



## ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI OLD CATHOLIC CHURCH DUNEDIN, FL

### Welcome-Come Worship with Us

Our parish is a member of the Old Catholic Church, Province of the United States.

We are called to be a sign of God's unconditional love, and joyfully, we open our doors and hearts to all who are seeking a spiritual home.

We are truly inclusive. A different way to be Catholic!

Mass is held on Sunday at 11:00 am

**ALL are welcome!**



### Message from Father Bob:

We've just celebrated the Solemn Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, also known as Corpus Christi. As St. Augustine tells us, this is really *our* feast day.

But!! Let's put our cards on the table. Forget about what St. Augustine says. In all probability most of us don't believe the whole "Eucharist thing" is actually real. Transubstantiation? Perhaps metaphorically but not in reality.

Whoa Padre. You're waaaay out of line!

Am I?

A recent Pew Research Center study reveals that most Catholics don't believe in the Real Presence of Jesus at our Eucharistic Celebration? Hmm. How many of us Old Catholics fall into that category?

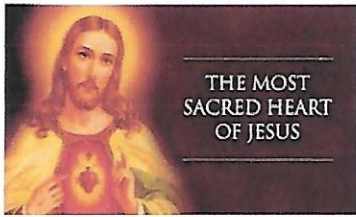
This is a wake-up call for all of us who wish to follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ. One of the most embracing elements of the *inclusive* nature of the Old Catholic Church is the General Absolution the priest gives right after we pray the Act of Contrition. This enables all Baptized Christians to come to the Table and receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ....not some representation!! His actual Body and Blood.

The mystery of Transubstantiation is real. If your faith doesn't have you believing that, I strongly suggest you pray asking God to increase your faith to believe. (Can't hurt to talk to me as well.)

You hear me rag on you every week to walk in the footsteps of Jesus by reaching out and touching others with random acts of kindness. Kinda hard to do without Christ being within us, right?!

Father Bob





The month of June is dedicated to The Sacred Heart of Jesus. God is Love and the Sacred Heart of Jesus-present on earth in the Blessed Sacrament-is the human manifestation of God’s Love for us.

This month falls within Ordinary Time represented by the color green

**The Gospel readings for June are taken from St. Mark**

<p><b>June 6th</b> Corpus Christi</p>	<p><b>This Gospel recounts the events of the Last Supper when Jesus changed bread and wine into His Body and Blood</b></p>
<p><b>June 13th</b> 11th Sunday of Ordinary Time</p>	<p><b>Jesus tells the parable of the mustard seed</b></p>
<p><b>June 20th</b> 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time</p>	<p><b>The Gospel is about Jesus asleep on the boat being awakened and calming the storm because of the apostles’ fear.</b></p>
<p><b>June 27th</b> 13th Sunday of Ordinary Time</p>	<p><b>Jesus raises the daughter of Jarius from the dead</b></p>



Mass at St. Roch at Rocky Creek Village is at 4:00 pm Saturday  
 Mass is held at Regency Oaks St. Francis Extension on Sundays at 9:15 am  
 Mass continues to be held on Sunday at 11:00 am at Saint Francis of Assisi Parish Church

**Viewing Sunday Mass if you can't attend:**

You can view live via Facebook: <https://www.Facebook.com/ReverendRobertSwick> OR  
 Go to our website <https://saintfrancisdunedin.org/> OR  
 You can access it on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/USBsDB9CB3fwHoS35VbFGKAw/>  
 The website and YouTube will be available on Sunday afternoons.

**NEW Changes to Mass**

Masks are optional + Social distancing is practiced  
 Sign of Peace at your comfort level+ Donations may be left when leaving Mass

**Two Chalices will be available at Mass:**

One for those who wish to drink directly from the chalice  
 The second is for those practicing “Intinction”-the Eucharistic practice of partially dipping the consecrated Host (Body of Christ) into the consecrated Wine (Blood of Christ) before consuming it.

