St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church

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Dear Friend in Christ:
As members of St. Francis of Assisi in Lake Placid we greet you and invite you to read the following profile in the same spirit in which we have written it: with prayerfulness, hopefulness, and discerning hearts. We are searching for a full-time rector who will thrive in our vibrant community of people who love music, liturgy, and who serve the people in our neighborhood as well as those who travel some distance to be with us, especially in the winter.

As you will find as you read this profile, the first part will let you know why we are here, how we came about, and our mission, vision and some of our goals for the future. The second part is our collective voice speaking to you, giving you our understanding of who we are, how we worship, the qualities we love about ourselves, and the areas that we are encouraged to grow more deeply in our outward expression of God’s love and grace. Then comes the nuts and bolts that give you the descriptions of the buildings, financials, staff, parish survey data, and more. Further, we will let you know about the community of Highlands County and Lake Placid more specifically and finally of our prayers, and your discernment process as you encounter us in this profile of our beloved parish, and as you ask yourself if we are the flock that will inspire the full range of your pastoral gifts and challenge us to continue to advance the mission and ministry of our parish.

Thank you for considering this profile of our church home. We pray for you as you discern your own desires and purposes in this season of searching as we trust in the Lord to lead us to new and a more abundant life, even in the midst of change.

Respectfully and prayerfully submitted by
Your Friends in Christ,
The Profile/Search Committees on behalf of the Vestry and People of St. Francis

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Prayer used during Eucharistic Services and Publications:

Almighty God, ruler of all things in heaven and on earth, hear our prayer for your church and your people in this place; strengthen and guide us during this year of transition and renewed mission; fill us with your Holy Spirit as we follow the path you have set before us; enlighten our minds and empower our leadership to seek out Your Will, and bring us, in the end, to the fulfillment of all that you have planned for us. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen

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Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Psalm 37: 3-4
Mission Statement:
We are the Light of Christ.

Strengths
We are a welcoming and friendly parish, practicing our mission statement to all. We take to heart Jesus’ command to love and care for others through our giving programs as well as extending the use of our facilities to the community. We take seriously our liturgy, choir and music and offer our best to God each week. We know the importance of discipleship: teaching, learning, sharing the Gospel of Jesus. We give generously of ourselves as well as what has been given to us.

Vision Statement:
As the Light of Christ, we strive to bring the Love of Christ into every heart through worship, mission and building of relationships.

Goals (a Vestry member heads up along with a committee each of the following areas):

I Parish and Worship
Pray first in all we do.
Gather to praise, glorify and give thanks to God

II Discipleship
Equip our community with tools for living Jesus’ Good News

III Outreach/Inreach
Share our bounty with our community and the world

IV Evangelism
Make followers of Jesus

V Parish Life
Care for and serve our members

VI Stewardship
Manage our resources using biblical principles

To our Visitors:
“We give candles to our visitors as we are the Light of Christ in this place and we hope that while you are here we can be that light to you. If you live far away, light the candle as a reminder that you were here, and if you live close by, we ask you to leave the candle home and come back. There will always be a seat for you.”

