

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of January 14, 2018

Sunday, January 14

9:00 am – Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
11:00 am – Coleen Gately (Kevin Dunleavy)

Monday, January 15

No Mass

Tuesday, January 16

11:00 am – Donald Foley (Rosemary Foley)

Wednesday, January 17

6:00 pm – Fr. Fritz's Sister, Eliana Valcin Auguste (Dan and Linda Wolfe)

Thursday, January 18

6:00 pm - For the Success of the Capital Campaign

Friday, January 19

6:00 pm – Keenan/Dodd Families (Diane Keenan)

Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries

Thank you for your willingness to serve to make our Mass Successful

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

January 14 – 9 am – Lorri Kuczynski, Craig Kowalinski

11 am – Maryellen O'Shaughnessy, Theri Brady

January 21 – 9 am – Rick Miller, Frank Schneider

11 am – Bob Ariss, Craig Kowalinski

Servers

January 14 – 9 am – Susan Kyanko, 11 am – Gaetan O'Brien

January 21 – 9 am – Chris Paisely, 11 am – Gaetan O'Brien

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

January 14 – 9 am – Bob Geoghegan, 11 am – Dan O'Brien

January 21 – 9 am – Skip Camerucci, 11 am – Dan O'Brien

Lectors

January 14 – 9 am – Sue Cruickshank, Louisa Celebrezze

11 am – Tim Feran, Gary Snyder

January 21 – 9 am – Cecilia McAdams, Jarret Chirafisi

11 am – Emily Wu, Julie Byrne

Eucharistic Ministers

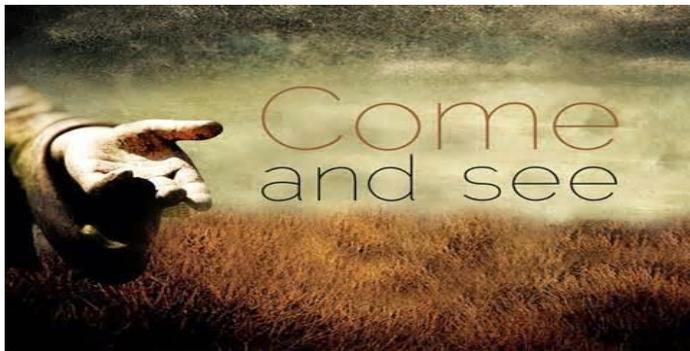
January 14 – 9 am – Frank Conway, Joyce & Frank Schneider

11 am – Mark Coleman, Sandy Glasner, Lori Toczorczik

January 21 – 9 am – L. Celebrezze, S. Hilllyer, S. Cruickshank

11 am – Joanna Nunn, Lori Toczorczik, Sandy Glasner

Gluten "Free"/Low Gluten Hosts...are available for those who wish to receive them. If you would like to receive a low-gluten host at Communion, please notify one of the greeters before Mass. This will allow us to observe and maintain safety protocols for those who are sensitive or allergic to gluten.



Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Please check the St. Francis website for the full calendar of events

Sunday, January 14

- ▶ 12:00 pm – Campaign Reception
- ▶ 12:30 pm – First Communion Preparation
- ▶ 2:00 pm – St. Francis Seniors
- ▶ 7:00 pm – Confirmation Preparation

Monday, January 15

- ▶ 5:00 pm – SVDP Restored Citizens

Tuesday, January 16

- ▶ 11:00 am – Mass at Westminster Thurber

Wednesday, January 17

- ▶ 7:00 pm - RCIA

Thursday, January 18

- ▶ 10:00 am – Westminster Thurber Bible Study

Parish News and Information

The St. Francis Book Discussion Group

will meet on January 21 in the church hall following the 11 o'clock Mass. We will be discussing *Barking to the Choir* by Gregory Boyle. All are welcome!



Pasta Dinner – Can you believe it's time to sign up for the Annual Mardi Gras Pasta Dinner? This year's dinner will be on Saturday, February 10. Lots of volunteers will be needed to make this event successful. Please contact Frank Schneider or Marti Damm with any questions or to volunteer.



Thank you – A huge thank you to Frank Schneider and Frank Conway in getting all the Christmas decorations taken down and put away for another year. These two do so many wonderful things for our parish, and they do so without recognition. Next time you see one of them, please take a moment to say thanks!

Rite of Enrollment – The Rite of Enrollment is when the confirmandi indicate their free-willed intent to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church and all she teaches. This Rite was celebrated today, January 14 during our 11:00 Mass. Please keep this group of young adults (Matthew Conroy, Marie Grassi, Meridith Hanosek, Elizabeth Maite, Samuel Schulz, Kayla Snyder, and Robert Snyder) in your prayers as they go through the process and prepare for Confirmation.



The Catholic Foundation's Applications for Scholarships will open on January 29 and close March 9. Scholarships support promising and deserving students by assisting them with the costs of their education. Donors often establish a scholarship to honor or memorialize friends, teachers, family members, or other loved ones. Since 2007, The Catholic Foundation has awarded over \$430,000 in scholarships empowering over 100 young people to continue their academic and vocational studies. For more information and to apply, please visit www.catholic-foundation.org/scholarships. If you are interested in opening a Scholarship Fund of your own, please contact Scott Hartman at shartman@catholic-foundation.org or [614-443-8893](tel:614-443-8893).