**Receive the Holy Eucharist from Father Bob for use in your home during live streamed Mass!**



Pyx containing the Consecrated hosts

Those who have been participating in Mass via live streaming miss out on the true Source and Summit: the Holy Eucharist. These radical times of pandemic living demand radical adjustments to our way of worship. Since you can't come to the Holy Eucharist, Jesus Christ, in the form of the Consecrated Host is prepared to come to you in one of three ways:

1. Father Bob will personally deliver the Holy Eucharist to those living in the Dunedin area. Personal care protocols will be adhered to.
2. You may come to the church right after Mass (12:00-12:15pm) to receive a Pyx containing Consecrated Hosts.
3. For those living at a distance, Consecrated Hosts will be secured in Pyxis and mailed to you! Contact Father Bob to provide your address.

Consecrated Hosts will be provided for each Baptized family member to virtually participate during Mass. Participate FULLY in Mass while live streaming!

NOTE: Fr. Bob will provide proper catechesis to assure full worship, handling and placement of The Body of Christ is maintained at all times.

**We are looking forward to members returning to Mass when comfortable!**

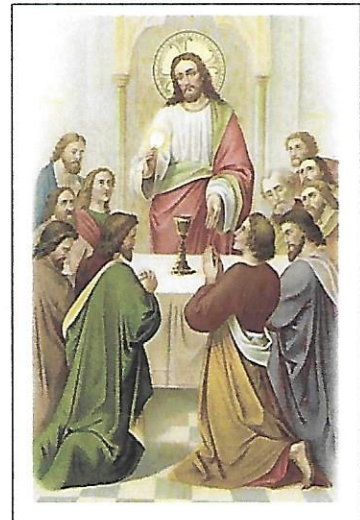


Can't attend Mass?

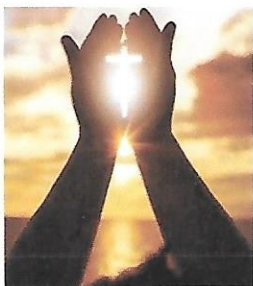
Even if we cannot be in attendance at Mass, we can still celebrate a Spiritual Communion and watch mass online. "We the people" are the church!

**Prayer for Spiritual Communion during COVID 19 Crisis**

My Jesus,  
 I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
 I love you above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
 Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.  
 I embrace You as if You were already there and united myself wholly to You.  
 Never permit me to be separated from you.  
 Amen



**PRAYER Requests**



**Lord, Hear Our Prayer!**


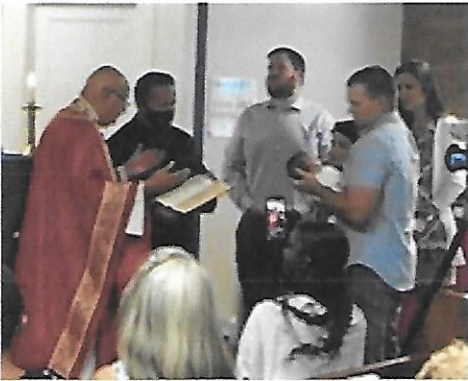
**Please keep the following in your prayers:**

**Roseanne DeMarco, St. Francis vocalist who is not well  
 Ellen Hale, St. Francis Parish Council member, surgery  
 St. Roch Parishioners**

**Baby Sarah (2 months), rest in peace; Sarah's parents Laura & Josh Frank Arroyo, rest in peace; wife Shirley and daughter Diane Kim Martson, church landlord, who recently passed away, may he rest in peace; his family  
 Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. (Acts 7:59)**

