

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of March 29, 2015

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

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

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Monday, March 30

NO MASS

Tuesday, March 31

NO MASS – *Chrism Mass at Cathedral*

Wednesday, April 1

6:00 pm—RCIA Candidates

Thursday, April 2

7:00 pm—Parishioners of St Francis of Assisi Parish

Friday, April 3

6:00 pm—Good Friday Liturgy (no Mass Intention)

Saturday, April 4 – Easter Vigil

8:30 pm—Parishioners of St Francis of Assisi Parish

Sunday, April 5—Easter Sunday

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

11:00 am—Michelle Sutter (Jack Randolph)

Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

Mar 29—9 am—Skip Camerucci, Gretchen Rivera

Frank Schneider, Joyce Schneider

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

Servers

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

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

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

Lectors

Mar 29—9 am—Joe Dallacqua, Katherine Kriedermann

11 am—Ben Gibbons, Maggie McCoy

Eucharistic Ministers

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

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

WHY DO WE USE ECO-PALMS?

Promote Social Justice ... Harvesting palms is an important source of income but gatherers receive a low price; gatherers will receive a higher price for their "fair trade" palms improving their income.

Promote Environmental Stewardship ... Palms protect valuable natural forests because they provide income to forest communities; palms will be "sustainably" harvested and managed protecting the palms and the forests they need for shade.

Why a "Fair Trade" Palm? ... To improve income and living conditions for the communities gathering the palm; to protect the palms and the important forests from which they are gathered through sustainable harvest programs.

Eco-palms are more expensive than the traditional stems, but in keeping with our parish commitment to help sustain the environment, we've had several parishioners indicate they would make a donation to help defray the cost. If you would like to make a contribution, please use an Easter flower envelope.

Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

TODAY ... Sunday, March 29

- ▶ Palm Sunday Procession, before each Mass (Meet in front of 354 Buttes – the "Old Convent")

Wednesday, April 1

- ▶ Final Soup Supper of Lenten Season
Stations of the Cross, Personal Experiences
Following the 6 pm Mass

Thursday, April 2

- ▶ Bible Study at Westminster Thurber, 10:30 am
- ▶ Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7 pm
- ▶ Adoration until 10 pm, church hall

Friday, April 3

- ▶ Stations of the Cross, 12 noon
- ▶ Good Friday Liturgy (no Mass), 6 pm

Saturday, April 4

- ▶ Church Cleaning and Decorating, 9 am
- ▶ Easter Vigil, 8:30 pm

LOOKING AHEAD ... Sunday, April 5, Easter Sunday

- ▶ Note: Hospitality Sunday moved to April 12

TODAY 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.

Around Town ... Around the Diocese

Walking Stations of the Cross ... Diocesan sponsored event begins with opening prayer at St Joseph Cathedral at 8 am, on Friday, April 3. Open to ALL AGES. The many facets of faith and justice will be the focus. Contact Office of Social Concerns at 614.241.2540 or Youth and Young Adult Ministry at 614.241.2565.

"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.colsdioc.org) and Office of Vocations tab and look for the Face Forward info at the bottom right.

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 or 614-857-1251 with information about your neighbor in need.

Pastoral Reflection for March 29, 2015

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" The Church calls us today to waive palm branches as we joyfully process to the altar, symbolizing a pilgrimage group entering Jerusalem to celebrate one of the high holy days. Before contemplating the horrible scenes of Good Friday, the Church emphasizes an aspect that we must never lose sight of. The way of the cross is the road to Easter.

On the threshold of this Sacred Paschal Triduum – the core mysteries of our faith -- the full cost of discipleship is revealed. Each one of the events of the Holy Week deserves a separate treatment because of its singular significance.

Holy Thursday calls to memory the incredible beautiful events of the Washing of the Feet, the Last Supper, the Agony in the Garden, the arrest of Jesus and his judgment by the Sanhedrin.

On Good Friday, we watch Jesus living his hour, the very reason why he came to the world. Amidst tears and great cries, the sacrifice of our redemption is achieved, the veil of the Old Testament temple is torn from top to bottom, the earth shakes, and the New Covenant is sealed.

Saturday night we celebrate the complete initiation of our two candidates and rejoice amid candlelight with water, oil, bread, wine and Christ Our Light among us.

Easter Sunday will bring us to the climax of this bloody and cruel confrontation. As Jesus rises, the absolute Lordship of Jesus is affirmed, life wins over death, and the trophy of victory is passed on to us as long as we believe and show our adherence to the new pact of reconciliation and to the new covenant. Enter into the mystery! Have a prayerful, and a deeply spiritual Holy Week!

In Christ ~ Fr Fritz

Parish News and Information

"A welcoming, open parish" ... We often hear that about St. Francis of Assisi Parish. But is there more we can do to have first time visitors want to come back? We'd like to have every visitor want to make St Francis of Assisi Church their parish home. A team of dreamers is needed to brainstorm new ideas to welcome newly registered and first time visitors. Will you join the team? Call or email the parish office, if you'd like to help: office@sfacolumbus.org / 614.299.5781

Easter Flower Donations ... This year the church will be decorated with lilies, tulips, azaleas, and a variety of perennials. The perennials will be planted in the parish gardens following the Easter season, allowing your contribution to be appreciated throughout the year.

St. Francis of Assisi St Vincent DePaul group is interested in supporting Women Affirming Women (**WAW**) again this year. **July 22-25, 2015** is this year's Women's Respite weekend. As you're doing your Spring cleaning, consider donating gently used items for the Boutique (purses, scarves, jewelry – more details in next week's bulletin). **With respect to the Boutique needs we'll place a box in the social hall for your contributions.** Thanks for your Support! ~ Kay Lonas ([614-677-4714](tel:614-677-4714))

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**

Adoration follows the Mass, and takes place in the parish hall, until 10 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

Help Wanted

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

ADORATION ... following Mass on Holy Thursday, we will have Adoration of the Eucharist until 10 am. We would like at least 2 people to be present, in half-hour shifts. Sign up clipboard is available in back of church.

CHURCH CLEANING FOR EASTER ... we have a team of people who clean the church every other Thursday (and we are very grateful to Lorri K, Lynn E, and Joanna N for their efforts) but for Easter, we can always use additional help. On Saturday, April 4, beginning at 9 am, we will be cleaning and decorating the church ... and you know the saying – many hands make light work – so if can spend an hour or two helping to prepare our beautiful church for this festive occasion, please contact the parish office! Thank you!



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



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