

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of January 4, 2015

Sunday, January 4 -- Epiphany

9:00 am—Parishioners of St Francis of Assisi Parish

11:00 am—Parishioners of St Francis of Assisi Parish

Monday, January 5

NO MASS

Tuesday, January 6

6:00 pm—For Peace in Our World

Wednesday, January 7

6:00 pm—For Those In Our RCIA Program

Thursday, January 8

6:00 pm—For Sick and Homebound Persons

Friday, January 9

6:00 pm—For Those Who Have Lost a Loved One

Saturday, January 10

NO MASS

Sunday, January 11

9:00 am—Parishioners of St Francis of Assisi Parish

11:00 am—Parishioners of St Francis of Assisi Parish

Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

Jan 4—9 am—Terry Gatton, VOLUNTEER

11 am—Jackie Emch, Jeanette Dobrich

Jan 11—9 am—Skip Camerucci, Ted Klupinski

11 am—Maggie McCoy, Sandy Glasner

Servers

Jan 4—9 am—Christine Paisley; 11 am—Margaret O'Brien

Jan 11—9 am—Frank Schneider; 11 am—Fallon O'Brien

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

Jan 4—9 am—Frank Schneider; 11 am—Julie Byrne

Jan 11—9 am—Bob Geoghegan; 11 am—Julie Byrne

Lectors

Jan 4—9 am—Diane Meves, Katherine Kriedermann

11 am—Sophia Brown, VOLUNTEER

Jan 11—9 am—Lorri Kuczynski, Diane Keenan

11 am—VOLUNTEER, Larry Charles

Eucharistic Ministers

Jan 4—9 am—Sister Sharen, M A Kerscher, Dan Kerscher

11 am—Sandy Glasner, M O'Shaughnessy, Diane LeMay

CHOIR—9 am—Linda Wolfe, Catherine Damm

11 am—Marilyn Smith, Mark Coleman

Jan 11—9 am—K Kriedermann, Susan Kyanko, Linda Wolfe

11 am—Jaime Capestany, Diane LeMay, Lori Tocorzic

CHOIR—9 am—Dan Kerscher, Mary Ann Kerscher

11 am—Mark Coleman, Joanna Nunn

Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

TODAY ... Sunday, January 4

- ▶ Hospitality Sunday with PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Following each Mass, hall

Monday, January 5

- ▶ Flytown Men monthly meeting, 6 pm, hall
- ▶ Liturgy Committee, 7 pm

Tuesday, January 6

- ▶ Pastoral Council monthly meeting, 7 pm, hall

Wednesday, January 7

- ▶ RCIA meeting, 7 pm, hall

Thursday, January 8

- ▶ Bible Study at Westminster Thurber, 10:30 am
- ▶ Choir Practice, 7 pm, choir loft

Parish News and Information

Our parish celebration of **First Holy Communion will be on Sunday, April 26 at the 9:00 AM Mass.** Ten preparation sessions for this sacrament and for First Reconciliation (celebrated after Easter) will be held on Sundays starting January 18, 2015 and continuing through March 22. Each session will begin at 12:30 pm and last until 2 pm. Sessions will be in the religious education room (Atrium) in the church basement. Please contact Therese Terndrup at tterndru@kent.edu or leave a message for her with the parish office at [614-299-5781](tel:614-299-5781) if you have any questions. Registration forms are at the back of the church and should be turned in at the first preparation session.

Around Town ... Around the Diocese

PAUL & THE ROLE OF WOMEN: SORTING THROUGH THE CONTRADICTIONS / Sat, Jan 17; 10:00 AM – 11:45 AM

GROWTH IN PRAYER ACCORDING TO THERESA OF AVILA AND JOHN OF THE CROSS / Sat, Jan 17; 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM

Presented by Sister Lisa Marie Belz, OSU, PhD
Suggested donation is \$15 per program or \$25 for both.
Please register by January 13.

Come start the New Year with a refreshing day of Scripture study and prayer, featuring Ursuline Sister Lisa Marie Belz, OSU. Sr. Lisa Marie will present two sessions, one exploring St. Paul's understanding of the role of women in the church, and the other looking at what we can learn about prayer from Theresa of Avila and John of the Cross. **Participants may sign up for either session or both.** The morning session will explore the tensions and questions around Paul's instructions about the proper place of women, in light of discoveries of the earliest surviving copies of Paul's letters. The focus will be on the inconsistencies that come into view when comparing his letters side by side. The afternoon workshop will focus on Teresa of Avila's teachings on growth in prayer and John's insights on the transformations and integration of the spiritual journey. **If you plan to attend both sessions, please bring a bag lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided.**

Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus, OH 43219. Call us at [614-416-1910](tel:614-416-1910) or email us at martindeporres@oppeace.org to register.