## Baptism of Barret Navolko

Sunday, May 23, 2021  
Pentecost Sunday



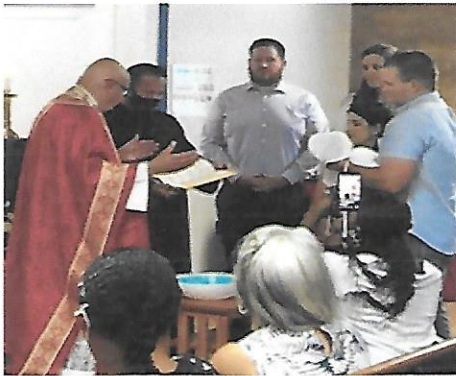
**Holy  
Baptism**

*Barret Navolko*  
Parents:  
**Sandra & Matthew Navolko**

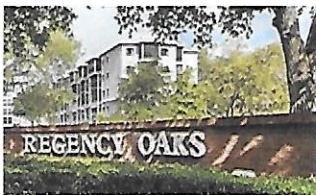
Godparents:  
**James Dominic Donofrio  
Kimarie Nicole Gregory**

Baptized by  
**Fr. Robert "Bob" Swick**

Assisted by Acolyte,  
**Marc Norton**



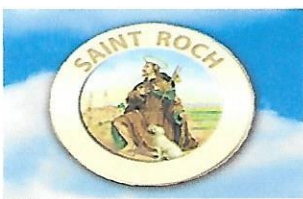
## Saint Francis Extension at Regency Oaks



Father Bob looks forward to meeting residents for Mass  
on Sundays at 9:15 am.

It is hoped that Mass on Tuesdays can resume soon.

## St. Roch Old Catholic Church at Rocky Creek Village



**St. Roch Old Catholic Church, Tampa, Florida**  
Fr. Bob celebrates Mass in the Chapel at  
St. Roch Old Catholic Church on Saturdays at 4:00 pm



Treasurer Report for June 2021  
From Candy Christensen-Barker, Treasurer

Our Bishop Moderator, Bishop Michael Scalzi, sends out daily prayers and I wanted to share one that I received not long ago. I love the last line because it reminds me of our St. Francis of Assisi Old Catholic Church parishioners, near and far. **You** did not let your *money stand idle*, but instead willingly let it *change hands to benefit* our fundraiser, RIP Medical Debt Relief, and as a result, we raised \$17,000 that will *benefit* our neighbors in Pinellas County, and bring *an increase* in their financial security. Thank you!

**Basil of Caesarea**

Fling wide your doors; give your wealth free passage everywhere!  
As a great river flows by a thousand channels through fertile country,  
so let your wealth run through many conduits to the homes of the poor.  
Wells that are drawn from flow the better; left unused, they go foul....

**Money kept standing idle is worthless; but moving and changing hands it benefits the community and brings increase.**

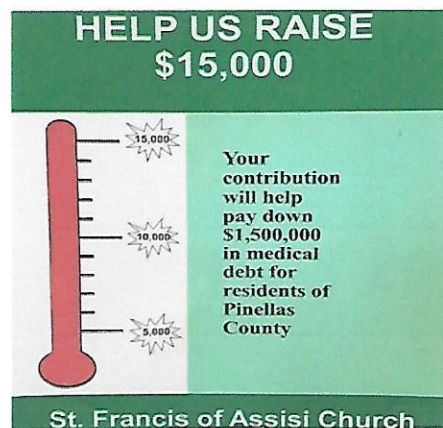
Our \$17,000 donation check has been mailed to RIP, and now they will work on purchasing \$1,700,000 in bad medical debt belonging to our Pinellas County neighbors! Once those accounts are identified, those benefiting from your generosity will receive letters informing them that their medical debt is paid in full. What I would give to see some of those faces! For privacy reasons, we will never know who they are, but they will know that the parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi Old Catholic Church were their benefactor. We can only pray that they will be grateful, able to carry on in a productive and positive direction and that they pay it forward in some way.

AMEN!

As a reminder, we make it easy to donate in a safe and secure way. You may:

- \* Send a personal check, payable to St. Francis of Assisi to the address below.
- \* If you bank online, create a recurring account for St. Francis of Assisi to have a check mailed on a certain day.
- \* Visit the St. Francis of Assisi website at [saintfrancisdunedin.org](http://saintfrancisdunedin.org) and make a one-time donation for the month or set-up a monthly recurring donation using PayPal or a credit card. If you need assistance, I can walk you through setting up an account. Please contact me at 727-638-4393 or at [gator80girl@yahoo.com](mailto:gator80girl@yahoo.com).

