

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of April 26, 2015

Sunday, April 26

9:00 am—Parishioners of St Francis of Assisi Parish
11:00 am—Michelle Sutter (Paul and Marie Sutter Blain)

Monday, April 27

NO MASS

Tuesday, April 28

6:00 pm—Bill Scharlott (Fran Scharlott)

Wednesday, April 29

6:00 pm—For Peace In Our World

Thursday, April 30

6:00 pm—Edward Goffos, Sr. (Butch Goffos)

Friday, May 1

6:00 pm—For Sick and Homebound Persons and Caregivers

Saturday, May 2

NO MASS

Sunday, May 3

9:00 am—Parishioners of St Francis of Assisi Parish
11:00 am—Msgr. Edward McFarland (Patti Maietta)

Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

April 26—9 am—Frank Conway, Rick Miller

11 am—Susie Sarwark, Theri Brady

May 3—9 am—Skip Camerucci, Ted Klupinski

11 am—Sophia Brown, Marilyn Smith

Servers

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

May 3—9 am—Steven Hillyer; 11 am—VOLUNTEER

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

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

May 3—9 am—Dan O'Brien; 11 am—Julie Byrne

Lectors

April 26—9 am—Diane Meves, Lorri Kuczynski

11 am—Dan Kerscher, Ben Gibbons

May 3—9 am—Gretchen Rivera, Elise Ryan

11 am—Maryellen O'Shaughnessy, Ben Gibbons

Eucharistic Ministers

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

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

May 3—9 am—Sister Sharen, Rick Miller, Louisa Celebrezze

11 am—Diane LeMay, Joanna Nunn, Mark Coleman

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!

Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

TODAY ... Sunday, April 26

- ▶ First Eucharist celebration, 9 am Mass
- ▶ Reception for First Communicants and Families All Are Welcome!
- ▶ Secular Franciscan Order, 2 – 5 pm (church and hall)
- ▶ *Divine Comedy* discussion group, 6 pm, hall

Monday, April 27

- ▶ St Vincent dePaul monthly meeting, 7 pm, hall

Tuesday, April 28

- ▶ Stewardship Council monthly meeting, 7 pm, hall

Wednesday, April 29

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

Thursday, April 30

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

Saturday, May 2

- ▶ Men's Coffee and Prayer Group, 8:30 am, hall

LOOKING AHEAD ... Sunday, May 3

- ▶ Hospitality Sunday and Craft Fair



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

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)

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



Mark Your Calendars! We will be holding a Women's Retreat focusing on "Friendships in the Bible" 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. Questions? Call Parish Office 299.5781 / office@sfacolumbus.org

Pastoral Reflection for April 26, 2015

This week Father Fritzner and four of our parishioners (Pat Cassidy, Frank Conway, Diane Keenan, Mary Ann Kersch) met in Denver for the Amazing Parish Conference. This movement seeks to give Catholic leaders, both clergy and laity, the resources and support they need to create strong, fruitful parishes. The conference provided powerful speakers and a process to move to an intentional mission based focus. We are excited to share the information and tools we were provided as we begin this process of making our parish an even more thriving community of faith. Please include in your prayers the growth and development of our parish family. Thanks to the Catholic Foundation for providing a grant to our parish and 24 other parishes from our Diocese to offset the cost to attend.

Parish News and Information



Pancakes are back! Come join us on Sunday, May 17, following each Mass for another of our FAMOUS and FABULOUS Pancake Breakfasts! Just \$5 for all you can eat, and proceeds will help purchase items for the beautification

of our gardens. Mark it down and see you there!!!

St. Francis of Assisi Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes for March meeting and April Retreat

At the March 3, 2015 Pastoral Council meeting, the council discussed the following items:

Newly elected members of the council were introduced. - The council reviewed standard council procedure, meeting schedule and by-laws. The B.R.E.A.D. Nehemiah Action is scheduled for Monday, May 4, and pastoral council members are looking forward to this event all members of the parish are encouraged to attend.

In addition, the Pastoral Council retreat will take place on Saturday, April 18 at Westminster Thurber, and marked the start of a new year for the council, including the new members. The retreat included Mass, small group discussions and introductions, a review of our concerns, successes, and hopes and dreams for St. Francis of Assisi Parish. The retreat concluded with a service activity of singing and talking with residents of Westminster Thurber.

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)

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)

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, or Jon Murphy at jonmurphy987@gmail.com or 614.832.6650 with any other questions.*

Around Town ... Around the Diocese

March for Freedom Calling for Action Against Human Trafficking ... Sunday, May 3 at 2 pm

Join hundreds of central Ohio residents in solidarity against the scourge of human trafficking. March for Freedom Calling for Action Against Human Trafficking will take place on Sunday, May 3 at 2 p.m. Participants will march from Columbus City Hall, 90 West. Broad St., to the Ohio Statehouse. Judge Paul Herbert of Franklin County Municipal Court will speak. Judge Herbert is founder of CATCH Court, a program that helps rebuild the lives of victims of prostitution and human trafficking. Gerald Rice, sponsor and organizer of the march will also speak. To register online, visit www.marchforfreedomcolumbus.org or for more information call Jeanette Bradley at [614-579-7478](tel:614-579-7478).



Diocesan Senior Citizens Day

Celebration is June 3 ... The 37th annual diocesan Senior Citizens Day Celebration is June 3, 2015, 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, Columbus, OH 43215. For questions, call (614) 241-2540 or email at socmailbox@colsdio.org. Registrations requested by May 30.