

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of January 25, 2015

Sunday, January 25

9:00 am—Mae O'Reilly (Steven Hillyer)
11:00 am—Parishioners of St Francis of Assisi Parish

Monday, January 26

NO MASS

Tuesday, January 27

6:00 pm—Fr John L Metzger (Pactum Marianum)

Wednesday, January 28

6:00 pm—For Those In Our RCIA Program

Thursday, January 29

6:00 pm—For Peace In Our World

Friday, January 30

6:00 pm—For Sick and Homebound Persons

Saturday, January 31

NO MASS

Sunday, February 1

9:00 am—Parishioners of St Francis of Assisi Parish
11:00 am—JoAnn Casady (Annie and Cea Giardino)

Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

Jan 25—9 am—Rick Miller, Ted Klupinski
11 am—Sophia Brown, Jeannette Dobrich

Servers

Jan 25—9 am—Steven Hillyer; 11 am—Margaret O'Brien

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

Jan 25—9 am—Bob Geoghegan; 11 am—Julie Byrne

Lectors

Jan 25—9 am—Diane Keenan, Elise Ryan
11 am—Maryellen O'Shaughnessy, Maggie McCoy

Eucharistic Ministers

Jan 25—9 am—Gretchen Rivera, J Rosenfield, Susan Kyanko
11 am—Marilyn Smith, Lori Tocorzic, Sandy Glasner
CHOIR—9 am—Christine Paisley, Felicia Maxwell
11 am—Susan Sarwark, Louisa Celebrezze

Editor's Note: Due to the newly renovated choir stairs, staff and choir members discussed the possibility of whether or not to continue the practice of asking Eucharistic Ministers to take Communion (Body and Blood) to the choir loft. This decision impacts the ministry scheduling software, and as a result, the Feb schedule has not been finalized or published yet. The parish office apologizes for any inconvenience, and will notify participants of the Feb schedule as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

HELP WANTED: We are in need of Eucharistic Minister volunteers to visit both Westminster Thurber and Heartland Victorian Village nursing homes on **Sunday mornings** following Mass. **Would you consider helping just once a month?**

Some of the residents get no other visitors during the week, and a Communion visit means a lot! Please prayerfully consider helping to lighten the load of those who already go every week.

Contact the parish office: 614.299.5781 /
office@sfacolumbus.org

Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

TODAY ... Sunday, January 25

- ▶ SVDP Monthly Meeting, 1 pm
- ▶ Secular Franciscan Order, 2-5 pm, church and hall

Tuesday, January 27

- ▶ Stewardship Council monthly meeting, 7 pm, hall

Wednesday, January 28

- ▶ RCIA meeting, 7 pm, hall

Thursday, January 29

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

Saturday, January 31

- ▶ Liturgical Ministers Retreat, 9 am, hall
(optional -- arrive for "breakfast" at 8:30 am)

LOOKING AHEAD ... Sunday, February 1

- ▶ Hospitality Sunday featuring PANCAKES

Monday, February 2

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

Tuesday, February 3

- ▶ Pastoral Council monthly meeting, 7 pm, hall

The next meeting of the St. Francis Book Discussion Group will be on February 15 following the 11 am Mass. The group will discuss **Being Mortal** by Atul Gawande. All are welcome.

Parish News and Information

Morning of Reflection for Liturgical Ministers. There will be a morning of reflection for all new and continuing liturgical ministers from **9:00 am – 11:00 am Saturday, January 31.** (Come at 8:30 am for coffee, tea, or cocoa and donuts!) The morning will be a time to join together to pray and reflect on the important service provided by our greeters, crucifers, servers, lectors, choir members, Eucharistic Ministers and others who contribute to our parish liturgies. **Even if you have not previously signed up, please join us if you are interested in serving in one of the liturgical ministries.** After the meeting, there will be an opportunity to ask questions and to get information on training. For additional information, or if you are not able to attend the reflection, please contact one of our Mass Coordinators, **Pat Cassidy, (614.625.5271),** cassidy.jpatrick@yahoo.com or **Linda Wolfe (614.879.6734),** greywolfetracks@gmail.com.

2014 Financial Contribution Statements are ready! You may obtain your copy via postal mail / email / pick up in church. Just let us know, using one of the forms found in the pews, or contact the parish office (614.299.5781 / office@sfacolumbus.org) Please know that every effort is made to compile an accurate statement; however, the parish office is happy to make corrections, if necessary. Thank you!



The **Help Wanted** Category continues ... we are looking for **collection counters**, either to serve once a month, or to be placed on a sub list. Qualifications = using a calculator, maintaining confidentiality. Counters work in teams for accounting standard and safety purposes. Contact the parish office (office@sfacolumbus.org / 614.299.5781) if you can help.