So then, as occasion and opportunity open up to us, let us do good to all people. Be mindful to be a blessing, especially to those of the household of faith. Gal. 6:10
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<td>Land purchased on Interlake Blvd (which is now downtown Lake Placid) a group of people met and petitioned to become a mission and met in each other’s homes until 1960.</td>
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<td>1950-60</td>
<td>In early 1950, the land was turned over to the Diocese of South Florida who decided the land was inadequate for the location of a future church. The land was sold, and the money used to purchase the existing site on Lake June Road (621 West).</td>
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<td>Present facility was built with the idea that it would be the parish hall with a sanctuary to follow.</td>
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<td>Blair Hall was built as the parish hall (which is now our narthex).</td>
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<td>St. Francis constructed a pavilion and an overall plan to accept the parish hall to become the sanctuary was approved by the Vestry.</td>
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<td>A major renovation of the facilities was undertaken with a large portion of the cost covered by donations, and a chapel was added.</td>
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<td>St. Francis received parish status at the diocesan convention.</td>
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<td>The second major renovation occurred which included a narthex. A bell tower and carillon were donated that year as well.</td>
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<td>A Sunday school classroom was added to take care of the influx of children. The little two room building was in the area of our current thrift store.</td>
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<td>With the support of the congregation and the Vestry the new 2000 square foot parish hall was built, with a full kitchen, storage area, family bathroom and main room for activities.</td>
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<td>Beautiful stained-glass windows were added to the sanctuary thanks to fund-raising and donations.</td>
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<td>The church growth allowed us to add on to the existing parish hall. Additional office space, a library, choir room, a nursery and enlarged kitchen and additional activity space doubled the size of the parish hall. The former office space behind the altar became our sacristy and dressing area.</td>
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<td>2009</td>
<td>Over the past several years the little two room Sunday School building had been used as a small thrift store which was replaced by a much larger thrift store.</td>
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<td>Lake Placid is the town of murals and we were fortunate to have had a mural painted “The feeding of the 5000” painted on the side of our thrift store.</td>
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<td>Our Music Minister requested a new organ. The congregation purchased a “key” and with some larger donations a $50,000.00 organ was purchased.</td>
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<td>Additional parking improvements were undertaken adding asphalted areas that were previously grass. Storage shed purchased for thrift store.</td>
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Worship

As a pastoral church, we stay quite active, especially in our worship. Presently from October to June we have two services an 8:00 Rite I service that has no music and a 10:30 Rite II service with our choir and music. From June to October we have combined the services and have one service at 10:00 and use the Rite II Liturgy. The joy of this service is combining the church membership and connecting with our entire family.

Between the services we have a lively fellowship coffee hour where congregants from both services gather.

We are blessed to have a core group of worship leaders which include, Greeters and ushers, a Verger, Acolytes, Flag Bearers, Lectors, and Eucharistic Ministers. We also have a few of our parishioners who act as Eucharistic Visitors and take communion to shut-ins or to those who are unable to attend Sunday service for one reason or another. Our Altar Guild is strong, and they take care of the linens, preparing for the worship services and decorating the church weekly and seasonally.

We had a 6:00 pm Contemporary evening service at one time, unfortunately the priest who voluntarily celebrated this service moved out of the area. We used what we called “canned music” as the music was provided by cd’s (lack of musicians) and a PowerPoint was projected on the screen in the front of the church, to allow hands free freedom in worship. We would love to see a contemporary service brought back to St. Francis.

Currently we have a lay parishioner who conducts Evening Prayer on Wednesday.
We have several special services throughout the year for various holidays and occasions. For example; Ash Wednesday service with the imposition of ashes, Stations of the Cross during Lent, Maundy Thursday with foot washing, reconciliation services on Good Friday, Christmas Eve family service and candlelight service as well as baptisms, weddings and memorial services just to name a few. Once a year we have an Instructed Eucharist, where every part of the liturgy is narrated.

Christian Education

Our Christian Education has varied over the years. The ALPHA course with the Reverend Nicky Gumbel has been offered nearly every year for the last 20 years. Various Bible Studies have been offered as well as several book studies. Many facilitators and lay leadership have been raised up to conduct these studies. We have an unquenchable thirst for learning. The people of St. Francis desire to know God and know Him well. We constantly seek a deeper understanding of Our Lord and Savior thus moving us into a deeper relationship with Him. We are not a stagnant congregation, but one that embraces opportunities to learn, grow, and be challenged. Our survey results indicate that we are looking for a rector that will be a strong leader, educator and teacher in the area of Christian Education and come along side us, challenge us, and to continue to raise up lay individuals to lead continued and additional Christian Studies.
Brotherhood of St. Andrew

This brotherhood of men was founded in 1883 and is the oldest of the Episcopal Ministries. Their objective is to pray daily for the spread of Christ’s Kingdom, to study Holy scriptures, to serve and to bring others to Christ. At this time we have 11 members who meet monthly during the noon hour.

