



CHURCH OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

28 August 2011

Dear Parishioner,

As we look forward to the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi in early October, we will again celebrate a Parish Festival Weekend beginning Friday evening, September 30 and continuing through Sunday, October 2, 2011. The committee is still working out the details, but in the weeks ahead you will be hearing about the various family-focused activities that are being planned.

In the meantime, I am writing to ask your help with two important things...

First, we are again organizing Basket Raffles. Each basket has a theme and will be filled with items relating to that theme. Ticket buyers will have the option of taking chances on any of those theme baskets. So we ask you to donate a gift for the category into which your name falls. For example, if your name is 'Adams', you would donate an item for the 'A' category, "Ready for Halloween." All donations, large and small, are welcome. Be creative. We hope to have the baskets ready for display by September 17th.

Second, there will be a Grand Drawing on Sunday, October 2 for which you will be receiving two books of tickets within the next couple of weeks. Tickets will be one dollar each, with a book of six for five dollars. Additional tickets will be available at the rectory as of mid-September, and returns may be delivered, mailed or placed in the collection basket on the weekends. If you cannot participate, we ask that you return the tickets anyway.

I know that many parishioners have been very generous in the past in responding to these requests and I am confident that we will again enjoy your support. Thanks for any assistance you can offer and I look forward to seeing you during the festival weekend.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul D. Theroux".

Rev. Msgr. Paul D. Theroux
Pastor

St. Francis of Assisi Festival

Basket Raffle

Here are our suggestions of items to purchase for the basket raffle. Please note; however, that our festival committee is happy to do the shopping for you. Cash donations and gift certificates are most welcome.

IF SURNAME BEGINS WITH:	YOU'RE ASKED TO CONTRIBUTE 1 item for:	<u>SUGGESTIONS:</u>
A, F	READY FOR HALLOWEEN	(Boys & Girls) costumes, candy, decorations, glow sticks
B, C	GO PATS!	Tailgating items, jerseys, flags, decor, food
D, E	A WARM & COZY FEELING	hot chocolate, marshmallows, gloves, scarf, blankets or throws, slippers etc.
G, H	CHRISTMAS IS COMING	decorations and more
I, J, K	BAKING SANTA'S COOKIES	all the essentials to bake the most fabulous cookies for Santa & holiday guests
L-MAC	HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING	wine, cheese, gift cards, glasses, napkins etc.
MAD-MC	JACKPOT	scratch-off lottery tickets
ME-MU	A DELICIOUS BREAKFAST	Jonnycake mix, pancake mix, scone mix, muffin mix, maple syrup, , jellies, store gift cards.
N, O	MOVIE NIGHT	dvds, snacks, movie tickets
P, Q, R	A GREAT THANKSGIVING	everything you need for a great Thanksgiving feast
S	A FABULOUS SHOPPING EXPERIENCE	gift cards for gift shops, boutiques, department stores and more
T—Z	FALL CLEAN-UP	indoor and outdoor cleanup essentials

These are only suggestions. Use your imagination and be creative. If you have a special talent or would like to help assemble baskets please contact Venerina DaSilva at 783-6185.

REMEMBER ... Cash donations and gift certificates are always welcome.