



## 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:

Happy Fourth of July! Happy Independence Day!

Our Spiritual Readings these past weeks have meant to raise our awareness of a couple of realities in life.

The first is that we are all children of God. Not a privileged few; not just people of my faith. ALL of us! And it takes, sometimes, a leap of faith to fully accept that we are all brothers and sisters. Yes, it takes faith.

Naturally being an ambassador in Christ is fun to acclaim but following in the footsteps of Jesus is anything but a walk in the park. It isn't always easy to be kind to the air conditioner repairman who must come back time and again; the pest control people when you still have critters invading your home, holding back from responding in kind to a rude store employee. It takes patience and faith in our Loving God to remain "kind and gentle."

Having faith has been the message coming to us in the Scripture Readings these past few weeks. This 14th Sunday is a great example where Ezekiel, St. Paul and even Jesus himself get flak from the people they are trying to serve. When we are rejected, it's so tempting to just give up. But as the Readings show, Ezekiel, Paul and Jesus pressed on with their mission. It took faith, a lot of faith to carry on. A lesson of perseverance for us all to embrace.

For some reason, talking about having faith reminds me of a story. It's about these three guys who died and went to heaven. St. Peter greeted them and said, "Whatever you do, don't step on a pink cloud."

Well, the first guy goes off wandering. When he comes back, he's accompanied by one ugly woman. "What happened to you?" asked the other two guys. "I stepped on a pink cloud," he replied. The second guy goes off wandering and comes back with an even uglier woman. "What happened to you?" the third guy asked. "I stepped on a pink cloud." Finally, the third guy goes off wandering and comes back with the most beautiful woman any of them have ever seen. "What happened to you?" they asked. The woman responded, "I stepped on a pink cloud."

Ya gotta have faith!

*Father Bob*





**The month of July is dedicated to The Precious Blood of Christ.**  
**Eucharistic Prayer III**  
 Take this all of you and drink from it, for this is the cup of my blood,  
 the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be given up for you  
 and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
 Do this in memory of me.

**The Gospel readings for July are taken from St. Mark and St. John**

July 4th 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Our Lord teaches in the synagogue and is rejected by those present.
July 11th 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Jesus sends out the twelve apostles and gives them authority over unclean spirits.
July 18th 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Jesus invites the Apostles to "come away and rest a while."
July 25th 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time	This Gospel tells the story of the miracle of the loaves and fishes.



Mass at St. Roch at Rocky Creek Village is at 4:00 pm Saturday  
 Mass is held at Regency Oaks' AFL Facility on Tuesdays at 10:00 am and at Regency Oaks 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.  
**BUT, if you are well, we really encourage you to attend in-person (again)**

**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.**





*Come and worship with us  
next Sunday. We miss you!*

"Blessed are they that dwell in thy house." —Psalm 134

Those who have been participating in Mass via live streaming miss out on the true Source and Summit:  
The Holy Eucharist.

You are encouraged to come back to your Parish for the full Beauty of in-person participation!

“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!” Psalm 133:1

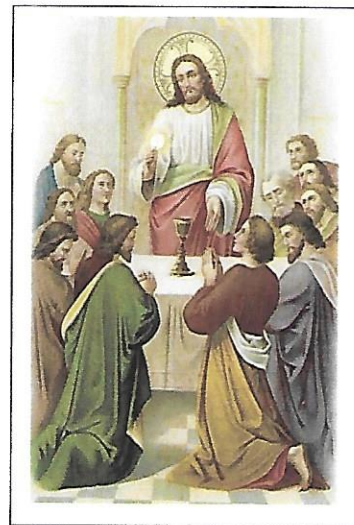


Can't attend Mass?

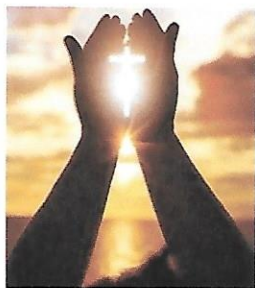
Even if we cannot be in attendance at Mass, we can still celebrate a Spiritual Communion and watch mass online. “We the people” are the church!