DOK (Daughters of the King)

Our chapter was re-instituted in 2001 and we have been going strong ever since, in spite of losing many ladies who have passed away or moved away. At this time we have eleven members and have three studying. We visit shut ins, work with our clergy and the prayer needs of the congregation as well as other church women to host receptions and other church functions. We help at our thrift store and live out our vows of daily prayer, service and evangelism.

Cursillo

Our number of Cursillistas has grown to 18 and we attend Ultreya quite often in a nearby parish. Our Coordinator is a strong believer and she continues to get members interested as well as serves on many weekends. DeColores!!

Order of St. Luke

We have had a very strong OSL, however, at this time we are inactive, but would like to see it reactivated if there is an interest in doing so.
Pastoral Care

This group responds to the needs of ill parishioners or shut-ins by providing communion, meals, transportation, errands or simply praying with the person who may be ill, lonely, sad, or grieving.

Prayer Ministry

On Sunday morning during communion two prayer partners stay in the chapel to receive and pray for anyone who comes and requests prayers. They also pray for those mentioned on prayer cards. Prayer cards are available in the narthex or pews to be filled out and placed in the basket at the back of the sanctuary.

Health Ministry

We are blessed to have two wonderful nurses whom we can talk with at any time. Blood pressure screenings are done every third Sunday and this is carefully recorded. A blood drive is organized by the nurses twice yearly. The nurses will also visit you at home if requested. This service is appreciated very much.
Community Use of Facilities
Our parish hall is used for many community events. Different chapters of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) and Narcotics Anonymous (NA) meet several times a week just to name a few.

Email Ministry
We have an individual who keeps the congregation informed through a mass email send out. Prayer requests and needs as well as events are sent as needed or warranted.

Episcopal Church Women (ECW)
Every woman in the Episcopal Church is a member, but of course not everyone attends for one reason or another. These women do a tremendous job by hosting receptions, raising funds which can be used to help the church or individuals and also contributing to outreach projects. Our ECW chapter has been very active in Diocesan events as well.
Additional Groups and Ministries

**Men’s Club**
We have a very active men’s club and among them some wonderful cooks who are always willing to help out with any project on hand. They have been very helpful in the thrift store with transportation and moving heavy objects. They also participate in any fund raising effort and are happy to contribute to many causes.

**Sewing Ministry**
We have a new ministry started from the idea of one of our ladies. She ran a summer sewing camp for a group of children and some of their parents. Additional weekends and summer camp are being set up now. Several members are helping with this venture.

**Thrift Store**
This has been a blessing over the years. It is amazing how much is generated in sales from donated items. As well as the percentage that goes to our outreach/inreach projects, it is a powerful evangelism tool. Many members of our congregation have come from a visit to our thrift store.
MUSIC AT ST. FRANCIS  The music program, under the direction of choirmaster and organist David Rinald, is best described as a blend of traditional and contemporary music. Our new Johannus three manual organ supports the hymns and service music of the 1982 Hymnals and the well-loved classical music of the great sacred composers. During Communion, the best of appropriate praise music is sung by the entire congregation. The St. Francis Choir offers traditional anthems as well as works by composers that are popular today. The St. Francis Choir has put on several recitals as well as holiday cantatas. The choir has also been involved in many community events where choirs from all denominations come together and have offered concerts.

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Psalm 100:1-2
**Vestry**

The Vestry at St. Francis acts as a support for the workings of the parish, programs, policy-making and budgetary concerns relating to the faith and fabric of the parish. It consists of one Appointed Member (Senior Warden) and seven elected members as well as two volunteers.

