

## Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of March 8, 2015

### Sunday, March 8—Third Sunday of Lent

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

11:00 am—Charlie McGrath (Steven Hillyer)

### Monday, March 9

NO MASS

### Tuesday, March 10

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

### Wednesday, March 11

6:00 pm—RCIA Candidates

### Thursday, March 12

6:00 pm—Joan Randolph (Jack Randolph)

### Friday, March 13

6:00 pm—For Peace in Our World

### Saturday, March 14

NO MASS

### Sunday, March 15—Fourth Sunday of Lent

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

11:00 am—Dick Stevens (Laura Casaday and Sally Gard)

## Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries

### Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

Mar 8—9 am—Rick Miller, Ted Klupinski

11 am—Theri Brady, Maggie McCoy

Mar 15—9 am—Skip Camerucci, Terry Gattton

11 am—Marilyn Smith, Maggie McCoy

### Servers

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

Mar 15—9 am—Frank Conway; 11 am—Fallon O'Brien

### Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

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

Mar 15—9 am—Bob Geoghegan; 11 am—NOT FILLED

### Lectors

Mar 8—9 am—Diane Keenan, Elise Ryan

11 am—Maryellen O'Shaughnessy, Dan Kerscher

Mar 15—9 am—Gretchen Rivera, Joyce Schneider

11 am—Julie Byrne, Diane Meves

### Eucharistic Ministers

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

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

Mar 15—9 am—Catherine Damm, Steven Hillyer, F Schneider

11 am—Joanna Nunn, M O'Shaughnessy, Diane LeMay

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like to sing? Do you like to sing 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 = [lmarazita@hotmail.com](mailto:lmarazita@hotmail.com) / or visit her in the choir loft!

## Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

### TODAY ... Sunday, March 8

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

### Tuesday, March 10

- ▶ Flytown Women, 12 noon, hall

### Wednesday, March 11

- ▶ Soup Supper, following 6 pm Mass  
Speaker: Therese Phillips and Martin Phillips  
Family's Journey to Overturn Death Penalty Sentence
- ▶ RCIA meeting, following Soup Supper

### Thursday, March 12

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

### Saturday, March 14

- ▶ Seven Church Tour stop, 11:45 am – 1 :15 pm

### LOOKING AHEAD ... Sunday, March 15

- ▶ Baptism Workshop, 12:30 pm, Desert Room

### Monday, March 16

- ▶ Drumming Circle, 7 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 staff member Therese Phillips and her brother Martin Phillips, who will talk about their family's journey of forgiveness to overturn a death penalty sentence for the man convicted of murdering their uncle. The event will follow Mass on Wednesday evening, March 11.

### 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.

### Upcoming Soup Supper presentations ...

March 18 – Shannon Easter, of Faith Mission, who will talk about the services of Faith Mission, and the journey of the clients who visit there ...

March 25 – Mark Segal, parishioner and oncologist, who will talk about the journey of doctors and patients in cancer-related settings ...

### Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference is again supporting the Women Affirming Women retreat weekend in July.



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your support.

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

## Pastoral Reflection for March 8, 2015

The third Sunday of Lent is usually the day for the first scrutiny with the **Elects** — those to be Baptized. Unfortunately, this year we only have two **Candidates** — those Baptized seeking full communion in the Body of Christ and the Father's house. As God's living temples, we are encouraged to support them in their journey of continuing conversion through our prayers and our good examples.

Today, while the story of Jesus driving out the merchants from the temple has given rise to all sorts of commentaries, we need to ponder in our minds and hearts that his prophetic gesture foretells the end of the old liturgy, and the advent of the new more dignified form of worship-----the liturgy of the New Testament, especially the perfect sacrifice of the Mass that does away with all sorts of animal-offering. Obviously, this transition will take place on Calvary and on Easter. At this point, Jesus will incorporate us to His body, and we will all become the new temple as we accept Him as our Lord.

As we continue our own journey through Lent, let us make a whip not of cord but of penance to cleanse our hearts from all impurities. Brethren, confession before Easter is important, the sacred means instituted by Jesus to wash away the inner self. Accept to live in communion with God, with our community and with ourselves!

*In Christ ~ Fr Fritz*

## Parish News and Information

### From Catholic Stewardship Consultants

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Ex 20: 1-17; Ps 19: 8-11; 1 Cor 1: 22-25; Jn 2: 13-25



The Ten Commandments are our moral code given directly to us from God. Our Catholic beliefs, morals, and practices often come under attack from the secular society, but these clearly written morals are the anchor on which much of our behavior should be based.

In fact, according to the noted author and philosopher C. S. Lewis, "There is a universal morality among all humankind. These principles represented in the Ten Commandments are implanted in the hearts and minds of all women and men." That would seem to make it simple, but as we all know, nothing is ever simple.

Nevertheless, during our Lenten preparations for Easter, it is an excellent time for us to evaluate how we are doing in relation to these basic Commandments from God. Our sense of stewardship tells us that we are in need of God's guidance and instructions. Too often in our society we seem to rely upon what our "personal" feelings may be in relation to morals and how we live them out. When questioned about the Commandments, Jesus responded that the two most important were to "love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind," as well as "Love your neighbor as yourself." Our problem may be that we do not even fulfill those two Commandments, let alone the Ten Commandments. That should be our goal always, not just during Lent.

## Parish News and Information

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 TODAY, Sunday, March 8th, after 11:00 Mass in the Parish Hall.** Questions? Please contact Ben Gibbons, [bendgibbons@yahoo.com](mailto:bendgibbons@yahoo.com) or [614.499.4240](tel:614.499.4240).

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:office@sfacolumbus.org) / 614.299.5781) if you can help.

## Around Town ... Around the Diocese

**Catholic Social Services' Service Saturday** -- May 16, 2015 Do you know a Franklin County low-income senior who could use some extra help with yard work, painting, or small repairs? Contact them today and ask if they'd like some help from our volunteers on this year's Service Saturday. On Service Saturday, Catholic Social Services organizes hundreds of volunteers to do home maintenance projects for Franklin County low-income seniors. Please contact Peggy Sirbaugh at [psirbaugh@colscss.org](mailto:psirbaugh@colscss.org) or 614-857-1251 with information about your neighbor in need.

*We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family of **Michelle Sutter**. Michelle, a member of our choir, passed away last week, after a battle with cancer. Her funeral was held here on Saturday, and we thank all those who contributed to the service and the luncheon. May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.*