

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of April 5, 2015

Sunday, April 5—Easter Sunday

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

11:00 am—Michelle Sutter (Jack Randolph)

Monday, April 6

NO MASS

Tuesday, April 7

NO MASS

Wednesday, April 8

6:00 pm—For Our Newly Initiated RCIA Members

Thursday, April 9

6:00 pm—Fr. Paul O. Smith (Pactum Marianum)

Friday, April 10

6:00 pm—Thomas & Mary Garrity (Tom & Veronica Garrity)

Saturday, April 11

NO MASS

Sunday, April 12

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

11:00 am—JoAnn Casaday (Ron & Linda Younkin)

Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

April 5—9 am—Terry Gatton, VOLUNTEER NEEDED

11 am—Maryellen O'Shaughnessy, VOLUNTEER NEEDED

April 12—9 am—Terry Gatton, Lorri Kuczynski

11 am—Marilyn Smith, Maggie McCoy

Servers

April 5—9 am—Frank Conway; 11 am—Margaret O'Brien

April 12—9 am—Elizabeth Maite; 11 am—Fallon O'Brien

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

April 5—9 am—Bog Geoghegan; 11 am—Julie Byrne

April 12—9 am—VOLUNTEER NEEDED; 11 am—Julie Byrne

Lectors

April 5—9 am—VOLUNTEER NEEDED; Louisa Celebrezze

11 am—Maggie McCoy, Gretchen Rivera

April 12—9 am—Joyce Schneider, Joe Dallacqua

11 am—Diane Meves, Maryellen O'Shaughnessy

Eucharistic Ministers

April 5—9 am—VOLUNTEER, J Rosenfield, Sister Sharen

11 am—Lori Toczic, VOLUNTEER, Marilyn Smith

April 12—9 am—Frank Conway, Frank Schneider, G Rivera

11 am—Louisa Celebrezze, Susie Sarwark, Diane LeMay

Risen Lord, be with me in the power of your new life.

Open me that I may grow in the Spirit

in love and understanding, in knowledge and self-giving.

Let me receive your strength

that I may accept your trials which I must endure with you.

Help me to treasure the revelations you bring

of the presence and the power of God.

Give me the refreshment of a new beginning in His joy and glory.

Paul Iles, England, in "600 Blessings and Prayers from around the world" © 2000 Twenty Third Publications

Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

TODAY ... Sunday, April 5, Easter Sunday

- ▶ Note: Hospitality Sunday moved to April 12

Monday, April 6

- ▶ Flytown Men, 6 pm, hall
- NOTE: Parish Office Closed Today

Tuesday, April 7

- ▶ NO Pastoral Council Meeting today (Retreat later this month)
- NOTE: Parish Office Closed Today

Wednesday, April 8

- ▶ RCIA (Period of Mystagogy), 7 pm, hall

Thursday, April 9

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

Saturday, April 11

- ▶ Seven Church Tour

LOOKING AHEAD ... Sunday, April 12

- ▶ Hospitality Sunday, following each Mass

We are celebrating Hospitality Sunday on April 12 this month,

and we are still looking for volunteers to help with this ministry each month. With a few more volunteers, each person would only need to serve once every other or every third month. Can you help for just a few hours, one Sunday now and then? Contact the parish office, and thank you! 614.299.5781 or office@sfacolumbus.org



The St. Francis of Assisi **Book Discussion Group** will meet on April 19 following the 11 o'clock Mass to discuss the book *We Are Called to Rise* by Laura McBride. All are welcome.

Around Town ... Around the Diocese

"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) 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 April 5, 2015

Christ is risen. Alleluia! Alleluia! Rejoice! We are celebrating today the greatest event of history. The rock pushed aside by the builders has become the cornerstone of the New Temple; the Lamb once slain is now seated on the throne of Glory. Jesus has broken down the shackles of death. He is risen. Alleluia! Alleluia!

The good news is not for Jesus alone. His victory is also ours if we believe in him and if we choose to enter into a covenant with him. He is the new Adam, the father of redeemed mankind and of all who through faith, repentance, baptism, penance and communion wash themselves clean in the blood of the Cross. The meaning and power of Easter far exceeds human imagination. Like Mary Magdalene, Peter and John we simply have to "see and believe."

Happy Easter to all, parishioners and visitors alike, who today receive the sacraments of the Church with a pure and a sincere heart. Happy Easter to those who commit themselves to newness of life and who are born again to justice and selfless deeds of mercy! "Everyone who believes in him shall receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

Breaking away from a routine practice of the faith, let us recommit ourselves to a Gospel inspired lifestyle of selfless service of God and neighbor. Only then shall we be genuine witness of the Risen Lord, shining lights in the darkness of a confused society. Christ, the Paschal Lamb has been sacrificed. Let us feast with joy in the Lord. Love always brings joy to the hearts. With all the congregation sing, Alleluia! Alleluia!

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.

Seven Church Tour returns to SFA!



The very popular Seven Church tour returns on Saturday, 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

Parish News and Information

We pray that all who celebrate with us
will receive Easter blessings!

*From the staff of St. Francis of Assisi Parish,
we honor -*



*Those baptized in other Christian
denominations who will make a
Profession of Faith and celebrate
Confirmation and Eucharist —*

SABRINA BROWN
and JARED HOLT

May 3, 2015



The first Sunday of May (05.03.15) we will be hosting a **SPRING CRAFT SHOW**. Craft booths will be set up before and after each Mass on that day, in conjunction with Hospitality Sunday. Just like our successful Fall Craft Fair, this is a chance for St Francis of Assisi Parish crafters to showcase their talents and offer their arts-and-crafts for sale to parishioners. There is no table fee for crafters, but crafters are asked to donate 10% of all sales to St Francis Mission, in McArthur Ohio. **Please call Amy Knight at 614.251.1477** to participate or for details. Thank you!

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 (see below), where guests can shop during the week. **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))

Boutique Needs

Jewelry (earrings, necklaces, rings, bracelets, pins, watches)

Purses / Handbags

Belts

Scarves

Hats

Perfume

Sunglasses

Flip-flops

Umbrellas

And NEW Makeup (lipstick, eyeliners, creams, lotions)



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