

The Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost And Holy Baptism

9:00 a.m., Sunday, September 22, 2024

Newcomers and visitors, we welcome you warmly.

May you find here, by the grace of God, that which feeds your soul.

May you leave here with a heart prepared to serve.



If this is your first time here, we invite you to fill out a Welcome Card found in the pews and on the Welcome Table in the courtyard.

Our worship together begins with a musical prelude. Thank you for observing a prayerful silence as we feel God's presence among us.

Prelude

Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele, op. 122 *Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness*

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Hymn At The Procession

Hymnal, #379

God is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him *The people stand.*

Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. *And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.*

There is one Body and one Spirit. There is one hope in God's call to us;

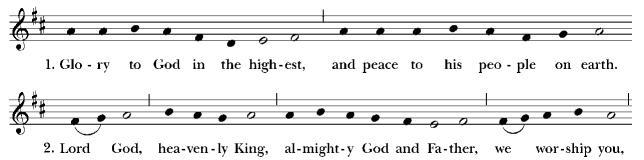
One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism. *One God and Mother of all.*

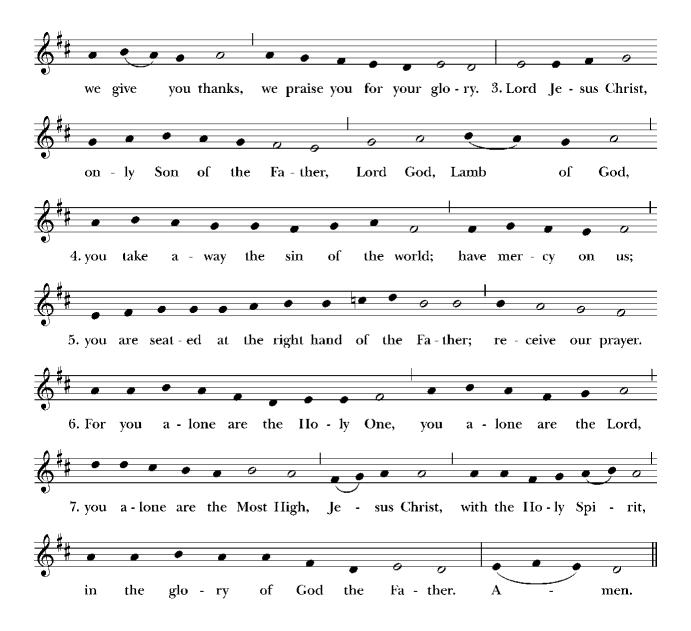
The Collect for Purity

Ministers and people in unison

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria In Excelsis





The Collect Of The Day

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

The Collect For Baptism

Almighty God, by our baptism into the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, you turn us from the old life of sin: Grant that we, being reborn to new life in him, may live in righteousness and holiness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

The Lesson Jeremiah 11:18-20

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds.

But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying,

"Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!"

But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind,

let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Children's Choir Anthem

Jesus, Friend of Little Children Sung by St. Mary's Children's Choir

Martin Shaw

Jesus, friend of little children, be a friend to me: Take my hand, and ever keep me close to thee. Teach me how to grow in goodness, daily as I grow; Thou has been a child, and surely thou dost know.

-Walter Mathams

The Church of Christ in Every Age

All stand.



The Gospel Mark 9: 30-37

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark. *Glory to you, Lord Christ*.

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

The Gospel of our Savior.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Children's Homily

David Hargis

The people are seated.

Children's Offertory Collection

The Children's Offertory collection supports The Middle East Children's Alliance (MECA), a NPO that strives for human rights and the welfare of children in the Middle East.

Doxology

sung to the tune of Old 100th.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Presentation & Examination Of The Candidates

The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsors and Family: I present (N.) to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Sponsors and Family: I will with God's help.

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Sponsors and Family: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Sponsors and Family: I renounce them.

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Sponsors and Family: I renounce them.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Sponsors and Family: I do.

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Sponsors and Family: I do.

Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Sponsors and Family: I do.

Then, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People: WE WILL!

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

The people stand.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ? *I will, with God's help.*

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself *I will, with God's help.*

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of the earth, and of every human being?

I will, with God's help.

Prayer Over The Candidates

Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Send them into the world in witness to your love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. *Amen*.

Thanksgiving Over The Water

The people are seated.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who

come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen*.

The Baptism

Each candidate is baptized, chrismated and receives a candle.

(N.), I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen*.

You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *Amen*.

Receive this light and shine forth as Christ's light in the world. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen*.

Welcome the Newly Baptized

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

The Ministers and the People share the peace of Christ with one another.

Greetings and Announcements

The people are seated.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

The Celebrant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:*2

Offertory Anthem

Panis Angelicus

César Franck (1822-1890)

Sung in Latin by St. Mary's Youth Choir

Thus Angels' Bread is made

the Bread of man today:

the Living Bread from heaven

with figures dost away:

O wondrous gift indeed!

the poor and lowly may

upon their Lord and Master feed.

-St. Thomas Acquinas (1225-1274)

Hymn At The Presentation

Hymnal, #577

Here in Christ We Gather, Love of Christ Our Calling

The Great Thanksgiving

May God be with you.

and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

God of all power, Source and Sustainer of the Universe,

you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with the capacity for memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of your creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return.

Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your eternal Word,

born of your servant Mary,

to fulfill your Law, opening for us the way of freedom and peace.

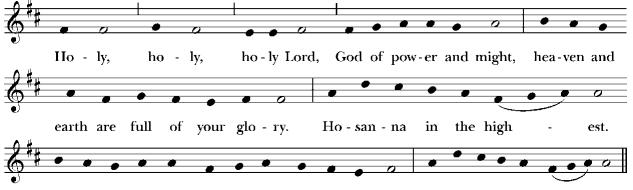
By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs,

and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus & Benedictus



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, and gave it to

his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Remembering now his work of redemption and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving, We celebrate Christ's death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Sanctify us also, and let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name. *Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.*

God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:

Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us.

Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only and not for strength; for pardon only and not for renewal.

Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

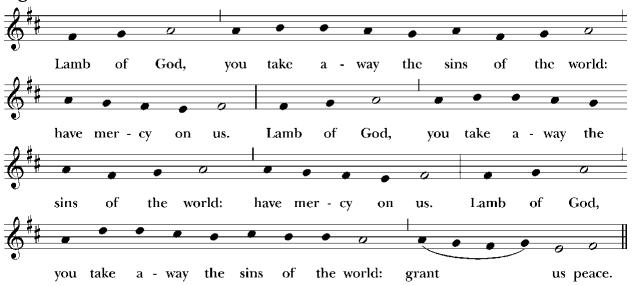
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, and the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

Agnus Dei



Invitation To Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Holy Communion

All who desire to know God are invited to receive the consecrated Bread and Wine. Gluten free wafers are available upon request. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please simply cross your arms over your chest.

The people are seated.



Sending Of The Eucharistic Visitor (When Needed)

In the name of this parish family, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts. Together we share in the body and blood of Christ.

Though we are many, we are one body because we share one heavenly feast.

Post-Communion Prayer

The People stand.

Let us pray.

said in unison

Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth

Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world

and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn
Hymnal, #610

Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service *Verses 1-2 before the homily, verses 3-4 after*

The Homily The Rev. David Erickson

Dismissal

Alleluia. Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

Postlude

Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam, BWV 684. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) Christ, Our Lord, Came to the Jordan

Announcements at St. Mary the Virgin

Welcome Visitors And Guests

September 15, 2024

Thank you for wrapping your prayer with ours today. We welcome all that seek the Holy. St. Mary's prays, celebrates, and serves our community and our neighbors as we strive to live as the body of Christ in the world. Check out the announcements at the back of the service bulletin for more ways to connect with us or email office@smvsf.org and we will stay in touch with you. We look forward to traveling this journey of faith with you.

Baptisms Today

Today we celebrate the Holy Sacrament of Baptism with the Baptism of David Livingston Doupé, child of Anne and Thomas Doupé and Divine Jonathan Okechukwu Okere, child of Deone Alisha Anthony and Henry Albert Okere at the 9:00 a.m. service.

Because Baptism is a celebration for the entire community, we recite the Baptismal Covenant at all services to recommitment our own life in Christ and in support of the newly baptized.

Baptism dates for the first half of 2025 are now available! These dates and the Baptism in-take forms and additional information can be found on St. Mary's website. Other Baptism-related questions may be directed to Natalie Hala, Parish Liturgist at natalie@smvsf.org

Celebration of Ministries Fair Today, September 22

Today is our Ministry Fair and we hope you will join us after and between all three services.

Don't miss this opportunity to talk with parishioners about the various ministries St. Mary's is involved in, both within our parish and in the community. Discover ways to participate and live out the life of grace we experience at St. Mary's!

Youth Group Kick-Off Today, September 22

Our Youth Group year will kick off on Sunday, September 22 from 5:30-7:30pm in the Great Room. Youth Group is open to all 6th-12th graders and is a loving and safe way to connect and have fun with other youth in our church community. We typically meet 2-3 times a month for food, conversation, and a lot of fun, not to mention monthly adventures across San Francisco! Any questions can be directed to Mike Stafford (mike@smvsf.org).

Sunday School Update

We'll be meeting in our two regular groups today with a Creation story theme in both sections.

The younger children will hear the story and tackle an assortment of projects and activities relating to the biblical account of the six days of Creation. But what about the seventh day? Get that answer from a student.

Older children who've know all about the 2 biblical Creation story will review using some challenging puzzles and, today we will say goodbye to Lisa Carey, a longtime (20+years!) Sunday school teacher and active parishioner. She and her husband are moving to Colorado in just a few weeks but she graciously agreed to do one last lesson (she loves Old Testament Bible stories) before she leaves. Such a loss for us. We are endlessly grateful for the loyalty, creativity and energy Lisa has brought to teaching all these years.

Mission Trip Preaching and Adult Forum Sunday, September 29

Youth who traveled to Eureka on the Mission Trip this summer will be preaching at the 8, 9, and 11am services on Sunday, September 29. Come hear about their service and about their transformational experience. In addition, Mike, Riley, and some of the youth will give an Adult Forum in the Great Room between the services (10am), giving more detail about their experiences and having an opportunity for questions.

Gospel of Matthew Bible Study Sundays at 10:00 a.m. Starting September 29

Join laypeople Eden Gallanter, Mike Stafford, and David Hargis for a discussion-based class about Matthew's Gospel on Sundays at 10 a.m. in the front room in Fowler Hall (right above the fountain). Each chapter of Matthew will be covered over two weeks. In the first week, we'll read and gather questions, and in the second week, we'll work on answering them. The leaders will guide conversations and ensure everyone has a chance to participate.

Everyone is welcome, regardless of knowledge or beliefs. Regular attendance is encouraged, but drop-ins are welcome. No homework required, but Eden prepares materials and handouts.

Interested but can't attend? Email <u>edengallanter@gmail.com</u> to receive chapter handouts and class Q&A summaries.

Join the Chalice Bearer Ministry for the 11:00 a.m. Service!

We're seeking new members to carry the cross, torches, and serve the Chalice during Communion. Our numbers have decreased due to retirements, relocations, and travel, so we need your help to continue this vital ministry.

As a Chalice Bearer, you'll play an important role in the 11:00 a.m. service (and the 10:00 a.m. service during the summer), as well as during Holy Week, Easter, and Christmas services. This is a

wonderful way to lead in worship and connect with our church community.

Scheduling is handled by Pam Bledsoe, and Natalie Hala will guide you through the training sessions. If you're interested, please reach out to Pam (pamelabledsoe077@gmail.com) or the clergy, and we'll get you started!

