

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of April 19, 2015

Sunday, April 19

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

11:00 am—Edward Occhipinti (Patti Maietta)

Monday, April 20

NO MASS

Tuesday, April 21

NO MASS

Wednesday, April 22

NO MASS

Thursday, April 23

6:00 pm—Joan Randolph (Jack Randolph)

Friday, April 24

6:00 pm—Phyllis Heubel (One Year Anniversary)

Saturday, April 25

NO MASS

Sunday, April 26

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

11:00 am—Michelle Sutter (Paul and Marie Sutter Blain)

Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

April 19—9 am—Katherine Kriedermann, Susan Kyanko

11 am—Jackie Emch, Sophia Brown

April 26—9 am—Frank Conway, Rick Miller

11 am—Susie Sarwark, Theri Brady

Servers

April 19—9 am—Chris Paisley; 11 am—Fallon O'Brien

April 26—9 am—Linda Wolfe; 11 am—Margaret O'Brien

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

April 19—9 am—Bob Geoghegan; 11 am—VOLUNTEER

April 26—9 am—Frank Schneider; 11 am—Lori Tocorzic

Lectors

April 19—9 am—Elise Ryan, Lorri Kuczynski

11 am—Jon Murphy, Julie Byrne

April 26—9 am—Diane Meves, Lorri Kuczynski

11 am—Dan Kerscher, Ben Gibbons

Eucharistic Ministers

April 19—9 am—Diane Keenan, Linda Wolfe, C Damm

11 am—Diane Le May, Joanna Nunn, Mark Coleman

April 26—9 am—Gretchen Rivera, J Schneider, J Rosenfield

11 am—Sandy Glasner, Mary Ann Kerscher, Joanna Nunn

Around Town ... Around the Diocese

Bishop Ready's Spring Musical ... Eight seniors lead the cast of 25 in the Bishop Ready spring musical, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, with performances on Friday, April 24, and Sunday, April 26, at 7 P.M., and Saturday, April 25, at 2 P.M. **Parishioner Eric Willford, a sophomore at Ready, is a member of the cast.** *Joseph* won seven Tony Awards when it opened on Broadway in 1982. It is a musical re-telling of the Old Testament story of Jacob and his sons. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$9 for those 65+ and \$8 for students. For more information, call Bishop Ready High School at 614-276-5263.

Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

TODAY ... Sunday, April 19

- ▶ Diocesan Second Collection, during both Masses
- ▶ SVDP Sandwich Making, 10 am, hall
- ▶ Book Discussion Group, following 11 am Mass
- ▶ Baptism Workshop, after 11 am Mass, Desert Room

Monday, April 20

- ▶ Drum Circle, 7 pm, hall

Tuesday, April 21

- ▶ Women's Retreat planning, 7 pm, Desert Room
- ▶ Dulcimer Music Group, 7 pm, hall

Wednesday, April 22

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

Thursday, April 23

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

Saturday, April 25

- ▶ NNEMAP annual volunteer luncheon, hosted by SFA

LOOKING AHEAD ... Sunday, April 26

- ▶ First Eucharist celebration, 9 am Mass, reception after

The St. Francis Drumming Circle will meet in the church hall at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 20. Everyone—young and old, men and women—is welcome. Extra drums are available.



Next Hospitality Sunday will be May 3, **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.

NEW DISCUSSION GROUP ON DANTE'S DIVINE COMEDY!



As we began a journey of faith during our Lenten season, our parish continues the journey with a discussion group focusing on what is arguably one of the greatest literary and spiritual journeys: Dante's poetic *Divine Comedy* describing his (alleged) travels through Hell, up the mountain of Purgatory, and into the spheres of Heaven, ultimately experiencing the Beatific Vision. **This group will be led by Elise Ryan and will meet on Sunday evenings in the parish hall, from 6-7:30 pm, April 26—May 24.** Together, we will focus on key passages from the *Inferno*, *Purgatorio*, and *Paradiso*, not only to learn more about representations of the Catholic Church in the Italian Renaissance but also to think through the ways that Dante's poetic practices offer examples for our sustained engagement with the liturgy, the thinking, and the practice of the Catholic faith in our own moment, in our own lives, particularly during the Easter season. No prior knowledge of the *Divine Comedy* is necessary. Contact Elise if you'd like to join or have any questions! (elonich@gmail.com; [724.255.6834](tel:724.255.6834))

We hope that this will be the first of similar discussion-based, faith-enrichment groups that our parish supports.

Pastoral Reflection for April 19, 2015

Amazing Parish Prayer ...