### 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:

**Boice Winchester – May he rest in peace**  
**Ben Ritter – at VA Hospital recovering from surgery**

**Janet O' Day, Chairman of the Executive Council of The Old Catholic Church, Province of the United States was hospitalized and is now recovering in rehab.**

**Cards may be mailed to her at:  
Northeast Rehabilitation Hospital, Room 407  
105 Corporate Drive  
Portsmouth, NH 03801**



**Celebrating the Life of Kim Marston**  
**Memorial Service--June 30, 2021**  
**St. Francis of Assisi Old Catholic Church**

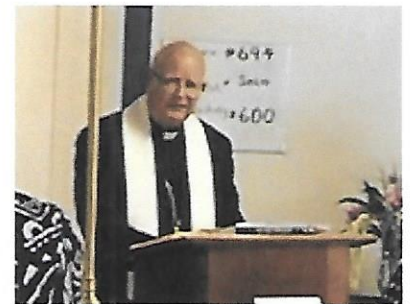
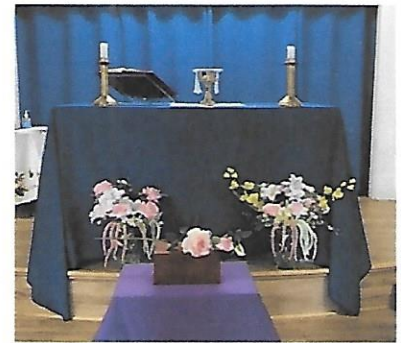
**Kim Marston**

1984 ~ 2021

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
 He maketh me to lie down  
 in green pastures;  
 He leadeth me beside the still waters.  
 He restoreth my soul;  
 He leadeth me in the paths  
 of righteousness for His name's sake.  
 Yea, though I walk through the valley  
 of the shadow of death,  
 I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me;  
 Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.  
 Thou preparest a table before me  
 in the presence of mine enemies:  
 Thou anointest my head with oil;  
 my cup runneth over.  
 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow  
 me all the days of my life:  
 and I will dwell  
 in the house of the Lord forever.*



Kim was the “landlord” of our church building!  
 He graduated from Dunedin High School; served as  
 the Public Image Chair at Rotary International;  
 member of the Sheriff’s Advisory Board for Pinellas  
 County Sheriff’s Office; member of the Citizen’s  
 Advisory Board for Forward Pinellas; Vice President  
 of Dunedin Council of Organizations; on the Board of  
 Directors at CareerSource Pinellas; Supporter of the  
 Art Community; and a treasured friend to many!



**Fr. Robert “Bob” Swick**



**Mayor of Dunedin  
 Julie Ward Bujalski**



**City Manager  
 Jennifer K. Bramley**

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

**Sunday, September 26-Wednesday, September 29, 2021**  
**Bon Appetit Restaurant-Dunedin, FL**  
**Conference Room, second floor**

Mark your calendars and plan to attend this “once in a  
 lifetime” event in your own backyard. Meet Bishops, Clergy  
 and Laity from all over the United States who share our faith.  
 Be an active participant (in person or zoom) in helping to plan  
 the future of the Old Catholic Church in the United States!

**More information to be announced!**

*Save the Date*





## Saint Francis Extension at Regency Oaks



### **Father Bob has exciting news!**

Mass is now being allowed at Regency Oaks Assisted Living Facility and Rehab Center on Tuesdays at 10:00 am.  
Sunday Mass continues at 9:15 am.

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



### **Exciting News at St. Roch!**

Mass in the Chapel at St. Roch Old Catholic Church is now open to members of the Rocky Creek Village, as well as, the St. Roch Church members.

Mass is held on Saturdays at 4:00 pm



Trea\$urer Report for July 2021  
From Candy Christensen-Barker, Treasurer



**YOU DID IT, WE DID IT, "THE LITTLE CHURCH THAT CAN" DID IT!**

I am so excited to share that we received our fulfillment report from RIP Medical Debt. After receiving our \$17,000.00 donation check, they quickly went to work in purchasing bad medical debt in Pinellas County as we had requested. Well, they were able to not only wipe out all the debt in Pinellas County but they were also able to pay off some debt for our northern neighbors in Pasco County!

Our donations abolished **\$3,643,258.64** of debt belonging to **1,998** recipients in Pinellas County. We also abolished **\$37,366.34** of debt belonging to **22** recipients in Pasco County. We positively impacted **2,020** lives by our generosity! This result was NO random act of kindness but an intentional choice to give our hard-earned money for the benefit of another...and during a pandemic!

I am so grateful to each and every one of you who generously gave to this organization, and so proud to be your sister in Christ at our "little church that CAN!"

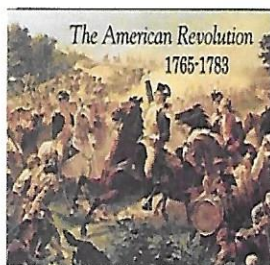
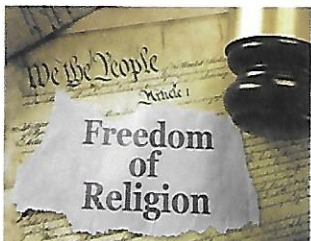
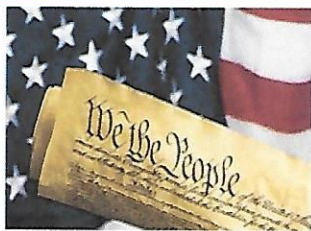
As a reminder, we make it easy to donate in a safe and secure manner. You may:

- \*Send a personal check, payable to St. Francis of Assisi to the address on the last page of the bulletin
- \*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: [www.saintfrancisdunedin.org](http://www.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



## Catholics, Freedom of Religion and the Constitution



As we celebrate the Fourth of July with picnics and fireworks, please take time to reflect on the sacrifices our descendants made to establish this country and our Constitution.