- **Senior Warden**          Robert Dietrich
- **Junior Warden**            David McCarthy
- **Bill Cook**                     Maria Muenz
- **Betsy Cruz**                  LaWanna Howell
- **Curt Peterson**             John DiSimone
- **Clerk of the Vestry**     Carole Cook
- **Receiving Treasurer**  Darlene Schneider

**Staff**

The church currently has three paid part-time staff members:
- Darlene Schneider, Parish Administrator
- David Rinald, Music Director/Organist
- Raymond Claudio, Sexton

Maurice McGee, Deacon at Large
Laurie Glover, Verger
Barbara McCarthy & Mary Naumann, Parish Nurses
plus many others who volunteer for various services

**Search/Profile Committee**

The Search/Profile Committee is comprised of six members and two alternates representing a broad spectrum of parish life. The members are:

- Laurie Glover, Chair          Betsy Cruz           David McCarthy
- Bob Keifling                  Lois McGrady         Lalene Jacelon
- Pete Injasoulian and Chet Merino, Alternates
Our Facilities

FACILITIES
Tranquil. Inviting. Prayerful. Those words best describe the feeling when you enter the grounds at St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church in Lake Placid, Florida. Arriving at the church you are greeted by the calm and peaceful Lake June in Winter.

SANCTUARY
Our sanctuary was constructed in 1960. It is a beautiful blend of wood, stone and glass. It served as a multi-use building that housed not only the sanctuary but the parish offices and hall. As the parish grew the building was transformed into a truly sacred space with the addition of a small chapel. Stained glass windows on the west wall invite the sun to stream in during the Eucharistic celebration. The recent addition of a new Johannus three manual organ makes our worship melodious. The 3500 square foot space works well for our current congregation. There is space on our 3.73 acre wooded campus for a new larger sanctuary if required.

Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.
Acts 20:28
PARISH HALL & OFFICES

Our current 5770 square foot parish hall was built in 2003. It houses parish offices, choir room, nursery, library and kitchen. Our large banquet area is used for all types of parish and community functions, like Bible study, AA meetings, and many educational opportunities. It is especially enjoyed for our after Eucharist coffee hour, special breakfasts and our yearly Thanksgiving dinner.

THRIFT STORE

The adjacent thrift store was named the “Best Thrift Store” in Highlands County. Many similar stores abound so this award is special. Donations are managed by a group of dedicated volunteers and the proceeds fund many of St. Francis’ outreach programs so essential for increasing the quality of life for our citizens.

GROUNDS

As you enter the church proper you walk through our Memorial Garden and are welcomed as a friend. Each year a special 9/11 service is held there in memory of those who tragically lost their lives at the Twin Towers, the Pentagon and the crash field in Pennsylvania. Another touching ceremony is our yearly retiring of the American flag which includes a burning ceremony retiring last year’s flag and raising a new crisp flag. The congregation gathers in the garden and it is a special most moving event not to be missed. The Garden also is a holy place for the interment of the ashes of many of our beloved deceased Episcopalian family.

The parish owns an adjacent single family lot that could serve as a family home for a future rector.
Who are the St. Francis family?

Our Search Committee is committed to understanding the needs and concerns of our parishioners. Besides researching our parish records, a survey was developed to specifically evaluate the strengths and weaknesses as well as to learn what they hoped to find in our new rector.

Church Size

St. Francis is a pastoral church. A pastoral church has a membership of 50 to 150. Including registered Episcopalians and those who attend regularly but are not Episcopalians, we number approximately 200, less 25% of them being “snow birds” who join us for two to six months during the year. The average Sunday attendance in 2019 was 99. Our attendance swells to over 120 in the winter months and declines during the summer. There has been a steady decline in our church attendance over the past 10 years as unfortunately several long time attendees have either passed away or moved to be closer to family. Though our number of attendees have declined our budget remains strong. For a pastoral church, we maintain a very high rate of activity. Visitors and newcomers comment all the time about the numerous events and programs that we have.

Church Demographics

According to our records of 200 baptized members, (including our winter members) the breakdown of our population is listed in the table provided.

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On arriving there, they gathered the church together and reported all that God had done through them and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles. Acts 14:17
Stewardship

Our stewardship mission has always been to encourage members of our church to live generously and thankfully in the spirit of “Giving to God” that they might better appreciate the transformative power of Christian giving and to gratefully offer their time, talents and treasure in thanksgiving to God for the blessed gift of life.

We are very blessed to have extremely generous support of our members. It seems that if a need arises, there is always someone or a group of someone's who are there to fill that need.