Heavenly Father, You have gathered us together as a parish to be Your visible life in our world. Here we unite in worship, proclaim Your word, celebrate the Eucharist, and are sent forth to share Your love and make disciples. Lord, we take your Great Commission seriously, and long for our parish to be so on-fire that we draw people to You. Help us in that endeavor, as we strive to work together — ordained, religious, and laity. Please make our parish amazing, through Your power, and Your grace. Amen.

Due to a grant from The Catholic Foundation, our parish is able to send 5 representatives to The **Amazing Parish Conference** in Denver this week. All expenses will be paid, thanks to this grant. Attending from our parish will be *Fr Fritz*, Finance Council chair *Frank Conway*, Pastoral Council co-chair *Diane Keenan*, stewardship council member *Mary Ann Kerscher*, and Mass Coordinator and stewardship council member *Pat Cassidy*.

Some of the conference topics include the 7 traits of an Amazing Parish – **Reliance on Prayer, A Real Leadership Team, A Clear Vision and Plan, The Sunday Experience, Compelling Formation, Small Group Discipleship, and Missionary Zeal**. Some aspects of the conference will be video-taped, so that we might invite all of the members of our various councils to view the presentations and have group discussions upon the return of the conference attendees. Please keep all of them in your prayers as they prepare for this adventure, and pray for their success in discerning how to help St Francis of Assisi Parish become AMAZING (or even more Amazing!)

WE WISH EVERYONE A SAFE JOURNEY TO AND FROM THE EVENT, AND SEND OUR PRAYERS ALONG WITH THEM.

Parish News and Information

Mark Your Calendars! We will be holding a Women's Retreat for the women of our parish on Saturday, May 30, at Shepherd's Corner in Blacklick, Oh (same location as last year). The retreat will include a potluck lunch, and time to walk the Labyrinth and the Meditation Trail. There will be a planning meeting on **Tuesday, April 21 at 7 pm**, for anyone interested in helping plan the theme/events for the day. Questions? Call Parish Office 299.5781 / office@sfacolumbus.org

Diocesan Senior Citizens Day Celebration is June 3 ...

The 37th annual diocesan Senior Citizens Day Celebration is Tuesday, June 3, 2014, at Immaculate Conception Church, 414 E. North Broadway, Columbus. Bishop Frederick F. Campbell will celebrate Mass at 10:30 a.m. Mass will be followed by a luncheon. Registration for the celebration is \$10. This annual event is a great opportunity to meet with seniors from around the Catholic Diocese of Columbus. To register, please send a check payable to the Office for Social Concerns, Catholic Diocese of Columbus, 197 E. Gay Street, Cols, OH 43215. For questions, call (614) 241-2540 or email at socmailbox@colsdio.org. Registrations requested by May 30.

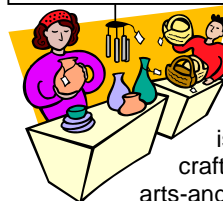
Parish News and Information

"We celebrate Christ's victory over defeat, death and injustice, yet we often struggle to find justice in our community. Faced with seemingly intractable problems such as violence, discrimination, and failing schools, we ask **WHAT CAN POSSIBLY BE DONE?** Acting alone, our impact is small, but acting as a community we can accomplish great things. **For ten years, St. Francis of Assisi Parish has been a member congregation of the BREAD organization, and we've witnessed successes in the areas of abandoned housing, restorative justice, and truancy, among others.** Be a part of this community of justice-seekers and plan to attend:

Be a part of this community of justice-seekers and plan to attend the **Nehemiah Action Monday, May 4 at the Celeste Center at Ohio State Fairgrounds. Doors open at 6:15** for the Nehemiah Action, you can join your parishioners for **food, fellowship and carpooling in the Parish Hall beginning at 5:30 pm.**

The work of justice is not easy, but **SIMPLY BY BEING PRESENT** you are part of this important effort. Members of the St. Francis BREAD Team will be available with tickets for the Nehemiah Action and to answer questions immediately after each Mass today. You can also contact *Ben Gibbons* at bendgibbons@yahoo.com or [614.499.4240](tel:614.499.4240), or *Jon Murphy* at jonmurphy987@gmail.com or [614.832.6650](tel:614.832.6650) with any other questions.

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)

Learn more about WAW: www.WomenAffirmingWomen.org

Spring Cleaning? Think of making donations to our parish Garage/Yard Sale! It will take place on **June 6**, and this year, we will offer pick-up of items, if they are too large for you to deliver. Contact the parish office with questions.