

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of February 1, 2015

Sunday, February 1

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

Monday, February 2

NO MASS

Tuesday, February 3

NO MASS

Wednesday, February 4

NO MASS

Thursday, February 5

NO MASS

Friday, February 6

6:00 pm—For Sick and Homebound Persons

Saturday, February 7

NO MASS

Sunday, February 8

9:00 am—Parishioners of St Francis of Assisi Parish
11:00 am—Msgr Edward McFarland (Patti Maietta)

Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

Feb 1—9 am—Ted Klupinski, Rick Miller

11 am—Sophia Brown, Jackie Emch

Feb 8—9 am—Katherine Kriedermann, Susan Kyanko

11 am—Sandy Glasner, Marilyn Smith

Servers

Feb 1—9 am—Frank Conway; 11 am—Margaret O'Brien

Feb 8—9 am—Steven Hillyer; 11 am—NOT FILLED

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

Feb 1—9 am—Frank Schneider; 11 am—Julie Byrne

Feb 8—9 am—Skip Camerucci; 11 am—Lori Tocorzic

Lectors

Feb 1—9 am—Joyce Schneider, Matt Pastore

11 am—Jon Murphy, Ben Gibbons

Feb 8—9 am—Maggie McCoy, Lorri Kuczynski

11 am—Larry Charles, Sophia Brown

Eucharistic Ministers

Feb 1—9 am—Catherine Damm, K Kriedermann, J Rosenfield

11 am—Mark Coleman, Diane LeMay, Marilyn Smith

Feb 8—9 am—Diane Keenan, Linda Wolfe, Catherine Damm

11 am—Diane LeMay, Susie Sarwark, Mark Coleman

MANY THANKS to all who generously donated items for The Open Shelter. Two car-fulls of donations were delivered to the shelter last week. Together with donations from Ceramic Drive residents (neighborhood of SVDP members Will Brenner and Patricia Barnes), we were able to collect the following: 33 hats, gloves and scarves / 62 coats, warm vests and heavy shirts/jackets / 78 shirts / 20 pairs of pants / 20 pairs of shoes and 24 pairs of socks / Over 100 toiletry items / 38 food items / 2 sleeping bags / 29 other items (whistles, can openers, sheets, towels, pens, paper, envelopes).

Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

TODAY! ... Sunday, February 1

- ▶ Hospitality Sunday featuring PANCAKES

Monday, February 2

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

Tuesday, February 3

- ▶ Pastoral Council monthly meeting, 7 pm, hall

Wednesday, February 4

- ▶ RCIA meeting, 7 pm, hall

Thursday, February 5

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

Saturday, February 6

- ▶ Men's Coffee and Prayer Group, 8:30 am, hall

LOOKING AHEAD ... Sunday, February 8

- ▶ St Francis Seniors, 2 pm, hall

Tuesday, February 10

- ▶ Flytown Women, monthly luncheon, 12 noon, hall
- ▶ NOTE: NO HOLY HOUR this month

Wednesday, February 11

- ▶ RCIA meeting, 7 pm, hall

Thursday, February 12

- ▶ Presentation on Human Trafficking, 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

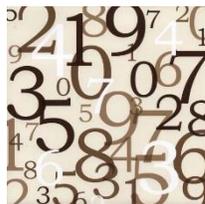
2014 Financial Contribution Statements are ready! You may obtain your copy via postal mail / email / pick up in church (look for the pretty green box). Just let us know, using one of the forms found in the pews, or contact the parish office (614.299.5781 / office@sfacolumbus.org) Please know that every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

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 /

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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 February 1, 2015

We read in today's Gospel what is called "a typical Day of Jesus." Jesus walks with his first apostles into Capernaum that is a noisy and a messy city along the Sea of Galilee. **Two deeds are recounted:** Jesus preaches the good news, and heals a man possessed with an unclean spirit.

First **Jesus teaches the Scripture with authority** and from his own perspective. His first mission is to announce the Good News and to reveal to the world **the mystery of his Father's Love for us**. Yes "the time has come; repent and believe the good news." People are stunned. His message is fresh and turns lives around and **hopefully yours as well!** **Jesus is a teacher, a Rabbi, and the Church continues his teaching ministry.** We must always proclaim the good news he came to reveal.

Then, Jesus' sermon is interrupted as an unclean spirit screams. The unclean spirit recognizes who Jesus is and what he can do. Jesus heals him and the man is restored to wholeness. Jesus comes to free us from the oppression of the evil one over our lives. He stands as the victor over the torment inflicted upon mankind by the tyrannical inner forces of evil. **We all have to choose between Jesus and Satan, good and evil, truth and falsehood** and to witness everything that Jesus says and does. The Kingdom of God is at hand here and now. Alleluia!

In Christ ~ Fr Fritz

Parish News and Information

Super Sunday Pancake Breakfast!!!!



One more time! Come 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 to the choir loft. **And guess what? We're all most there!** 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 score that winning touchdown for our choir and our church!*

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.

In his World Day of Peace message, Pope Francis denounced "the growing scourge of man's exploitation by man" and said governments must do more to combat organized crime groups responsible for human trafficking.

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.

Pastoral Council is a group of people who love the Lord and love our parish. Its purpose is to provide guidance and encouragement to our Pastor, ensure all groups have what they need to be successful, and overall represent our parishioners and their thoughts and opinions. We meet monthly, the first Tuesday of each month, from 7:00-9:00 pm. Ideally, Pastoral Council would be comprised of people from all walks and stages of life so everyone is well represented. Please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to be a part of this integral leadership team.

Applications are available via the bulletin (see insert) and the deadline is next Sunday, February 8. If you have any questions regarding Pastoral Council and potentially serving on council, please contact any council member.

NO DAILY MASS – EXCEPT FRIDAY – for the weeks of February 1 and February 8, due to Fr Fritz's vacation.

Around Town ... Around the Diocese

On Feb 5, the brand-new **Columbus Young Catholic Professionals (CYCP)** group is having a social hour! At 7 p.m., they are meeting in the Social Hall of the Newman Center for refreshments (light snacks and beer and wine) and networking. Seminarian Stu Wilson-Smith will speak to the group about being a Catholic young adult in this day and age. Afterwards, the group is heading to the Little Bar for continued socializing! A \$5.00 donation the CYCP is suggested, but not required. Please come out and make some new friends who share your faith! (Again, that's Thursday, Feb 5, at 7 pm, at 64 W. Lane Ave.)