Financial Data as of December, 2019

Assets:
- Property and buildings $936,863.00
- Vanguard Account (investment) $ 67,000.00
- Designated/Reserve Contingency $ 25,879.00

Expenditures
- Outreach & Missions $9,500
- Operating Expenses (proposed 2020) $228,627.00

Total Annual Budget 2019 $214,410.00

Outreach

St. Francis’ Outreach Program continues to help in many ways. Our thrift store gives 45% of it’s proceeds to several different ministries both at home and abroad and 10% of the income goes to an “Inreach Fund.” This fund is available to any parishioner who has an unexpected need. The remaining proceeds are in an account for thrift store operating expenses and parish emergencies. There are liaisons for each agency/ministry and they make sure the items collected from our “Stone Soup” cauldron slips each month as well as the monetary donations go to the designated area.
The Town of Lake Placid is the southernmost municipality of Highlands County, Florida. It is a charming town centrally located and equally distant (1.5 hours) to Orlando, Tampa, Fort Myers, and West Palm Beach. Our townspeople have the luxury of quick access to the top attractions throughout the state. However, we don’t have to worry about the crowds, traffic, and congestion of the metro areas. The Highlands County area has a growing population of over 100,000 residents. Its ideal location, climate, and amenities make it a popular seasonal destination, which attracts approximately 20% more people to the area during season, November through April each year. The hospitality of our residents and the beauty of our town, the numerous lakes, rolling hills, attractions, and cost of living make Lake Placid a wonderful place to live, work, and play!

Lake Placid and all of Highlands County is considered rural Florida. Lake Placid, especially, runs on cattle and citrus production. In addition to these industries, leafy vegetable crops and caladium fields cover much of the Lake Placid area. In fact, the Town of Lake Placid is slated as the “The Caladium Capital of the World”.

Lake Placid has a five-person council with a mayor and vice mayor, along with a town administrator. The town runs its own departments to include utilities, police, recreation, public works, sanitation, and code enforcement.

Education is of upmost importance in our community. Our educators are committed to excellence and work very closely with parents, administrators, and community leaders to ensure that our school system is offering the most innovative curriculum and programs. Lake Placid has four public schools, which are accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and governed by the Highlands County School Board. In addition, there are two private Christian schools, a Montessori Children’s school and a preschool. The International Baccalaureate program, advanced placement and dual enrollment programs are offered throughout our County school system. In addition, South Florida State College’s Lake Placid Center offers adult educational, vocational, GED, ESOL, and dual enrollment courses. In fact, dual enrollment makes up approximately 25% of the campus’s population with high school students enrolled in college courses.
Highlands County healthcare offers two full-service hospitals with three campuses that provide a range of emergency, surgical, inpatient, and outpatient services. Lake Placid has its own Advent/Health campus conveniently located on Highway 27, less than a ½ mile from St. Francis.

The greater Lake Placid area includes 29 named lakes with over 11,000 acres of surface water, as well as Lake Istokpoga, which is Florida’s fifth largest lake. Fishermen from all over the country travel to Lake Placid to Bass fish. There are 113 total lakes and waterways in Highlands County. Watersports, swimming, boating, sailing and fishing are popular activities with visitors and residents alike.

Moderate temperatures and sunny days ensure that there is plenty to do in our area year round. The average high temperature is 84 degrees and average low temperature is 61 degrees. Highest temperatures arrive in July and coolest temperatures come around January.

Our Lake Placid community is passionate about outdoor activities, arts, and culture. The 40 murals perfectly placed throughout the town and our famous caladium plants earned us the title of “America’s Most Interesting Town” by Reader’s Digest Magazine. Lake Placid is just a short skip to Sebring International Raceway, two state parks, and 16 different area golf courses that attract visitors from different parts of the world. There is always something to see and do in the area. Various arts and crafts festivals, an aviation expo, grape stomp, and sprint triathlon are just to name a few!

There are 15 churches in the Lake Placid community with an active ministerial association. Lake Placid is a growing community, but one that is tight-knit, loving, and always seeking to serve others. The residents feel very proud and privileged to live in Lake Placid and it shows.

Though Lake Placid is great for fishing with it’s 31 lakes, we see this as an opportunity to “fish for people.”
A survey was sent to all parishioners. One Section of the survey polled rector Qualifications and asked that each parishioner select the five most important qualities of a new rector from a list of twelve and rank them from one to five with one as the most important. 190 surveys were sent out and 109 were returned. The results were tabulated and are presented below. It should be noted that almost 28% either selected Qualities but did not rank them or ranked them all the same. Five surveys left this section blank.

**Summary**

The qualities ranked in order of importance were: Preacher, Counselor, Administrator, Teacher, Hospitality Leader, Crisis Manager, Facilitator, Prayer Leader, Visitor, Community Leader, Educator, and Youth Leader.
As you can see by our survey results, there are certain traits that are very important to our parish and its people. We are looking for a full-time rector with the ability to preach with clarity and make the Gospel come alive and relevant in their lives. Sermons and programs that can truly inspire and perhaps attract newcomers to our church so they’ll want to come back for more.

Our survey also indicates the congregation is seeking someone who is compassionate, kind and caring and willing to sit with those needing comfort, guidance, whether as counselor or visiting the sick and/or infirm.

Our new rector should be comfortable with different styles of worship and open to new ideas. Congregants seek a rector who finds joy and love in liturgy, the Gospel and music, whose faith is strong, conservative, but yet can relate the Word of God to the times, trials, doubts and despair of parishioners lives. We need a strong faith leader and a business administrator. Strategic thinker and planner, as well as one who is involved in budgeting and finances.

We consider our church a very welcoming and friendly one. We are very proud of the fact that people who visit and those that have joined us, usually say it was our friendliness and warmth that attracted them to us. Therefore, hospitality remains very important and was checked as one of the areas on most everyone’s survey. Though our demographics indicate that we are an older congregation, it doesn’t diminish the fact that we are a vibrant group of individuals that love fun, fellowship and working together on a variety of projects.

We were very blessed to have had our beloved rector with us for the past 21 years and retired after reaching the mandatory retirement age. Presently we see this as a time of great opportunity for St. Francis of Assisi Church in Lake Placid. We continue weekly during our services, and in our private prayer life, to pray that our next Priest will love, equip and shape us to greater things, help us to grow spiritually, challenge us to greater maturity in our faith, and sees this opportunity as well, and wants to share it with us.

Are you our next rector? Is God calling you to lead the flock that we call our parish home?

A NOTE FROM ONE ON THE SEARCH COMMITTEE.

While the process makes us present numbers and other tangible things about St. Francis, there is something that can’t be measured. Almost everyone who is part of St. Francis will say that it is a place where those who enter meet God. You might think that’s a cliché, but it isn’t. Whether parishioners have been here for forty years or three months, the feeling is the same. “Enter a stranger but once” is a sign over the front entrance, and while the Greeters smile and fulfill the meaning of that sign, the crowning glory is walking into the sanctuary. The presence of God is felt almost immediately...the sense that “The Holy” is present and can only be experienced by becoming part of the family of God in the pews. You are recognized. You are noticed. Such things can only be measured in experience. Our hope is that you will.
Our Pet Memorial Garden
Sign ups for events on our Bulletin Board
Our Library and Conference Room
Our Military Family
Our Book Store
Yearly 9/11 and Flag Retirement Service
Feeding of the 5000 Mural on Thrift Shop
Our Pet Memorial Garden
We Like to have Fun

- Showers
- Retirement Celebration
- Annual Easter Story and Egg Hunt
- Milestone Anniversary Celebrations
- Community Thanksgiving
- Community Trunk or Treat
Holidays are Special
Where there is hatred let us sow love—
Where there is injury, pardon
Where there is discord, union
Where there is doubt, faith
Where there is despair, hope
Where there is darkness, light
Where there is sadness, joy

Grant not so much that we 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
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life

Attributed to St. Francis of Assisi