With gratitude,  
Candy Christensen-Barker, Treasurer, St. Francis of Assisi

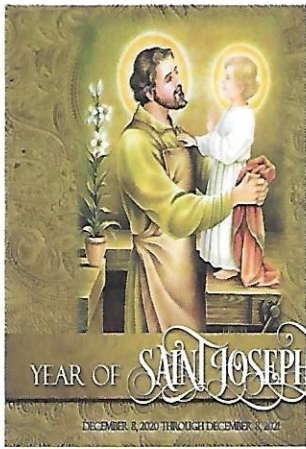


**Medical Debt Relief Project UPDATE**

**YOU DID IT\*WE DID IT\*  
“THE LITTLE CHURCH THAT CAN DID IT”...**

We surpassed our goal of \$15,000 by the deadline...  
We raised \$17,000 to eliminate \$1,700,000 in medical debt of our Pinellas County neighbors!!

**“Whatever you do to the least of my brothers you do unto me”  
Matthew 25:31-46**



## The Year of St. Joseph, Guardian of the Holy Family 8 December 2020-8 December 2021

Since God the Father Almighty created the first man, He has called men to the heroic role of fatherhood, men who sacrifice themselves to lead, protect and provide for their wives and children. In recent times, the vision of heroic fatherhood has sometimes been lost. With the Old Catholic Church's celebration of the Year of St. Joseph, it is a great time to inspire Old Catholic men to their great and noble call to be Old Catholic fathers. Returning to the origins of "Father's Day", a day first celebrated to honor St. Joseph and Old Catholic fathers, 2021 will be the launch of an annual celebration of Old Catholic Fatherhood during the month of June.

### St. Joseph, Earthly Father of Jesus Christ and husband of Mary

Everything we know about Joseph comes from the Bible and he is not mentioned often. Joseph first appears in the Bible in the gospels of Matthew and Luke, one of which (Matthew) traces Joseph's lineage back to King David.

After marrying Mary, Joseph found that she was pregnant and being "a just man and unwilling to put her to shame" (Matthew 1:19) he decided to divorce her quietly, knowing that if he did so publicly, she might be stoned to death. An angel came to Joseph and told him that the child Mary carried was the son of God and was conceived by the Holy Spirit. Hearing this, Joseph kept Mary as his wife.

After Jesus' birth in Bethlehem, an angel came to Joseph again, this time to warn him and Mary about King Herod of Judaea and the violence he would bring upon the child. Joseph fled to Egypt with Mary and Jesus. The angel appeared again telling Joseph that Herod had died and instructing him to return to the Holy Land.

Avoiding Bethlehem and possible action by Herod's successor, Mary and Jesus settled in Nazareth, in Galilee. The Gospels describe Joseph as a "tekton," which has traditionally meant "carpenter." It is assumed that Joseph taught his craft to Jesus in Nazareth. At this point, Joseph is never mentioned again by name in the Bible—although the story of Jesus in the temple includes a reference to "both his parents."

The circumstances of his death are not known. It is likely that he died before Jesus's ministry began, and it is implied that he was dead before the Crucifixion (John 19:26-27) (Source: [biography.com/religious](https://www.biography.com/religious))

### Pope Francis Prayer to St. Joseph

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

*To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.*

*Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,  
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

**"And I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty." 2 Corinthians 6:18**

While we pray and give thanks to our living Fathers and those in Eternal rest let us also pray for our "Spiritual Fathers":

Father Robert "Bob" Swick  
Bishop Steve Roszczewski  
Bishop Michael Scalzi  
**TOCCUSA-The Old Catholic Church,  
Province of the United States**

### History of Father's Day

On December 6, 1907, Father's Day had its first observance in Fairmont, WVA where Grace Golden Clayton was holding a service memorializing her father at Williams Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church. At the same time the service was going on, an explosion occurred at the nearby Monogah Mines killing over 360 men, of which 249 of them were fathers. Grace recommended to her pastor that he honor the loss of all of those father's. After the initial honoring of these men, there were only sporadic observances of male parents throughout the country.