Many of the colonists who came to America in the 17th and 18th centuries were fleeing religious persecution... Puritans, Quakers and also Catholics. English and Irish Catholics first settled in Maryland since the first Baron of Baltimore, George Calvert was Catholic and they founded Maryland as a haven for persecuted Christians. Catholics and Protestants lived peacefully side by side in Maryland. The Act of Toleration of 1649 guaranteed religious liberty. But in 1654, the Act of Toleration was repealed and Catholics were outlawed. Maryland joined other colonies enacting English Penal laws that restricted the freedom of Catholics; the denial of the right to vote or to hold public office, the prohibition of public worship, and even the imprisonment of priests. The penal laws against Catholics were in force with different levels of severity in the colonies for over a century.

By the Time of the American Revolution, the number of Catholics in the thirteen colonies was rather small: approximately 25,000 among 2 ½ million colonists. For over a century, the small body of Catholics clung to their religious faith despite persecution and denial of their rights.

Catholics supported the American Revolution with the hope that independence from Britain would bring greater religious liberty to the new republic.

Source excerpt: Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, "A Fourth of July Reflection on Religious Liberty" 7/14/15



Charles Carroll of Carrollton

### **A Catholic to celebrate on the Fourth of July—Charles Carroll The only Catholic to sign the Declaration of Independence!**

Charles Carroll was born 1737 to a wealthy Annapolis, MD family. He was raised Catholic and was educated in Jesuit colleges in Maryland and France before studying law in Paris and London.

His education in Catholic social principles prepared him to embrace the ideals of freedom, liberty, and constitutional government and motivated him to openly support independence from Britain.

We, the undersigned, do hereby declare...

Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Maryland was one of the brave men who signed the Declaration of Independence knowing that they were facing the fate of criminals guilty of treason against King George III. When they signed their names, they pledged their **“lives, fortunes and sacred honor.”** If the British were successful in suppressing the revolution, the signers would lose everything. Carroll was the wealthiest land owner in the Continental Congress and had the most to lose. He believed strongly in a government with limited, checked and balanced power.

Catholics were prohibited from participating in Maryland politics before the revolution; however he strongly expressed his passion for American liberty. Eventually he was allowed to serve in the Maryland delegation as the **ONLY** Catholic in the Continental Congress. (See signature top right, at bottom of the page below John Hancock)

Carroll was very accomplished as he:

- Served in the Continental Congress from 1776-1778; returned to Maryland to help write a constitution and form the state government
- Was elected to the Maryland state senate in 1781 and served until 1800
- Fought for religious liberty and broke down barriers against Catholics and other religious minorities
- Became the last living signatory of the Declaration of Independence after the death of Jefferson and Adams
- His last public act was laying the cornerstone of the B and O railroad on July 4, 1828
- He died on November 14, 1832, having outlived the first six US Presidents

In 2013, Archbishop William Lori, said a Mass at St. Mary Chapel for the eternal salvation of Charles Carroll stating: “This is the chapel and the tomb of the only son of the Catholic Church who risked his life and freedom and property to sign his name to a document so that he and his descendants would be free to practice their religion in peace.”


Source: “A Catholic to celebrate on the Fourth of July” by Jill Esfeld



## Community Outreach and Involvement

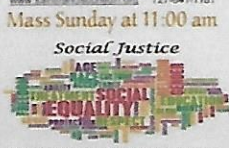
**Saint Francis of Assisi  
Old Catholic Church**  
FAITH AND SOCIAL JUSTICE  
meet at our doors...  
they are OPEN TO ALL!

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




**Father Robert "Bob" Swick**  
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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 Utrecht maintained the ancient, unaltered, & apostolic identity before other churches. Baptistic dogma severed the continuity of the Christian tradition & inhibited the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.




The ecclesiology of TOCCUSA is modeled after that of the United States 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 lay. Clergy and lay 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 that grace from within us, we do not see them as sacraments, 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 15:17 "I come that they may love Me, and have fellowship" the Old Catholic Church takes seriously its task to proclaim the gospel of freedom and life in the Name of 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 strengths and heal 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 CARFS!

### Planning a Wedding?

*Old Catholic Weddings  
...on the Beach*




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

St. Francis of Assisi Old Catholic Church  
545 Wood Street Dunedin, Florida 34698

*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 Renneckar, 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 Renneckar

### 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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