

## Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of January 21, 2018

### Sunday, January 21

9:00 am – Bill & Nina Scharlott (Fran Scharlott)  
11:00 am – Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

### Monday, January 22

No Mass

### Tuesday, January 23

6:00 pm – Fr. Fritz's Sister, Eliana Valcin Auguste (Marti and Catherine Damm)

### Wednesday, January 24

NO MASS

### Thursday, January 25

6:00 pm – Lorna & Thom List (Thom Lisk)

### Friday, January 26

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

## Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries

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

### Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

January 21 – 9 am – Rick Miller, Frank Schneider  
11 am – Bob Ariss, Craig Kowalinski

January 28 – 9 am – Mary Jo Hulett, Lorri Kuczynski  
11 am – Gretchen Rivera, Stephanie Good

### Servers

January 21 – 9 am – Chris Paisley, 11 am – Gaetan O'Brien  
January 28 – 9 am – Susan Kyanko, 11 am – Nolan Rothrock

### Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

January 21 – 9 am – Skip Camerucci, 11 am – Dan O'Brien  
January 28 – 9 am – Sam Hulett, 11 am – Lori Toczorczic

### Lectors

January 21 – 9 am – Cecilia McAdams, Jarret Chirafisi  
11 am – Emily Wu, Julie Byrne  
January 28 – 9 am – Katherine Kriedermann, Sr. Sharen Baldy  
11 am – Gary Snyder, Diane Meves

### Eucharistic Ministers

January 21 – 9 am – L. Celebrezze, S. Hilllyer, S. Cruickshank  
11 am – Joanna Nunn, Lori Toczorczic, Sandy Glasner  
January 28 – 9 am – MA Kerscher, J Schneider, Steve Hillyer  
11 am – ME O'Shaughnessy, Marilyn Smith, Mark Coleman

**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 21

- ▶ 10:00 am – Sandwiches for St. Lawrence Haven
- ▶ 12:00 pm – St. Francis Book Discussion Group
- ▶ 12:30 pm – First Communion Preparation
- ▶ 7:00 pm – Confirmation Preparation

### Monday, January 22

- ▶ 7:00 pm – Saint Vincent DePaul Meeting

### Tuesday, January 23

- ▶ 12:00 pm – Flytown Women

### Wednesday, January 24

- ▶ 7:00 pm - RCIA

### Thursday, January 25

- ▶ 10:00 am – Westminster Thurber Bible Study

## Parish News and Information

### The St. Francis Book Discussion Group

will meet on today 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 the Pasta Dinner is only 20

days away?! It's time to sign up for all the fun! This year's dinner will be on Saturday, February 10. Lots of volunteers will be needed to make this event successful. We need workers, table sponsors, placemat sponsors, auction items donated, and eaters. Please contact Frank Schneider or Marti Damm with any questions or to volunteer.



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!** The next meeting of St. Francis' Social Justice Group will be on Monday, February 19th at 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the church hall. Social Justice ministry updates will be provided and planning will occur for St. Francis' involvement in the BREAD Nehemiah Action on May 7. All parishioners interested in social justice issues particularly those individuals who attended the BREAD House meeting last October and the BREAD Assembly in November are urged to attend. Questions? Contact Gary Snyder ([snyderg47@gmail.com](mailto:snyderg47@gmail.com)); Phil Pennino ([phil.pennino@gmail.com](mailto:phil.pennino@gmail.com)); Pat Cassidy ([cassidy.jpatrick@yahoo.com](mailto:cassidy.jpatrick@yahoo.com)) or Karen Scheid ([klscheid@gmail.com](mailto:klscheid@gmail.com)).

**Lenten Soup Suppers** – Soup dinners will begin on Wednesday, February 21 following the 6:00 pm Mass. Continue to watch the bulletin for updates on speakers and sign up information to provide soup and bread. We are looking forward to this time of fellowship throughout the Lenten Season.



**Capital Campaign** - Next Sunday, January 28 will be commitment Sunday, when we ask you to submit your campaign pledge. Please complete your pledge card ahead of time, and we will collect them during a special second collection. 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.

## *Gospel Reflection ~ January 21, 2018*

Jesus' first words in Mark's Gospel are a proclamation of his own Good News: the appointed time (*kaïros*) of God's in-breaking is fulfilled; God's kingdom has drawn near, is right on the point of being inaugurated. That the proclamation of God's kingdom is Good News means that God's reign is not like the kingdoms that Jesus' audience knew. The Roman Empire of that day stretched throughout the Mediterranean world, and exercised political, military, and economic control over all the peoples within its boundaries. Besides the emperor Augustus, there were lesser kings, such as King Herod. When Jesus begins his ministry with the proclamation of God's kingdom, John the Baptist has already been arrested. King Herod will have John beheaded, one of the many tangible signs of the brutality and injustice of Herod's kingdom. What a contrast is the Kingdom of God that Jesus proclaims! The response to Herod's kingdom is fear and cringing compliance. The response to God's kingdom is repentance (*metanoia*, or conversion of heart) and belief in his Good News.

Immediately after announcing the Kingdom of God, Jesus call his first disciples. Without using the words "repentance" or "belief," Mark shows that Simon, Andrew, James and John exhibited both repentance and belief, albeit in the very initial stages of their lifelong response to Jesus and the Good News of the Kingdom of God.

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

## *Special Collection*

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to share the Good News of Christ. Through the Propagation of Faith, we can reach those working at "the ends of the earth," offering our prayers and financial assistance as we support the Church's evangelizing efforts worldwide. Membership enrollments can be made using the parish collection envelope for Membership Sunday. Members of the Society receive the graces of 15,000 Masses celebrated each day by missionaries for its members, living or deceased. Mass is also celebrated daily for Society members at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. Today, join in the worldwide mission of Jesus!

## *Capital Campaign*

**Campaign Reception Sundays** - Parishioners, thank you for taking time to learn about our capital campaign and how your participation in the campaign is critical. We appreciated your questions and positive comments. We had over 145 attend the receptions.

A very special thanks to the reception host team led by Kathy Dancey. The reception was very well planned and organized. The idea of having everyone seated and being served allowed for more time to discuss the capital campaign. Also the speakers did an excellent job of sharing their personal thoughts and support for the campaign. Hand crafted churches were made to provide a very distinctive center piece. Thank you also to those who donated food, beverage and various miscellaneous items and to the 37 volunteers that provided support to the reception and helped reduce cost.

A very large visual aid, a tree, will be used to track pledges and cash received. Thank you to all of you for your support, prayers and donations.

## *Next Sunday's Readings*

Deuteronomy 18:15-20  
1 Corinthians 7:32-35  
Mark 1:21-28



## *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](http://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.

Join us in celebrating **Catholic Night with the Columbus Blue Jackets** on Feb. 10, 2018, when the Blue Jackets take on the New Jersey Devils. Tickets are \$38 in the Upper Bowl and \$65 in the Lower Bowl. For every ticket purchased, \$10-\$20 will be donated back to the Diocese of Columbus and you will receive a FREE CBJ Catholic Night t-shirt while supplies last! To order your tickets please visit [www.BlueJackets.com/catholic](http://www.BlueJackets.com/catholic); for more information, contact Jacob Welter at [\(614\) 246-7625](tel:614-246-7625) or

**Technology Director Position Available** - Full-time, 12-month position at Bishop Ready High School. Requirements: Bachelor's degree plus a minimum of 3 years' experience in leadership position directing technology initiatives; strong, extensive knowledge of computers and related technology as applied to K-12 education. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, managing computer networks, plus development, implementation, operation, monitoring, and evaluation of technology program for the school. Send resume and cover letter to Celene A. Seamen, Principal, Bishop Ready High School, 707 Salisbury Road, Columbus, OH 43204.

**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](mailto:mjulian@columbus.rr.com) or Veronica Garrity, parishioner of Our Lady of Peace at [vgarrity@columbus.rr.com](mailto:vgarrity@columbus.rr.com). For general information about this ministry, you may contact Mike Schmidt at [michaeljameschmidt@yahoo.com](mailto:michaeljameschmidt@yahoo.com).

### **Archbishop Hebda to Lecture at the Josephinum**

His Excellency, The Most Reverend Bernard Hebda, Archbishop of Saint Paul & Minneapolis, will deliver the Annual Pio Cardinal Laghi Chair Lecture at the Pontifical College Josephinum on Wednesday, February 7, 2018. Archbishop Hebda will present "Where Two or Three Are Gathered" – Pope Francis' Call for a More Synodal Church" at 7:00 pm in the Jessing Center on the seminary campus. The event is free of charge and open to the public; reservations not required. For more information, please visit [pci.edu](http://pci.edu).