The first official observance was in July of 1910 when the Governor of Washington State declared the first day honoring male parents. Then it was another fifty-eight years before it became an official holiday. In 1972, President Nixon declared it a national observance holiday.

## Community Outreach and Involvement

### Memorial Day Remembrance 2021

#### Ride4RHS Memorial Day Benefit



**Fr. Bob presented two invocations on Memorial Day!**  
Remember, Honor, Support Benefit ride raises funds for First Responders and Military in St. Petersburg. Father Bob presented the invocation as the Clearwater Police Department Chaplain (in his CPD uniform-see picture at left) He has served the Clearwater Police Department as Chaplain for the past 16 years.

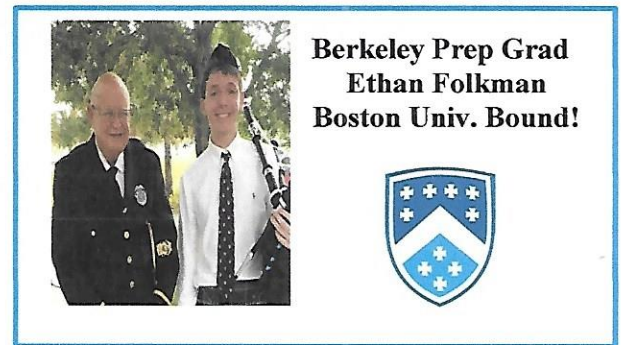
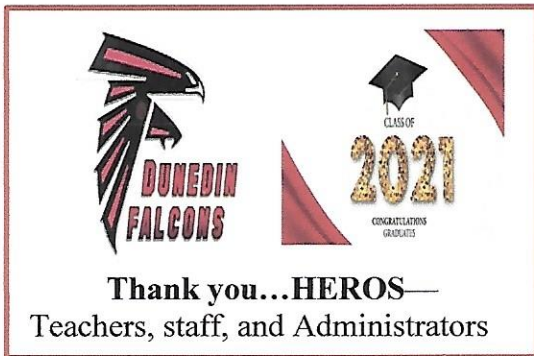
In the evening, he presented the invocation at the Veterans Memorial at Crest Lake Park in Clearwater. Mayor Frank Hibbard and LPGA Hall of Fame golfer, Jan Stephenson presented speeches. Beverly Entwisle represented the Caladesi Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.

#### Veterans Memorial Crest Lake Park



**St. Francis Parish thanks all veterans for their courage, sacrifice and commitment to our country and we honor the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for our great nation.  
Our gratitude extends to their families as well.**

### Congratulations Graduates!




**Our church has a NEW ROOF thanks to the generosity of our Parishioners and Marc Norton's supervision and friendship to help defray some of the labor costs and Ms. Candy Christensen for her procurement of the shingles from a very generous donor!**



**Special thanks to Sylvan Abbey Funeral Home for the generous donation of beautiful flowers in time for the Feast of the Resurrection!**


**Saint Francis of Assisi  
Old Catholic Church**  
FAITH AND SOCIAL JUSTICE  
meet at our doors...  
they are OPEN TO ALL!

*Faith*  
**CATHOLIC ? CHRISTIAN ?**  
ALL BAPTIZED ARE WELCOME AT OUR TABLE!




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**Mass Sunday at 11:00 am**  
*Social Justice*



**OUR DOORS ARE OPEN TO ALL!**



The Old Catholic Church, Province of the United States  
(TOCCUSA)  
Overview

The Mother Church in Ireland maintained the ancient, undivided, & apostolic identity before the schism. Apostolic dogma preserved the continuity of the Christian tradition & prohibited the innovation of the Holy Spirit.


The ecumenicity of TOCCUSA is revealed after that of the Universal Union of Old Catholic Churches, which means we are both episcopal & synodal in structure. The local church gathers around its bishop whose authority flows from election by the diocesan synod, composed of clergy and laity. Clergy and laity have equal voice & vote on all local and national church matters.