St. Francis and St. Clare Sunday, October 6

Sunday, October 6 marks the culmination of the Season of Creation when St. Mary's will commemorate the Feast of St. Francis, the namesake of our city and the patron saint of animals and the environment, and St. Clare of Assisi, his apostle.

Both humans and their pets or stuffed animals are welcome at the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. as we offer gratitude for their companionship and bestow a special individual blessing on each pet or stuffed animal. The 8:00 a.m. service will remain animal-free for those with allergies or who would rather give thanks for the creatures of the earth while those creatures dwell elsewhere in God's vast creation.

St. Mary's celebrates the Season of Creation each Sunday in September joining congregations from Episcopal Dioceses across the country in this international effort for prayer and action for climate justice and an end to environmental racism and ecological destruction.

Anti-Racism Training Sunday, October 6

Join Rev'd Kira in the Great Room of Fowler Hall on Sunday, October 6th from 1:00-5:30 pm to take the Diocese of California's Anti-Racism Training as a group. Rev'd Kira will lead group discussion in addition to watching the videos that are a part of the training. While DioCal requires anti-racism training for all clergy, staff, and elected vestry members, and deanery delegates to be renewed every 3 years, this training is beneficial for all church members. Please notify Rev'd Kira (kira@smvsf.org) if you plan to attend!

Parish Men's Fall Get Acquainted Social Thursday, October 17

On Thursday, October 17, from 4:15-6:15 p.m., a small group of men in the parish will host a get-acquainted gathering for men from St. Mary's of all ages at Via Veneto restaurant at 2244 Fillmore. It will be an ideal opportunity for parish men to become acquainted or better acquainted with each other, to share stories, and to be in a Christ-centered community in person with others on similar faith journeys with similar challenges along the road.

We will also discuss briefly whether we have enough interest among our parish men to formalize a men's ministry of spiritual growth, service, and community going forward and to have fun as well. In the past the parish has had a tradition of robust men's groups, and we hope that we can once again capture that tradition.

Complimentary beverages and bites will be

provided.

If you are able to attend, please email Ashley in the Parish Office (office@smvsf.org) by Friday, 10/11. If any questions, contact a member of the clergy or David Hargis at davidhargis@gmail.com.

Please plan on joining us on Thursday, October 17!

Ongoing Weekly Offerings *Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel

Please join us Tuesdays at 10 a.m. in the Chapel for a time to time to breathe, center yourself, and feel God's presence while silently being one in community. For those unfamiliar with Centering Prayer, our time will include a Breathing Meditation, 15-20 minutes of silent prayer, followed by an opportunity for prayer requests and thanksgivings, and close with the Lord's Prayer. Those who wish may remain for a time of sharing. Please feel free to contact Debbie Veatch at veatchdl@gmail.com or 415-244-3515 with any questions.

We Pray For...

PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES and FRIENDS

The Very Rev. Lin Knight

George Sawyer Ron Ameden Marilyn Hala

Jim Gable

Bob Gable

Georgene Keeler

Mari Coates

Gary England

Marcie Smith White

Ken Rainforth Jim Forsyth Katie Balestreri

IN DISCERNMENT

Michael Stafford

RECENTLY DECEASED

Kenneth Carson

Kevin Fisher Paulson

Clive Govinden Martin MacLeod Peter Hopkinson Rev'd Everett Lees

Victims of the Apalachee School shooting

CONTINUING PRAYERS

Please remember these individuals who have ongoing concerns in your personal prayers this week.

Deborah

Gordon Bellis

June

Kevin Teeney

The Community at the Heritage & St.

Francis

Jane

Quinn Charles Fay

Erich

Simon

Phyllis Shepherd Shirlee Martin

Will Driscoll

The Crossley Family

David Schade

Bill

Dani May

Sarah Ellwein

Valerie Schneider

Divine Anthony and family

Francis Kalani

Jeanne Lacy

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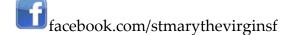
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