

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of March 1, 2015

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)

Monday, March 2

NO MASS

Tuesday, March 3

6:00 pm—For Homeless and Those In Need

Wednesday, March 4

6:00 pm—Bill Scharlott (Fran Scharlott)

Thursday, March 5

6:00 pm—For Peace In Our World

Friday, March 6

6:00 pm—Msgr. James L.T. Ruef (Pactum Marianum)

Saturday, March 7

NO MASS

Sunday, March 8—Third Sunday of Lent

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

11:00 am—Charlie McGrath (Steven Hillyer)

Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

Mar 1—9 am—Terry Gatton, Rick Miller

11 am—Sandy Glasner, Jackie Emch

Mar 8—9 am—Rick Miller, Ted Klupinski

11 am—Theri Brady, Maggie McCoy

Servers

Mar 1—9 am—Steven Hillyer; 11 am—Margaret O'Brien

Mar 8—9 am—Frank Schneider; 11 am—Fallon O'Brien

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

Mar 1—9 am—Skip Camerucci; 11 am—Lori Toczorcz

Mar 8—9 am—Susan Kyanko; 11 am—Lori Toczorcz

Lectors

Mar 1—9 am—Sister Sharen, Gretchen Rivera

11 am—Sophia Brown, Larry Charles

Mar 8—9 am—Diane Keenan, Elise Ryan

11 am—Maryellen O'Shaughnessy, Dan Kerscher

Eucharistic Ministers

Mar 1—9 am—L Celebrezze, Joyce Schneider, Linda Wolfe

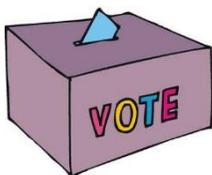
11 am—Mark Coleman, Diane LeMay, Jaime Capestany

Mar 8—9 am—J Capestany, K Kriedermann, Chris Paisley

11 am—Joanna Nunn, Marilyn Smith, Mary Ann Kerscher

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 congratulate the following parishioners who have been elected to our pastoral council -- **Theri Brady, John Ryan, and Michael Schmidt**. Thank you to everyone who agreed to have their name placed on the ballot ... We are grateful for your willingness to serve St Francis of Assisi parish!



Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

TODAY ... Sunday, March 1

- ▶ Hospitality Sunday, following each Mass, hall

Monday, March 2

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

Tuesday, March 3

- ▶ Pastoral Council, monthly meeting, 7 pm, hall

Wednesday, March 4

- ▶ Soup Supper, following 6 pm Mass
Speaker: Diane LeMay, about Camino Pilgrimage
- ▶ RCIA meeting, following Soup Supper

Thursday, March 5

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

Saturday, March 7

- ▶ Secular Franciscan Order day-long retreat, church/hall
- ▶ Men's Coffee and Prayer Group, 8:30 am, hall

LOOKING AHEAD ... Sunday, March 8

- ▶ BREAD meeting, following 11 am Mass, hall
- ▶ St Francis Seniors monthly meeting, 2 pm, hall

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

Parish News and Information

This week's Lenten soup supper event will feature parishioner **Diane LeMay**, who will talk about her journey on the El Camino de Santiago (The Way of St James) in Europe. This walking pilgrimage is filled with many spiritual encounters. The event will follow Mass on Wednesday evening.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS



will be held Wednesday evenings after 6 PM Mass in the church hall 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.

Our **St. Vincent de Paul Conference** is again supporting the **Women Affirming Women** retreat weekend in July. We will be helping them to stock their boutique. As you are cleaning out your closets, please keep them in mind. A list of items to be collected will be in the bulletin soon. Thanks for your support.

