*** as he leads a refresher for Deacons, Greeters, Readers, Altar Servers, Cross Bearers, and Ushers. This is also a great way to begin to volunteer so join in by emailing **JoinUs@mySaintMiriam.org**!!

The Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Be Spooky With Us!

Every year our school sponsors a Scarecrow Contest and this year we would love to add a Saint Miriam Parish Scarecrow or two! If you'd like to volunteer to join us in creating a scarecrow, please send an email to JoinUs@mySaintMiriam.org! Let's have some halloween fund! It will be spooky, but not too spooky! Boo! 👻

Our Weekly Mass Intentions.

Bread & Wine Sponsors

In Loving Memory of John Henry Bush and Theresa Kelly by Joseph M. Kelly

Sanctuary Lamp

In Loving Memory of Theresa Kelly by Joseph M. Kelly

Altar Flowers

In Loving Memory of Tucker, Friar, Bijou and the Pets who Graced our lives with unconditional love by Brother Sean

In Loving Memory of Alton and Ruth St. George by Katelyn and James St. George

In Loving Memory of Louis and Rose Catallo by Katelyn and James St. George

In Loving Memory of Lucille Johnson and Ralph Kelly by Joseph M. Kelly

In Loving Memory of Willis Braun, Paula Breene Braun and Ruth Breen Braun by Betsy Braun

In Honor of Our Saint Miriam Memorial Society Enrollees

In Honor of Michael and Corrado for Healing by Saint Miriam Parish

In Honor of Brother Sean Hall on the Occasion of his Birthday by Pat Wilcke

In Honor of the Bush and Kelly Families by Joseph M. Kelly

In Honor of Our Votive Candle Intentions for October

Please make a Memorial or Honor Intention Today.

Our Weekly Calendar.

Oct 11th	*The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time at 7:30am with Father Ken, Celebrating, and 9:30am with Father Bryan, Celebrating*
Oct 13th	**Recovery, Inc. at 6:30pm - (MPS)**
Oct 14th	*Contemplative Silence Small Group at 6:30pm (via Zoom)*
Oct 15th	**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 4:00-6:00pm (Sanctuary)**
Oct 17th	*AA Sunrise at 8:30am - (MPS)*
Oct 18th	**The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time at 7:30am with Father Liam, Celebrating, and 9:30am with Father Jerry, Celebrating**

Please Pray for...

Joe and Sonya	**Father Liam**	*Donna Wilchek*	**Carol Valvo**
Bob Brock	*Dennis*	***Jerry Hall***	*Michael and Corrado*
Angela & Fr. Ken	**Brother Sean**	*Father Bryan*	**Jaunita & Family**

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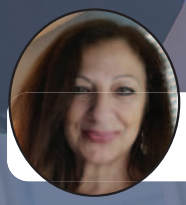

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