As Catholics, we celebrate the seven sacraments. Recognizing that the sacraments are a means to God's mysterious, inclusive & abundant grace and that God works through the elements, we hold no one from any sacrament: all baptized Christians are welcome at Eucharist, without exception. Both men and women are encouraged to the holy orders of deacon, priest, & bishop.

Fully embracing Jesus' declaration in John 15:10, "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly," the Old Catholic Church takes seriously its task to proclaim the gospel of freedom and life in the risen Christ. These are indeed the cornerstones of Old Catholic identity and mission.

In serving the world in the 21st Century through mission & ministry, we do so celebrating the diversity found among humanity and the diversity of gifts bestowed by the Holy Spirit.

The Old Catholic Church in general, and the Old Catholic Province of the United States, remains steadfast in building unity within our own Church and in the world through a commitment to ecumenism. It is in embracing our inclusiveness and diversity that we find our strength and bear our world.



ALL are Welcome! Celebrate the Seven Sacraments Offered to all Baptized Christians



**SNEAK Preview  
to the left!  
Rack Cards**

The "rack card" to the left (front and back) was created as a public relations tool for our church. They will be placed in hotels, motels, restaurants and establishments in the Dunedin area.



Thank you to Janet Nelch, Cheryl Rennecker, Mary Kreuziger and Ellen Hale for the concept, design and printing.



**Coming soon!**  
Our church will be installing garden boxes in our open lot for the community to rent. Extra produce will be donated to DUNEDIN CARES!

**Planning a Wedding?**

*Old Catholic Weddings*  
...on the Beach


**Reverend Robert Swick  
(Father Bob)**  
727.641.1181

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*Bon Appetit Weddings Honeymoon*

**Love is in the air!!**

Do you know someone planning a wedding?  
Consider a beautiful wedding on an amazing local beach performed by Fr. Bob



**Community Membership**

**The Interfaith Ministry Group**

Father Bob participates in this group which meets on the third Wednesday of the month at a local restaurant in Dunedin. Standing invitations are held by ministers of Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, First Presbyterian Church, Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church, First United Methodist Church, St. Mark Lutheran Church and, our very own, St. Francis of Assisi Old Catholic Church.

**Our parish is also a member of local faith and community organizations:**



**St. Francis Old Catholic Church  
Dunedin, FL**



**Dunedin Council  
of Organizations**



**Downtown Dunedin  
Merchants Association**

**Saint Francis of Assisi Old Catholic Church is a member of:**



**The Old Catholic Church  
Diocese of the Southeast**



**TOCCUSA  
The Old Catholic Church, Province of the United States**





### Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love  
Where there is injury, pardon  
Where there is doubt, faith  
Where there is despair, hope  
Where there is darkness, light  
And where there is sadness, joy  
O Divine Master, 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  
And it is in pardoning that we are pardoned  
And it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life  
Amen

### Saint Francis Parish Council

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### Serving God by serving others!

#### **Saint Francis Parish**

Music-Piano: Kathy Roberts  
Music Vocalist: Roseanne DeMarco  
Bulletin: Cheryl Rennekar, Janet Nelch

#### **Old Catholic Church Diocese of the Southeast**

Synod Delegates House of Laity:  
Marilyn Burton, Marc Norton

Synod Delegates to House of Clergy:  
Rev. Fr. Robert "Bob" Swick

#### **TOCCUSA- The Old Catholic Church, Province of the United States**

Chairperson, Ministry of Communications  
Candy Christensen-Barker

Member at Large-Executive Council  
Cheryl Rennekar

### Stay in Touch with your Parish

#### **Receive Homilies and Intercessory Prayers:**

Homilies and Intercessory Prayers are emailed, after Sunday Mass, to a confidential list of those requesting.

If you or a friend would like to receive this information, please contact: [rbsemperfi@gmail.com](mailto:rbsemperfi@gmail.com)

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