

## Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of March 22, 2015

### Sunday, March 22—Fifth Sunday of Lent

9:00 am—Mae Louise O'Reilly (Dorothy Spiva)  
11:00 am—Parishioners of St Francis of Assisi Parish

### Monday, March 23

NO MASS

### Tuesday, March 24

6:00 pm—Mary Louise Bechtel (Jack Randolph)

### Wednesday, March 25

6:00 pm—RCIA Candidates

### Thursday, March 26

6:00 pm—Helen Jane Maloney (Mark Gideon)

### Friday, March 27

6:00 pm—Bill Scharlott (Fran Scharlott)

### Saturday, March 28

NO MASS

### Sunday, March 29—Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

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

## Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries

### Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

Mar 22—9 am—Lorri Kuczynski, Terry Gatton

11 am—Jackie Emch, Maryellen O'Shaughnessy

Mar 29—9 am—Skip Camerucci, Gretchen Rivera

Frank Schneider, Joyce Schneider

11 am—Sophia Brown, T Brady, S Glasner, VOLUNTEER

### Servers

Mar 22—9 am—VOLUNTEER; 11 am—Margaret O'Brien

Mar 29—9 am—Susan Kyanko; 11 am—Fallon O'Brien

### Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

Mar 22—9 am—Bob Geoghegan; 11 am—Julie Byrne

Mar 29—9 am—Frank Conway; 11 am—Julie Byrne

### Lectors

Mar 22—9 am—Lynn Willford, Linda Wolfe

11 am—Gretchen Rivera, Maggie McCoy

Mar 29—9 am—Joe Dallacqua, Katherine Kriedermann

11 am—Ben Gibbons, Maggie McCoy

### Eucharistic Ministers

Mar 22—9 am—Rick Miller, J Rosenfield, Frank Schneider

11 am—Mark Coleman, Lori, Tocorzic, Sandy Glasner

Mar 29—9 am—Mary Ann Kerscher, Chris Paisley, D Kerscher

11 am—Louisa Celebrezze, Marilyn Smith, M O'Shaughnessy

**St. Francis Gardeners & anyone interested in helping with the gardens** — We will be assembling on Saturday AFTERNOON, **March 28, at 1 pm** to begin some much needed pruning of bushes in the yard. All help is welcome; instructions and guidance will be provided. Bring gardening gloves if you have them. Help us out, get some exercise, and meet fellow gardeners — We do have fun! *Note to Parishioners:* This pruning may look severe at first, but for the health of the plants and shrubs, we need to do A LOT of cutting back now. And, the rectory dining room and kitchen can use more natural light.

1 pm

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

### TODAY ... Sunday, March 22

- ▶ Book Discussion Group, following 11 am Mass
- ▶ Secular Franciscan Order, 2-5 pm, church and hall

### Monday, March 23

- ▶ St Vincent dePaul Conference, 7 pm, hall

### Tuesday, March 24

- ▶ Stewardship Council, 7 pm, hall  
(meeting moved up because of Holy Week)

### Wednesday, March 25

- ▶ Soup Supper, following 6 pm Mass  
Speaker: parishioner and oncologist, Mark Segal

### Thursday, March 26

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

### Saturday, March 28

- ▶ Garden Work, 1 pm

### LOOKING AHEAD ... Sunday, March 29 – Palm Sunday

- ▶ SVDP 5th Sunday Collection, both Masses

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

**Last week's second collection, which represented our share in the work of our diocese for Catholic Relief Services, brought in \$354.00.** We thank you for your generosity, to help provide help to programs which include relief and resettlement for victims of persecution, war, and natural disasters; development projects to improve living conditions for the poor; legal and support services for poor immigrants; peace and reconciliation work for people suffering from violence; and advocacy on behalf of the powerless.

**Next Sunday, we will have our traditional "Fifth Sunday of the Month" collection to benefit our St Vincent dePaul Society.** SVDP helps neighborhood people on a case-by-case basis, assisting with bus passes, utilities, and other emergency items. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

## Parish News and Information

This week's Lenten soup supper event will feature Mark Segal, parishioner and oncologist, who will talk about the journey of doctors and patients in cancer-related settings ...



