



Saint Francis of Assisi

Catholic Church

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“May the Lord give you His peace!”

With a heart full of joy, I share with you the wonderful news that Holy Father Pope Leo XIV has announced a special Jubilee Year in honor of our patron, St. Francis of Assisi, marking the 800th anniversary of his entry into eternal glory. This sacred time is a gift to the Church—a call for each of us to seek holiness in our own lives by looking to Saint Francis of Assisi as our guide.

I am deeply moved to share that Bishop Frank J. Dewane has designated our own parish, St. Francis of Assisi in Grove City, as a Jubilee Pilgrimage Site for the Diocese of Venice. It is a profound honor for us to open our doors as a place of encounter, prayer, and renewal for all who seek the Lord.

I personally invite you to come and find rest in the presence of Christ. Our Church and the Poor Clare Adoration Chapel will be open to welcome pilgrims every Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and at other times by arrangement.

A pilgrimage is more than a journey of the feet; it is a journey of the soul. As a Jubilee site, those who visit our parish may receive a Plenary Indulgence under the usual conditions (Sacramental Confession, Eucharistic Communion, and prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father). This is a beautiful opportunity to experience the depth of God’s mercy and to begin anew.

In a world often fractured by noise, materialism, and conflict, St. Francis speaks to us across the centuries. His radical embrace of simplicity and his love for every creation of God remind us that we are all part of one family in God. This Jubilee challenges us to move from the "Hope" we have shared into active charity, rebuilding the Church through lives transformed by the Gospel.

Please come and visit us and St. Francis Church. Our doors and our hearts are open to you. For more details on our scheduled events and resources for your visit, please explore our parish website at sfoachurch.org.

May the peace and goodness of Christ be with you always, just as it burned so brightly in the heart of St. Francis.

In Christ’s Peace,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rev. Cory A. Mayer". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Rev. Cory A. Mayer
Pastor