

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of February 22, 2015

Sunday, February 22—First Sunday of Lent

9:00 am—Parishioners of St Francis of Assisi Parish
11:00 am—Parishioners of St Francis of Assisi Parish

Monday, February 23

NO MASS

Tuesday, February 24

6:00 pm—For Peace In Our World

Wednesday, February 25

6:00 pm—For Those In Our RCIA Program

Thursday, February 26

6:00 pm—Joan Randolph (Jack Randolph)

Friday, February 27

6:00 pm—Msgr. Thomas Bender (Pactum Marianum)

Saturday, February 28

NO MASS

Sunday, March 1—Second Sunday of Lent

9:00 am—Parishioners of St Francis of Assisi Parish
11:00 am—JoAnn Casaday (Annie & Cia Giardino)

Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

Feb 22—9 am—Terry Gatton, Frank Conway
11 am—Maryellen O'Shaughnessy, Marilyn Smith
Mar 1—9 am—Terry Gatton, Rick Miller
11 am—Sandy Glasner, Jackie Emch

Servers

Feb 22—9 am—Susan Kyanko; 11 am—Fallon O'Brien
Mar 1—9 am—Steven Hillyer; 11 am—Margaret O'Brien

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

Feb 22—9 am—Bob Geoghegan; 11 am—Lori Tocarzic
Mar 1—9 am—Skip Camerucci; 11 am—Lori Tocarzic

Lectors

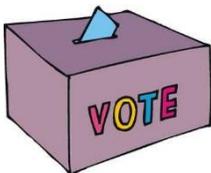
Feb 22—9 am—Linda Wolfe, Joyce Schneider
11 am—Ben Gibbons, Gretchen Rivera
Mar 1—9 am—Sister Sharen, Gretchen Rivera
11 am—Sophia Brown, Larry Charles

Eucharistic Ministers

Feb 22—9 am—D Kerscher, K Kriedermann, Mary Ann Kerscher
11 am—Jaime Capestany, Diane LeMay, Joanna Nunn
Mar 1—9 am—L Celebrezze, Joyce Schneider, Linda Wolfe
11 am—Mark Coleman, Diane LeMay, Jaime Capestany

Our condolences to parishioner Theri Brady, whose father died unexpectedly earlier this month. Theri is with her family in Florida, and we offer our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to her.

We would like to thank the following parishioners for coming forward and volunteering to have their names placed on the ballot for pastoral council elections -- **Theri Brady, Tera Kovar, Teri Leitwein, John Ryan, and Michael Schmidt**. Ballots with bios and pictures will be available in the pews for elections today.



Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

TODAY ... Sunday, February 22

- ▶ SVDP Sandwiches for homeless, following 9 am Mass
- ▶ RCIA Reception, following 11 am Mass
- ▶ SVDP Monthly Meeting, 1 pm, hall
- ▶ Diocesan Second Collection
- ▶ Secular Franciscan Order, 2-5 pm, church and hall

Tuesday, February 24

- ▶ Stewardship Council monthly meeting, 7 pm, hall

Wednesday, February 25

- ▶ Soup Supper, following 6 pm Mass
- ▶ RCIA meeting, following Soup Supper

Thursday, February 26

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

Saturday, February 28

- ▶ Garden Planning team, 2 pm, hall

LOOKING AHEAD ... Sunday, March 1

- ▶ Hospitality Sunday, following each Mass, hall

NOTE: during Lent, Confessions will be heard Tuesday-Friday beginning at 5:30 pm

Parish News and Information

This year's first Lenten soup supper event will feature Fr. Fritz and Emmanuel Pean, a fellow member of the Haitian community in Columbus, who will discuss their journey of immigration to the USA. The event will follow Mass on Wednesday evening.



LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS will be held Wednesday evenings after 6 PM Mass in the church hall from February 25 through April 1. **We need volunteers to provide soup and bread, and there are sign-up sheets in the back of church where you can sign up.** Help us continue this wonderful Lenten tradition of a simple meal and prayerful reflections.