**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 ...

April 1 – Personal Stations of the Cross ... parishioners will give testimony about a particular station that represents a special time in their lives

**The St. Francis Book Discussion Group will meet TODAY 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

## Pastoral Reflection for March 22, 2015

We are only one week away from Palm Sunday and Holy Week. Not surprisingly, the readings of the Mass focus on the meaning of the Passion of Jesus Christ. Reflecting on his hour of glory, Jesus compares his death to that grain of wheat that breaks open after being planted. That simple analogy illustrates well the mystery of Jesus' dying and rising, and the secret of Christian life.

With that powerful teaching, we are without doubt more prepared to be lifted up with Jesus -- crucified and raised -- when he will draw everything to himself. Dying to every kind of clinging requires us to make a sincere sacramental confession and rising with Jesus demands that we receive his risen body and drink his precious Blood. Dying and rising must take place every day of our life. Lent is the time when this central message is amplified so that even the deaf will hear.

*In Christ ~ Fr Fritz*

## Parish News and Information

Second Quarter Fiscal Year Report		Net (loss)
Oct 2014 Income	20,526	
Oct 2014 Expenses	22,708	(2,182)
Nov 2014 Income	18,925	
Nov 2014 Expenses	20,892	(1,967)
Dec 2014 Income	26,132	
Dec 2014 Expenses	23,939	<b>2,197</b>
Quarter Income	69,471	
Quarter Expenses	67,539	(1,952)

## Help Wanted

We have several projects or "openings" for volunteers ... can you help with any of the following?

**EASTER VIGIL RECEPTION** (Saturday, April 4) ... Everyone is invited to join us in welcoming our newest members who have completed their journey in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) process. To make this reception extra special, we are asking parishioners to partake in any of the following – bring your favorite appetizer / dessert to share with the community; offer to help receive food, serve, clean up. **If you are able to help in ANY capacity**, please contact Kathy Dancey / [kdancey@columbus.rr.com](mailto:kdancey@columbus.rr.com)

**COLLECTION COUNTERS** ... still looking for help ... commitment is one Sunday a month. Contact the parish office.

**PROMTOINAL DOOR HANGER DELIVERY** ... we are promoting our parish's Holy Week / Triduum / Easter liturgies by distributing door hangers (instead of postcards) in the neighborhood. Can you help distribute them? Packets with maps and door hangers plus instructions are all made up, and can be picked up in the parish hall. You can deliver them on YOUR schedule. Any questions, contact the parish office: [office@sfacolumbus.org](mailto:office@sfacolumbus.org) / 614.299.5781

## Holy Week and Easter Schedule

March 29 – Palm Sunday, 9 am and 11 am  
**Weather permitting, gather in front of 354 Buttles for Palm Sunday Procession**

April 2 – Holy Thursday  
Mass of the Lord's Supper at **7 pm**

April 3 – Stations of the Cross at 12 noon  
Good Friday Services at **6 pm**

Please make note of varying times for our Holy Week Liturgies (times vary, due to Fr Fritznier's needs to celebrate with the Haitian Community)

April 4 – Easter Vigil at 8:30 pm  
Reception follows

April 5 – Easter Sunday  
Masses at 9 am and 11 am

## 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.

**"To change the world, we must be good to those who cannot repay us." ~ POPE FRANCIS**

Share how you are changing the world and get rewarded. Win a \$500 Service Award from Face Forward. 8–12th grade students in the Diocese of Columbus. **Criteria for Award Eligibility:** Service | Parish Involvement | Short Essay. **DEADLINE: APRIL 30, 2015.** This award is available to all Catholic students in the Diocese of Columbus including those attending public, private, and Catholic schools as well as home schooled students. For more info, visit the Diocese of Columbus website ([www.colstdioc.org](http://www.colstdioc.org)) and Office of Vocations tab and look for the Face Forward info at the bottom right.

**Columbus Young Catholic Professionals Night Out with the Blue Jackets:** The Columbus Blue Jackets have partnered with The Catholic Foundation to host a Columbus Young Catholic Professionals Night on at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 31 as the Blue Jackets take on the New Jersey Devils at Nationwide Arena. Take advantage of a preferred rate for Columbus Young Catholic Professionals and enjoy NHL action at its finest! To purchase tickets, go to: [www.BlueJackets.com/CYCP](http://www.BlueJackets.com/CYCP). For more information, please contact Craig Heppner ([CHheppner@catholic-foundation.org](mailto:CHheppner@catholic-foundation.org)).