Dear Friends in Christ,

We all are called to work in “the vineyard” of the Lord, and each will contribute to this work according to what one receives from the generosity of God. We will work together, support each other, share in the work, and, more than that, we will PRAY together in our participation in the Eucharistic Liturgy - the Divine Worship/Liturgy, the Holy Mass, the Holy Sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

When we participate in the work of the Lord, as the gospel of the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time suggests, we first fulfill our obligation - doing what the vineyard Owner asks us to do; secondly, we should not show our “envy” or “jealousy” to others. Actually, we should express our appreciation to the Lord for inviting us to work in His “vineyard.” We should also acknowledge the generosity of the Lord, who is equally generous in compassion and love to those who respond quickly to his invitation as well as those who come late or are slow in responding to His call.

We may say it is unfair that those who worked from “dawn to sunset” received the same “wage” as those who just worked from “very late in the afternoon to sunset.” God is so generous! Who can tell Him to do otherwise!

You and I must say thanks to God for inviting us to work in His vineyard from “dawn to sunset.” A day working for God, who is so generous, must be a day filled with gratitude and blessing, must be a day of rejoicing in the Lord, and must be a day filled with love for God.

Let us continue to give thanks to God “who is near to all who call upon him” (our responsorial psalm of today), and pray that many will respond to His invitation to work in His “vineyard,” no matter “what time” they will be begin.

Again, thank you all for your generosity and your support, spiritually and financially. May God, who is so generous, reward you and your loved ones with many blessings.

Peace in Christ,
Fr. Tien

Pray when you feel like worrying.
Give thanks when you feel like complaining.
Keep going when you feel like quitting.

We invite you to try electronic contributions and we hope you find it very convenient. You can use any computer or mobile device to donate electronically. As always, we thank you for your generous sharing of treasures in the spirit and practice of stewardship.

Go to our website – stfrancisassisifranklin.org – to set up online giving. You can also go to your bank to have it automatically sent to the Church. Thank you!
You can livestream our daily and Sunday Masses!
Go to facebook.com/maplestreet299
You do not have to join facebook to livestream our Masses.

**DAILY MASS**
Monday thru Friday at 9:00 a.m.
Daily Mass is in our Chapel - Call the Parish Office to reserve a spot or Live Stream from your home.

**SUNDAY MASS**
Outside Mass in our upper parking lot (bring a chair) or Live Stream from your home or your car in our parking lot.

Our Sunday Mass is at 8:00 a.m. in English (For those viewing Mass in your car, our ushers will give you our password if you need it)

This weekend you will have a chance to express your gratitude/appreciation to retired priests who have served parishes in the Diocese of Charlotte, NC. As you have heard before they are only retired from administration, but not retired from doing ministry as a priest. They still go and help with weekend Masses at parishes when they are asked and are available. This collection does not fund only the priests who have retired already, but also for priests who will retire in the future (just like me)! Our assessment this year is $6,041.

Thank you for your donations (both financial and food items) to our Food Pantry. We could use canned sweet peas, jelly, peanut butter, rice, beefy pasta and cheesy tuna for our next pantry day.

There are still many boxes of offertory envelopes in the foyer of the church. You can pick them up after Mass on Sunday or in the church during the week from 10 am until 3 pm.

**CHURCH LIBRARY**
"Love the Lord your God with all your mind."

Don't forget to visit our Parish Library for good reading, videos & CDs

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**Mass Schedule and Intentions**
Father Tien will offer daily Masses in the Chapel and Sunday Mass in the upper parking lot.

**Saturday, September 19**
Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr
NO MASS

**Sunday, September 20**
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 A.M. Tom Allegretti by Dan Allegretti

**Monday, September 21**
Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
9:00 A.M. NO MASS

**Tuesday, September 22**
9:00 A.M. NO MASS

**Wednesday, September 23**
Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
9:00 A.M. NO MASS

**Thursday, September 24**
9:00 A.M. The Holy Souls in Purgatory by Basilia

**Friday, September 25**
9:00 A.M. Clyde, Kerry and Michael Blue by Helen Blue

**Saturday, September 26**
Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs
NO MASS

**Sunday, September 27**
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 A.M. Shane Tastinger by Beverly Driscoll

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**
Saturday from 3:00 to 4:00 P.M. or by appointment

“"The Lord sometimes makes you feel the weight of the cross. Although the weight seems intolerable, you are able to carry it, because the Lord, in His love and mercy extends a hand to you and gives you strength. “
Saint Padre Pio
Feast Day - September 23