Saturday February 28 and Saturday March 14 at 2PM, anyone



interested in helping to plan for the upcoming Spring and Summer seasons of our parish gardens, please join us in the church hall. Who knows? Maybe it will make Spring come sooner! Questions, contact the parish office at 299.5781 / office@sfacolumbus.org

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS RITE OF SENDING

TODAY, February 22, at the 11:00 Mass, we will celebrate the *Rite of Sending* with our baptized Candidates Sabrina Brown and Jared Holt. They have expressed their desire to participate fully in the sacramental life of the Catholic Church. On Sunday afternoon, they will gather with Bishop Campbell for the diocesan Rite of the Call to Continuing Conversion. During this rite, the Bishop will recognize the desire of Sabrina, Jared and all the Candidates for Confirmation and Eucharist within the Catholic community. **Immediately after the 11:00 Mass, a light reception will be served in the Church hall. Please join us to meet Sabrina and Jared and show your support as they move closer to receiving the sacraments at the Easter Vigil.**

Pastoral Reflection for February 22, 2015

On this first Sunday of Lent, the Church proposes that we meditate and pray on the temptations of Jesus in the desert. Jesus is described as being surrounded by wild animals. We can relate to that image as well. Who is secure nowadays? Listen to the daily news and you will hear how many people around the world perish unexpectedly while simply doing the ordinary things of life.

We are threatened by all sorts of physical and emotional dangers at times such as the obstacles we encounter in recalling our covenant with Christ. In Lent, we are reminded that after the waters of the flood that destroyed the earth in the days of Noah, the waters of baptism cleanse us of all aspects of our bad identities to begin all over again. We have passed through the contrasting waters of Baptism and our own deserts of struggle, confrontation, and discernment to be faithful God's covenanted people.

Mindful of this covenant, let us appreciate anew our Baptism and commit to some quiet time with Jesus in the desert. "Now is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the Gospel."

In Christ ~ Fr Fritz

Parish News and Information

A GREAT BIG Thank you for everyone who participated in making the pasta dinner a success, from set up to tear down. We certainly couldn't have made the dinner a success without the help of many. Even the cold weather didn't deter us! Also a special thanks to all those who sponsored a table -- That money was used to help defray the cost of the food. Thanks also to the many who donated a raffle item, made something for the silent auction, and contributed to the 50/50 raffle (the lucky winner of that took home \$196!). The bake sale was a success thanks to all who baked. Also, as in years past the entertainment was a huge hit! Everyone really helped make our job easier. ~ *Patti Maietta and John Gable*

Stewardship Bulletin Reflection, from Catholic Stewardship Consultants

Gn 9: 8-15; Ps 25: 4-9; 1 PT3: 18-22; Mk 1: 12-15

It is no surprise that water literally runs through all the readings on this First Sunday of Lent — from the flood waters experienced by Noah in Genesis, to St. Peter comparing Baptism to this flood, to Jesus venturing into the desert for 40 days immediately after His Baptism, as reported by St. Mark.

There are more than 700 references to water in Holy Scripture, but as we begin our Lenten journeys, our concentration needs to be on our own Baptism and our personal Baptismal call. Stewardship has been defined as our response to that Baptismal call through discipleship and service. Just as Jesus entered the desert for 40 days, we are doing the same during Lent.

Defining our Baptismal call is part of what we should be striving to do at this time. Baptism calls us to a sense of mission. Another key word in today's scripture is "covenant." The reading from Genesis speaks to God's covenant with us, His people. A covenant, nevertheless, is a two-way street. God has blessed us with the Holy Spirit and the Lord has promised us everlasting life if we fulfill His desires. It is time for us to discover how we are going to live out our covenant with God.

Parish News and Information

By now you should have received a copy via email of the St. Francis of Assisi **Spring 2015 newsletter**. If you have not, please contact the church office to make sure your email address is accurate. Thank you!

Pilgrimage Opportunity!



Join internationally known tour guide Fr. Joshua Wagner for a Lenten and Easter Pilgrimage to some of the most beautiful churches in the Diocese of Columbus! "The Seven Church Tour" is a Pilgrimage in your own back yard and this year we are touring the **OLDEST Catholic Churches in Ohio**, as well as paying tribute to Pope St. John Paul II. This year there are two different Seven Church Tours, one touring the churches in the city of Columbus (and St Francis of Assisi will be part of that tour), and one touring the churches of Zanesville and Perry County! In you want to experience the Diocese of Columbus in a new and exciting way then go to sevenchurchtour.com for more info!

[NOTE: Tour dates in which our parish will participate are March 14 and April 11 ... and the parish office is still looking for volunteers to serve as greeters and distribute literature about our parish. Interested in helping? One a one-hour time commitment! Call the parish office 614.299.5781 or email office@sfacolumbus.org]



Planning Ahead? Mark your calendars -- **The St. Francis Book Discussion Group will meet on Sunday, March 22** after the 11 o'clock Mass in the church hall. (Note this change from the usual third Sunday.) The group will discuss "All the Light We Cannot See" by Anthony Doerr

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Help Wanted ... 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.