Reflection for January 25, 2015

One of Jesus' very first acts as he begins his mission is to form a core group of immediate collaborators and active agents of his grand mission. Today we see him calling simple fishermen, two sets of brothers, Simon and Andrew, James and John, the reluctant Jonah, and in a certain way people like you and me to become fishers of his people.

Of course, we are radically unfit for the task. "God doesn't call only the qualified, but, oftentimes, he qualifies the called." And when we answer God's call, we are not being asked to force ourselves to be something we are not, or to run the other way. But to those of good faith, Jesus promises his grace -- that is a sharing of his Holy Spirit, his wisdom, his power and his strength.

One condition is set forth: We have to repent and believe the good news. Sincere repentance gains God's favor as excessive attachment to passing things which distract us from goals that are superior and permanent.

Like the Nineveh, Paul, and the first disciples, let us give up our former way of life to follow Jesus unreservedly, by using our natural talents, and skills to bring people to him. Do you feel called to serve? Then, respond with the gifts you already have, as did the apostles!

In Christ ~ Fr Fritz

Parish News and Information

"Step up to the Plate!" – back for extra innings!



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

STEP UP one more time and enjoy a big plate of pancakes & sausages following Masses on February 1, 2015 (Hospitality Sunday). **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 choir loft.

UPDATE: The Pancake Breakfast in January netted over \$3,000 for the steps! Combined with a grant from The Catholic Foundation of \$3,300, we now have close to \$6,400 toward the anticipated cost of \$8,800. **Just \$2,200 more to go!** Help us hit that walk-off home run to finish up!!!

HUMAN TRAFFICKING ... Dominican Sister Nadine Buchanan will be at St. Francis of Assisi Parish on Thursday night, February 12 at 7 pm to provide an overview of human trafficking and to discuss ways all of us can contribute to combating it. As Sister Nadine has noted, "So many people have no idea that this modern-day slavery is happening all around us." She continues, "I was once in a similar state of ignorance, but now my eyes have been opened particularly through witnessing the pain and suffering of human trafficking victims I have come to know." Mark your calendar and plan to attend this important event.

Apologies to all for the problems with the lift in the church!

We've had technical difficulties due to some warping and the electronic sensor, but the repair team has it good working order now! Thank you for your patience!

Pasta Dinner News!!!

Saturday, Feb 14, from noon to 7 pm
This year, we combine
Mardi Gras and Valentine's Day!



Each year, our Pasta Dinner provides an opportunity for fund-raising and fellowship. Parishioners work together to make and serve a delicious dinner, bake delicious treats, contribute gifts baskets for a raffle – all to benefit our parish.

WHAT'S ON THE MENU? There will be penne pasta with meatballs and homemade sauces (including vegetarian options), salad and roll with butter, beverage and dessert.

We are looking for **donations** from our parishioners for **HANDMADE ITEMS** for the silent auction, along with **restaurant or store gift certificates, new household items, and gift baskets** as raffle items. **We also need HOMEMADE BAKED GOODS!**

VOLUNTEERS HAVE FUN! You can help make the Pasta Dinner a success in many ways, big and small. In addition to contributing prizes or baked goods, you can be a waiter for 2 hours. Help set up the day before. So many possibilities!!! Contact Chairperson Patti Maietta at pamaietta@gmail.com, to let her know how you might help.

Around Town ... Around the Diocese

The Office of Vocations for the Columbus Diocese is presenting the third annual Service Awards. This \$500 award is available to all students, grades eight through twelve, living in the Diocese of Columbus including those attending public, private, and Catholic schools as well as home schooled students. The criteria for award eligibility includes parish involvement, service, and a short 300- word essay on the importance of service and giving back to the community. For more information and to enter, visit www.faceforwardcolumbus.com/service-awards.

Yarncraft as an Opportunity for Prayer: A Weekend Retreat for Knitters, Crocheters and other Needlecrafters, Led by Sr. Valerie Shaul, OP ... Friday, Feb. 27, 7pm – Sunday, March 1, Noon. Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave.

How we pray is as unique as we are. This weekend will be an opportunity to pray our knitting, crocheting, or other forms of needlework while contemplating Scripture and sharing our thoughts, insights and questions. **Bring your Bible and your needlework projects.** Cost: \$125 includes overnight accommodations and four meals (breakfast on Sat. & Sun; lunch and supper on Sat.) Commuters: \$60 (includes lunch and supper on Sat.) *We never want money to be an obstacle to a person's participation. Please let us know if you need financial assistance. Or if you'd like to contribute to a "scholarship fund" to help others attend, we welcome your donation!* Register online at cccenterofpeace.org or email us at corpuschristicenterofpeace@gmail.com. Call Corpus Christi Center of Peace with any questions: 614-512-3731.