

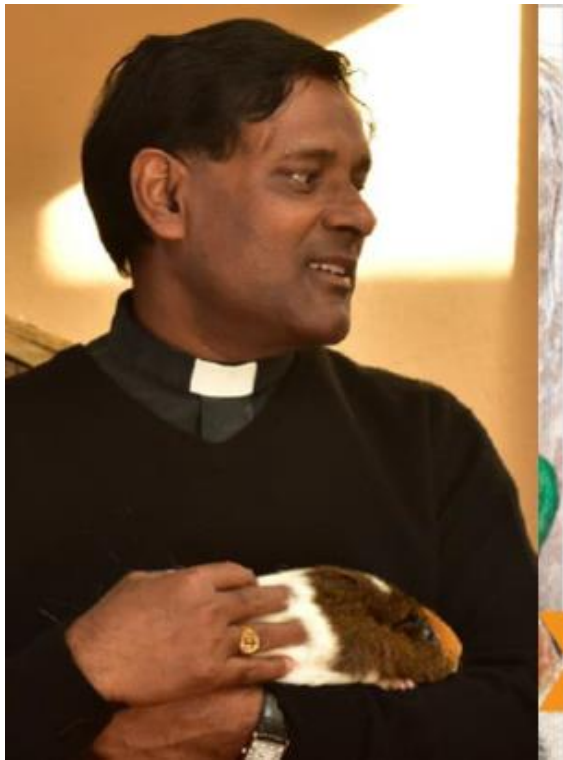


**Saint Paul Catholic Church**

**Saint Francis Ministry**

Quarterly Newsletter

July 2019



## St. Francis of Assisi Ministry

Our mission is to promote compassion for all God's creatures and to encourage caretakers/pet owners with love and to support all who care about animals with prayer and action.

Our motto is Prayer and Action.

Regular meeting time for our ministry:

Second Saturday of every month at 9 AM.

### Our Regular Events

- ◆ *Weekly Eucharistic Adoration – 7:00PM to 8:00PM on Tuesday evening*
- ◆ *Pet owner consolation and prayer*

### St. Francis Ministry Preliminary Annual Calendar of Events

Every Tuesday at 7pm, Weekly Eucharistic Adoration

July 12<sup>th</sup> – Annual Mass for those who have lost a pet – St. Francis of Assisi Animal Rescue love offering

October 5<sup>th</sup> – Annual Blessing of the Pets and Walk-about Social – 9 – 11am

November (Signature Event) – Animal Fair and Prayer Service – TBD

Fundraiser Date TBD

*Our ministry was born from the love of God's creations. We need your prayerful support to provide comfort and aid to the sick, neglected, dying and in-need pets of our community.*

### Testimonials

*Thank you so much! Your email and the beautiful note have given our family much needed support and love. We appreciate your ministry members and your prayers.*



*Thank you for this ministry. I live alone with no family been really no friends except some acquaintances at work.*



## Featured Pet - Service Dogs

By Linda Tarrago

We rescued Bella in October 2016, a four month old Anatolian Shepherd mix puppy. We knew from the day we brought her home that she was something special when she ceased jumping and playing when our terminally ill neighbor came out to meet her. She just sat still and let him pet her. Once he went back inside she was her playful puppy self.

Having had cervical spine surgery 15 years earlier, we knew I would eventually need help. So, we decided to train Bella as a



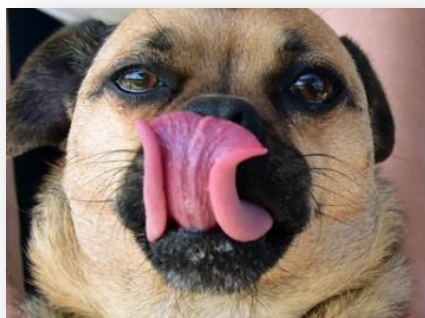
service dog.

Unfortunately that training had to be delayed when she needed to have both back knees replaced at one and a half years old. After six months, Bella was ready to train and passed her certification in December 2018.

Since then she has been shopping, attends my classes, visits assisted living facilities and loves having a purpose. We cannot remember what life was like before Bella. She has enriched our lives so much. What a beautiful gift God gave us!

USA Service Dog Registration – Emotional Support -

<https://usaservicedogregistration.com/home/>



## Prayer Service and Social in the Park

St. Francis of Assisi Ministry held its first annual Prayer Service and Social Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at the

beautiful, new Carrollwood Village Park. Father Bob and Father Lenin provided a meaningful service for families and their pets. And, of course afterwards, the dogs and owners socialized, had coffee and donuts and took photos with each other's pets.