Ten years ago our parish began a listening process for BREAD, and in 2015 we will celebrate our 10th anniversary as a BREAD congregation. In 2015, we will also celebrate the 120th anniversary of the laying of our church's cornerstone. To celebrate these dual anniversaries, and challenge ourselves, our parish has a goal of turning out 120 folks to the Nehemiah Action on May 4th, 2015 at the State Fairgrounds. Please join us in working to reach this goal! **The St. Francis BREAD Justice Ministry is meeting Sunday, March 8th, after 11:00 Mass in the Parish Hall.** Questions? Please contact Ben Gibbons, bandgibbons@yahoo.com or [614.499.4240](tel:614.499.4240).

Pastoral Reflection for March 1, 2015

This year the theme of "Journey" -- whether social or spiritual -- has been established by the Pastoral Council for the Soup Supper series. Whatever stage we are in life, we are in a journey. Lent is a penitential journey to Easter. Therefore, every text of Scripture today casts special lights on the mystery of Christ's death and Resurrection. Isaac, Abraham's only begotten son, trusting obedience to his Father who was called by God to sacrifice him, and his being saved from death at the last minute prefigures Jesus' obedience to the Father and his ultimate victory on Easter.

"If God is for us, who can be against us? The resurrection of Jesus whose Gospel of transfiguration foreshadows, is teaching us that total trust in God is always rewarded. The faithful is never excessively disturbed by the setbacks of life. His trust and hope help him withstand any trial.

As we approach patiently the contemplation of the horrors of Jesus' sacrifice, it is essential to remain aware at all time that He is the announced Messiah, and that his sacrificial journey in obedience to the Father will end in resounding victory. Without this understanding, the Passion narratives make no sense.

His victory and ours demand an attitude of total trust in God in the midst of trials and tribulations! This is why Lent is necessary. It trains us to be dependent on God, in good times and bad, no matter what our mountaintop experiences are.

In Christ ~ Fr Fritz

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Stewardship Bulletin Reflection, from Catholic Stewardship Consultants ... Gn 22: 1-2, 9A, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116: 10, 15-19; Rom 8: 31B-34; Mk 9: 2-10

Most of us have heard many times the story of how God tested Abraham, as reported in our first reading from Genesis. Often there may be various emotional reactions to the situation as it unfolds. However, there are two important aspects of the narrative that we sometimes miss.

Yes, Abraham was tested, but so was his son Isaac. It would seem that Isaac was a willing participant in the ordeal. Isaac clearly did not protest nor resist lying on the altar in preparation for what would occur. Isaac offers an example of one of the basic tenets of stewardship: he trusted completely in God (and in his father, as well). That kind of total trust is difficult, but if we do not trust in the Lord, it is hard for us to make the kind of commitment to stewardship and discipleship the Lord wants from us.

The other feature of this story we sometimes miss is the parallel between Abraham and his son, and what would occur between God and His only son, Jesus Christ. Everything from the mountain to hauling the wood up the mountain to the father sacrificing his son to deliverance from death is reminiscent of Christ's sacrifice for us, and God's willingness to offer "His only begotten Son, that those who believe in him may not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

Do you like to sing? Do you like to sing BUT worry that you can't make choir rehearsals on Thursday nights? **Well, then, the 9 am choir is for you!** All you have to do is show up on Sunday mornings. Contact Choir Director Laurel Marazita for more info ...email = lmrazita@hotmail.com / or visit her in the choir loft!

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RCIA – The Penitential Rite ...

This morning at the 9:00 am Mass, we will celebrate with our baptized candidates, Sabrina Brown and Jared Holt, the "Penitential Rite." The prayers of this rite ask God's protection on those who will soon become full members of the Catholic Church through the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. Prayers of scrutiny are among the most ancient prayers in the Christian liturgical tradition. As early as the second century, Christian communities would help those who had been chosen for Baptism to prepare for their initiation by the laying on of hands and by prayers for protection and deliverance from evil. As we journey throughout the Lenten season with those called to the sacraments, may we recognize the need we *all* share for freedom from evil, and open our hearts to the overwhelming grace of God.

Seven Church Tour coming here to SFA!



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? Only 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

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.



In case you missed it last week ... 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*

Parish office update ... gross proceeds = \$6,100.00!