Gospel Reflection ~ January 14, 2018

The prolog of John's Gospel is a poetic introduction to Jesus John the Baptist, and major theological themes of John's account. The narrative that follows serves similarly as a prose introduction. Both poetry and prose are directed to all who hear the Good News in order to draw them into the story of Jesus and elicit a response of faith.

Today's reading is the dramatic encounter of Jesus with his first followers. It begins with John the Baptist's directing his disciples to Jesus as the Lamb of God, a designation that may refer to the paschal lamb, the gentle lamb led to slaughter, the suffering servant of Isaiah, or the apocalyptic lamb who will destroy evil. The symbolism in John's Gospel often has multiple layers of meaning.

Jesus asks John's curious disciples, "What are you looking for?" These are Jesus' first words in the Gospel; he addresses his question to everyone who would follow him. "To look for" or "to seek" (*zeteo*) is a motif in John's Gospel signifying both an intense search and deep desire. Jesus invites those who are genuine searchers, "Come, and you will see." The two verbs combined indicate the process of coming to faith in Jesus.

Andrew, one of John's disciples who followed Jesus, has begun his faith journey of coming after Jesus, for he tells his brother Simon Peter, "We have found the Messiah." Our attention immediately shifts to Simon, given his new name Cephas by Jesus. Jesus' initial question "What are you looking for?" means that Cephas, and anyone who seeks Jesus, must "come and see" to gain a fuller understanding of Jesus' messiahship.

Source: Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word.

Capital Campaign

Letters were mailed a several weeks ago, announcing the official campaign with its theme – **Honoring the Past, Serving the Present, Preserving God's Gifts for the Future.** If you did not receive a letter, please contact the parish office.

Last week's reception was well attended and we are looking forward to the second reception today. At the reception we will share all the details of the campaign and exactly how you can get involved. The Diocese believes that a capital campaign for St. Francis of Assisi Church, involving individuals and leaders shepherded by Father Fritzner Valcin, could raise \$292,000, over a three-year period to address the needs of the parish. This is a very exciting time in the life of our parish, and you will not want to miss being a part of this great adventure.

If you were not able to make it to either receptions, your packet of information will be available to pick up in the back of the church next week. All packets left after Mass on Sunday, January 21 will be mailed, so you will have the information before Commitment Sunday, January 28. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Next Sunday's Readings

Jonah 3:1-5, 10
1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20



Around the Diocese

Calling All Euchre Players! - Bishop Ready High School is holding its annual Euchre Extravaganza in support of the girls' and boys' basketball teams on Friday, February 2, 2018, in the school's gym. Social hour begins at 5:45 p.m. and play begins at 7 p.m. Cost is \$25 and includes 11 games of Euchre, food, and soft drinks. For more information and a registration form, visit the school's website at brhs.org and click on Don't Miss This under Quick Clicks on the home page, or call Dan DeCrane, boys' basketball coach, at 614-276-5263, ext. 231, to request a form. Registration deadline is January 26.

Bereavement Support Group - The Executive Planning Committee of the North High Deanery is announcing the establishment of a Bereavement Support Ministry. The meetings are open to all but we especially welcome the parishioners of the nine Catholic Churches that comprise the North High Deanery, namely: Holy Name, Immaculate Conception, Our Lady of Peace, Sacred Heart, St. Francis of Assisi, St. John the Baptist, St. Michael and St. Thomas More Newman Center at The Ohio State University and Parroquia Santa Cruz.

The North High Deanery committee wants to thank the Catholic Foundation for awarding us a Focus Grant for Catholic Education and Faith Formation that will be used to help us establish this new ministry.

Please read your upcoming bulletins for additional information about the Bereavement Support Ministry meetings. They are set to begin in late January 2018.

If you have questions, please contact Mike Julian, parishioner of Immaculate Conception at [614.282.7136](tel:614.282.7136) or mjulian@columbus.rr.com or Veronica Garrity, parishioner of Our Lady of Peace at vgarrity@columbus.rr.com. For general information about this ministry, you may contact Mike Schmidt at michaeltjameschmidt@yahoo.com.

BI-MONTHLY MASS OF HEALING JANUARY 15, 6:30 PM, SAINT JOSEPH CATHEDRAL. Following the Mass of Healing, a Healing Service will take place beginning with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Veneration of relics of the True Cross. Each person then will then have an opportunity to speak individually with one of several priests present to discuss their particular situation and receive a prayer of healing; the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will also be available. The Healing Service will conclude with Benediction. All persons who seek Christ's healing are invited – especially those who suffer with physical illness and infirmities (e.g. cancer and other debilitating diseases and conditions), in addition to those in seek of emotional and spiritual healing. All caregivers, family members, and members of the medical community are invited as well. Bi-monthly Healing Masses take place at the Cathedral on the third Monday of the month; during the remainder of 2018 Masses are scheduled for: March 19, May 21, July 16, September 17, and November 19. Secured parking is available off East Gay Street; handicap elevator access to the Cathedral is located off the Broad Street Courtyard. Saint Joseph Cathedral is located at 212 East Broad Street; for more information call [\(614\) 224-1295](tel:614.224.1295).

Trinity Catholic Elementary School Open House on Tuesday, January 30th from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm with a kindergarten information session at 6:30 pm. For new families for the 2018-2019 school year with students entering Kindergarten-8th Grade. Private tours are also available anytime during school hours. Contact the school office by phone at [\(614\) 488-7650](tel:614.488.7650) or by email at kmoehrma@cducation.org