Mount Carmel Palliative Care Seeking Volunteers!
Mount Carmel Hospice / Palliative Care Service is looking for individuals who are willing to serve others on the Acute Palliative Care Units. January training classes are forming now. Call 614-234-0200 for information about the scheduled training dates.

Reflection for January 4, 2015

During the first days of the year people are still exchanging wishes of peace and joy. I wish the same to you too, and pray that this year is one of blessings, progress, and success in every area of life.

I am very grateful to the support of the members of our staff, councils, choirs, groups, and associations, and to the generosity of those devout parishioners who, in many ways, have inspired and encouraged my ministry, especially during this holiday season. We are all inadequate servants, chosen to keep alive the power of Jesus and the spirit of St Francis at 386 Buttles Ave, and beyond it. I hope that the same strength, love, passion, and energy remain in every one of us in order to be "the light by which others can make their way to God."

Key to our success will be every one's support in the forms of prayer, participation and monetary contribution to SFA. Through the Incarnation of Jesus, God wants all of us to bring to achievement with our own hands and hearts, sweat and sacrifices, the mighty deed fulfilled by the One who is the head of the Church. When we remain in communion with Jesus and with one another through good deeds and actions, all things are possible.

May the Blessed Virgin Mother walk with us on the narrow paths of the future, and teach us to love and serve her divine Son. If we trustingly say yes to the Lord of history, the year will be good, prosperous, and there will be peace on earth, and many souls and minds will be enriched.

In this era of globalization, how important it is to appreciate God's message of universal salvation proclaimed today. The scattered children of God are summoned to unity under the sovereignty of a Prince of Peace, of mercy and of universal love. In this proposed new worldview, all forms of prejudice are out of place.

The gates of the Kingdom are wide open. "Oh, Peoples of the world and of our neighborhood!" Come with joy, let us adore him! Find and embrace the One you are longing for. He is the true light that will never grow dark, and the definite answer to all your quests. He does not impose his dominion upon us but draws lovingly to him all people of good will.

It's also through that universal love, poor humble service that we can best show our brothers and sisters the true face of Jesus. The One we worship appears to us vulnerable but we will never cease to pay homage to him through the gold of our love, the incense of our prayers and the myrrh of our sacrifices.

With much love and prayers ~ Fr Fritz

The New Year (from *Out of the Ordinary* by Joyce Rupp)

O God – Faithful Companion, in this New Year I pray: to live deeply, with purpose; to live freely, with detachment; to live wisely, with humility; to live justly, with compassion; to live lovingly, with fidelity; to live mindfully, with awareness; to live gratefully, with generosity; to live fully, with enthusiasm. Help me to hold this vision and to daily renew it in my heart, becoming ever more one with you, my truest Self. Amen.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS! The Pasta Dinner will be here before you know it. Mark the date – **Saturday, Feb 14**, from noon to 7 pm. Learn more about it at today's Pancake Breakfast.



Travel with Fr Fritz ... Proximo Travel has a special Holy Land and Rome tour package, and Fr Fritz will be the Chaplain. Join him on this trip to – Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Galilee, Capernaum, Rome, Tuscany, Florence, Venice, and Assisi. **Tour dates are February 2-15, 2015. Cost is \$3,999.00 / Airfare and ALL accommodations included.** To register, please contact 855.842.8001 or 508.340.9370, or register online www.promixotravel.com

"Step up to the Plate!"

Food! Glorious Food! The Return of the SFA Pancake Breakfast! Starring the All-Star SFA Pancake Breakfast Cooking Crew!

STEP UP and enjoy a big plate of pancakes & sausages following Masses on January 4 and February 1, 2015 (Hospitality Sundays). **All you can eat** for \$5.00 includes coffee, juice or milk, along with your pancakes and sausages. All proceeds and donations will be used toward the cost of renovating the staircase – **THE STEPS** -- to the church's choir loft.



Epiphany Stewardship Reflection ...

Ἐπιφάνεια — these symbols from the Greek alphabet and the word itself may not mean much to most of us, but this is the Greek word epiphania, which is the base word for today's Solemnity of The Epiphany of the Lord. Stewardship calls us to an understanding of our Church and our faith. The Epiphany of the Lord is a vital part of our liturgical year and our Catholic tradition.

"Epiphany" literally means "becoming apparent" or "appearance." On this day we celebrate the fact that the reality of Jesus Christ as our Lord and as the divine and human son of God becomes apparent and real to us. This manifestation, following Christmas so closely, is another reminder to us of how gifted we are. It is an additional indication to us of how essential it is for us to acknowledge our giftedness and to respond in kind through stewardship.

Many of us identify the glory and the joy of the visit of the Magi to the Christ child, and as Isaiah the prophet envisages in today's first reading, "Then shall you be radiant at what you see; your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you." And we, as St. Paul indicates in the second reading, "are copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel."