

The Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

9:00 a.m., Sunday, September 20, 2026

*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.*



September 13, 2026

Children gathered around the altar at the 9 a.m. service

*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.*

The Word of God

Prelude

Rhosymedre

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Hymn At The Procession

Hymnal, #390

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
The people stand.

Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God of all creation.
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect Of The Season

God be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.
Said by all

Creator God, maker of marvels, you created the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for your gifts to us may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lessons

First Reading

Jonah 3:10-4:11

The people are seated.

A Reading from the Book of Jonah.

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a

gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Choir Anthem

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

Karen Lafferty (b. 1948)

Sung by St. Mary's Children's Choir

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you;
Alleluia, alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you,
seek, and ye shall find,
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you;
Alleluia, alleluia!

-Matthew 6:33; 7:7

Gospel Acclamation

The people stand.

1. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Music: Alleluia 7, Taize

Repeat as necessary.

Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree

with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

The Gospel of our Savior.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Repeat Gospel Acclamation as needed.

Children's Homily

The Rev. Timothy Seamans

The people are seated.

Children's Offertory

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 Old 100th, standing.

Praise God for whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all people here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Affirmation Of Faith

Saying together.

We believe in God, the creator of all life and beauty, who blesses our journey.
We believe in Jesus Christ,
who lived as a friend and savior to all he met as he traveled.
and who ate and laughed, wept and celebrated with them in love.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who rides on the gentle breeze, who strengthens our bindings, and who offers hope eternal.
We believe in the church,
which stands open to all travelers,
and bears witness to the everlasting love of God.
Amen.

The Prayers of the People

We join together in prayer, either out loud or quietly. Let us take a moment to tell God “thank you” for all the good things that happen in our lives. Are there special things we are grateful for?

The People may offer responses.

We say, “Thank you so much, God.”

Thank you so much, God.

Let us pray for people who are sick, sad, or alone and for any situations that concern or worry us. Are there people or things we are worried about?

The People may offer responses

We say, “Help us God, we trust in you.”

Help us God, we trust in you.

Let us pray for those who have died.

The People may offer responses.

We say, “God is with them.”

God is with them.

Let us offer our love, our work, our life, and one another up to God.

Amen.

The Peace

The people stand.

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

The Ministers and the People may greet one another with a sign of peace.

Greetings and Announcements

The people are seated.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

A gift is something we give; it is also something we are. It is time to give gifts of love, gifts of bread, gifts of money.

Offertory Anthem

Ave Maris Stella

Antonín Dvořák (1841-1904)

Sung by St. Mary's Youth Choir

Hail, star of the sea,
Nurturing Mother of God,
And ever Virgin
Happy gate of Heaven

Receiving that "Ave"
From the mouth of Gabriel,
Establish us in peace,
Transforming the name of Eve.

Hymn At The Presentation

For the Fruit of All Creation

The people stand.

1. For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2. In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3. For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
For the good we give all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,

fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000

Music: Welsh Traditional; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

AR HYD Y NOS

All children are invited up to be present at the altar during the Eucharistic prayer.

The Great Thanksgiving

The people stand.

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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus & Benedictus

Celebrant and People

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and

might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. _____

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and'. The second staff contains 'might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -'. The third staff contains 'san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who'. The fourth staff contains 'comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. _____'. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' and a bracket) over the notes for 'heaven', 'Bless - ed', and 'san - na'.

The People stand or kneel.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all;
presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

The Lord's Prayer

Now, let's say together the prayer that Jesus taught us.

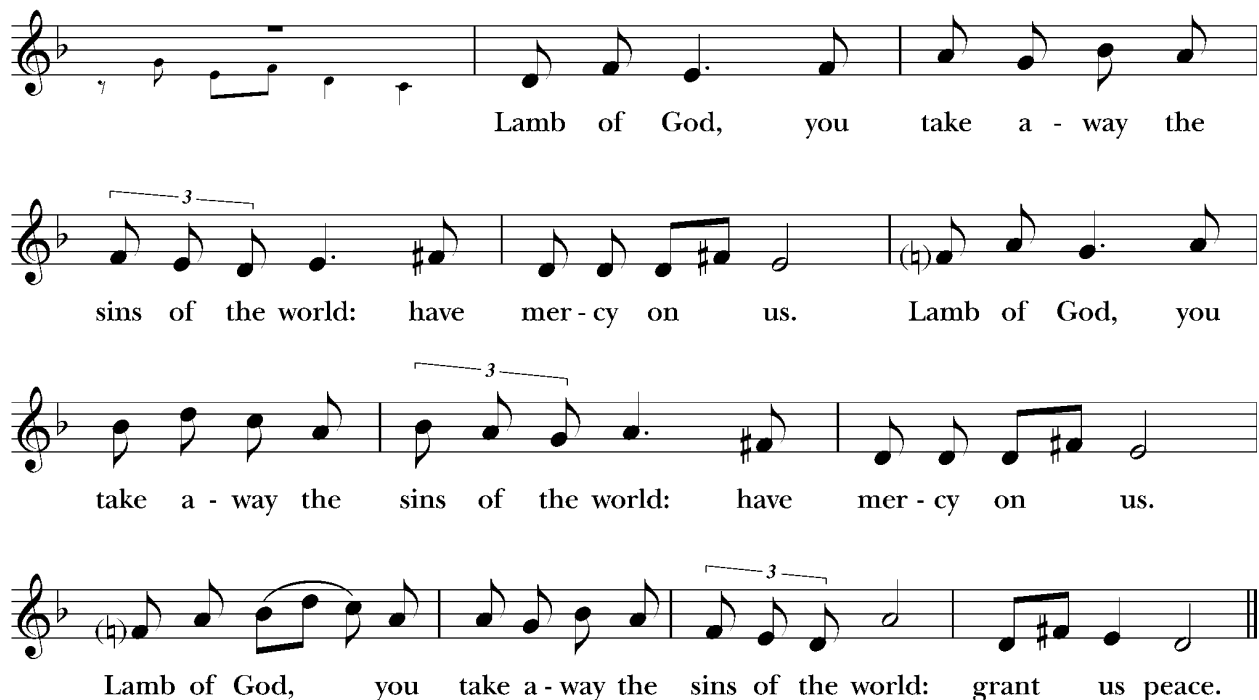
Said by all

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast.

Agnus Dei



Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The musical notation for 'Agnus Dei' is written on four staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The second and third staves begin with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The fourth staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. There are three triplets marked with a '3' and a bracket. The first triplet is on the second staff, the second triplet is on the third staff, and the third triplet is on the fourth staff.

The Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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.

Communion Chant

$\text{♩} = 80$ Meditative

p Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry. *f*

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst. *mf*

Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

Post-Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

said by all, standing

God, we thank you for feeding us with this spiritual food and for your promise that we are always your children. Now send us out to spread your love in the world. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn

Hymnal, #460

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Verses 1 & 3 before the homily; Verse 4 after

Sermon

The Rev. Kira Austin-Young

The people are seated.

Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord and all creation.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Hyfrydol

Vaughan Williams

Announcements at St. Mary the Virgin

Welcome Visitors And Guests

September 20, 2026

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

We are honored to be baptizing Aurora Asli Akis, Arthur Burton Landis, and Arjun Allan Jandhyala at the 11:00 a.m. service today.

Children's Christian Education

Pre-K - 1st grade Classroom

This year our Pre-K - 1st grade classroom will be using Godly Play, which focuses on making meaning through story, wonder, and play. This Sunday, we will be exploring the story of the Ark and the Flood. Look out for a parent handout explaining the lesson that children can take home. Children will leave for Sunday School near the conclusion of the 9 AM service when the choirs process out, and go with their teacher to the preschool classroom. Please plan to pick up your child from the preschool room at 10:30 AM.

2nd-5th grade Classroom

This year, our 2nd-5th grade classroom will be using a lectionary-based curriculum, which invites children to dive deeper into one of Sunday's scripture readings. This Sunday, they will be exploring our Gospel passage, Matthew 20:1-16. Children will leave for Sunday School near the

conclusion of the 9 AM service when the choirs process out, and will go with their teacher to a classroom on the 3rd floor of the Pixley House. They will be dismissed and brought to the courtyard at 10:30 AM.

Young Adults (20s&30s) Brunch

Today, Sunday, September 20

Join us after the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, September 20, for a catered brunch in the Great Hall. Whether you're new to St. Mary's or have been part of the parish for years, this is a great opportunity to share a meal, make new friends, and connect with others in a similar stage of life.

We'll provide the food—you bring yourself! We hope you'll stay after worship for good conversation, delicious brunch, and the chance to build community together. This gathering is designed for adults in their 20s and 30s who are looking to build friendships and grow in faith together. Whether you're single, dating, married, or new to the city, we'd love to have you join us.

Please RSVP to Rev'd Kira (kira@smvsf.org) so we can plan accordingly.

Ministry Fair
Sunday, September 27

Join us on Sunday, September 27, for St. Mary's Ministry Fair! Representatives from our many ministries will be available between and after the 8:00, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m. services to share information and answer questions.

Whether you're new to St. Mary's or looking for a new way to get involved, this is a wonderful opportunity to learn about the many ways our parish serves God, one another, and our wider community. Come discover where your gifts, interests, and passions might find a home in the life of St. Mary's.

Youth Mission Trip:
Stories of Service and Faith
Sunday, September 27

Our youth who traveled to San Diego on this summer's Mission Trip will preach at all three services—8:00, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m.—on Sunday, September 27. Come hear them share their stories of service, faith, and the ways this experience transformed them. Your prayers and support helped make this trip possible; now come support our young people as they share what they learned and experienced with the parish.

Youth Group Returns!
Sunday, September 27

Our Youth Group year will kick off on Sunday, September 27 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).

Fall Parish Clean-Up Party!
Saturday, October 3

Save the date: Saturday, October 3: 9:30 - 12:00 noon for the Fall Parish Clean-Up Party! Join lots of other enthusiastic parishioners to give the whole campus a good once-over in preparation for a momentous Fall season. We'll have a comprehensive list of things to do, but welcome your suggestions for things you think need attention. Are you interested in the garden? We'll have a dedicated crew trimming, thinning, weeding, and whatever else needs to be done. We'll be making a list of intended attendees; if you are interested or have questions please email to sandy.stadtfield@gmail.com.

Blessing of the Animals and
Feast of St. Francis
Sunday, October 4

Sunday, October 4 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.

Both humans and their pets, pet photos, 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, photo 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.

**Candlelight Concert Featuring
Ellen Leslie & Brian Thorsett
Sunday, October 4**

Our next Candlelight Concert will be a presentation of Art Songs by David Conte, Ian Venables, Byron Adams, and the world premiere of a new song cycle by Eric Choate with poems by Edna St. Vincent Millay. Join soprano Ellen Leslie and tenor Brian Thorsett for an evening of intimate vocal music on Sunday, October 4th at 5:00 p.m. As always, Candlelight Concerts are free and un-ticked. All are welcome.

**Newcomer Coffee Hour
Sunday, October 11**

New to St. Mary's? Join us for coffee, snacks, and conversation at 10 a.m. in the Great Room, upstairs in Fowler Hall! This is a chance to meet other newcomers, get to know a few members of the parish, and ask questions about life at St. Mary's. Everyone who is new or still getting settled in is warmly invited. RSVP to Rev'd Kira (kira@smvsf.org)

**St. Mary's Holy Land Pilgrimage
April 19-29, 2027**

Visiting the Holy Land is an exciting and formative experience for Christians. It allows scripture to come alive and invites an unparalleled opportunity of understanding of the Hebrew Scriptures and Christ's time on Earth.

Rev. David Erickson will be leading a St. Mary's pilgrimage to the Holy Land April 18-29, 2027.

Information about the pilgrimage may be found on our website at smvsf.org/news/st-marys-holy-land-pilgrimage

For questions or to make a deposit, please email Rev. David at david@smvsf.org.

Join Our Youth Acolyte Ministry

We invite all young people in grades 4 through 12 to join us as acolytes at the 9 a.m. service that resumes September 13th.

Youth acolytes are important leaders of our worship services. Scheduling is flexible; we know our youth and their families have busy lives. Training will be offered at times convenient for you. Please contact Debbie Veatch at veatchdl@gmail.com or 415-244-3515 if you or your child are interested or have any questions.

Register for Sunday School

-Who: Children Pre-K - 5th Grade
-When: Sundays, 9:45 AM - 10:30 AM (Children will depart with the children and youth choirs before the adult sermon at the 9 AM service).
-What: Through Sunday School, children are invited to grow in faith and discover God's love through stories, play, and creativity. We can't wait to learn and wonder together!

Our program year kicks off on Sunday, September 13th. Even if your child attended last year or in the past, please

register again as we are using a new system. You can fill out the registration form on our website. If you have any questions, please email Rev. Elaina at elaina@smvsf.org.

**Fourth Sunday Fellowship:
After the 11 a.m. Service**

Starting in September, we're making the fourth Sunday of each month a special opportunity for fellowship after the 11:00 a.m. service. We'll have some extra treats and snacks to enjoy together as we linger, visit, and welcome one another.

Would you like to contribute on September 27, October 25, or November 22? We'd love to have you bring a favorite baked good, fruit, or savory snack to share. To sign up or learn more, please contact Gloria Galindo at gloria.gtgg@gmail.com.

Thank you for helping us extend St. Mary's hospitality and make our monthly gatherings a little more delicious!

Ongoing Weekly Offerings

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

Please join us Tuesdays at 10 a.m. in the room above the fountain in Fowler Hall 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.

NEW TIME & LOCATION

Bible Study, Sundays 10 a.m. in the Kindergarten Room

We get it. The Bible can be intimidating! It's long and complicated and full of hard to pronounce words. But, fear not! When we take it bit by bit with friends, it isn't scary at all. In fact, it can even be downright fun. Come and see! No pre-reading, no judgement, no pressure! Just bring an open heart and a sense of wonder! Teens and Adults Welcome. E-mail David Hargis - davidhargis@gmail.com - for more details or just pop by the room above the fountain in Fowler Hall at 10 a.m.!

We Pray For...

PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES and FRIENDS

Betty
Theo Williams & Family
Andy Hall & Family
Vivian Davenport
The Clark Family
Sharon Ruiz
Michael & Sarah
Madeline MacDonald
Eileen Connery
Ramiro Calderon

RECENTLY DECEASED

Rob Noeller
Lynn Logemann
Sarah Ellwein
Dolly Parton
Wendell Berry
Patrick Keifert
Charles Fremuth

CONTINUING PRAYERS

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

The Community at the Heritage &
St. Francis
Dani May
Francis Kalani
Rev. Amelie Wilmer
Sandy Briggs
Matt Sowick
Peter Heaney
David Schade
Pam Bledsoe

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