

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of May 3, 2015

Sunday, May 3

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

Monday, May 4

NO MASS

Tuesday, May 5

6:00 pm—For Students and Teachers

Wednesday, May 6

6:00 pm—For Peace In Our World

Thursday, May 7

6:00 pm—For The Needs of our Parish

Friday, May 8

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

Saturday, May 9

NO MASS

Sunday, May 10

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)

May 3—9 am—Skip Camerucci, Ted Klupinski
11 am—VOLUNTEER, Marilyn Smith

May 10—9 am—Joyce Schneider, Terry Gatton
11 am—Therese Brady, Sandy Glasner

Servers

May 3—9 am—Steven Hillyer; 11 am—Pat Cassidy
May 10—9 am—Elizabeth Maite; 11 am—Fallon O'Brien

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

May 3—9 am—Dan O'Brien; 11 am—Julie Byrne
May 10—9 am—Bob Geoghegan; 11 am—Dan O'Brien

Lectors

May 3—9 am—Joyce Schneider, Elise Ryan
11 am—Maryellen O'Shaughnessy, Ben Gibbons
May 10—9 am—Lorri Kuczynski, Gretchen Rivera
11 am—Darlene Erickson, Larry Erickson

Eucharistic Ministers

May 3—9 am—Sister Sharen, Rick Miller, Louisa Celebrezze
11 am—Joanna Nunn, Gretchen Rivera, Mark Coleman
May 10—9 am—Frank Conway, Chris Paisley, Frank Schneider
11 am—Mary Ann Kerscher, M O'Shaughnessy, D Kerscher

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.** The retreat fetures Sr. Arleen Kisiel and Mary Reichly, and will include a potluck lunch, and time to walk the Labyrinth and the Meditation Trail. Questions? Call Parish Office 299.5781 / office@sfacolulmbus.org, and see the insert in today's bulletin.



Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

TODAY ... Sunday, May 3

- ▶ Hospitality Sunday and CRAFT FAIR
Following each Mass, hall
- ▶ BREAD sign-ups
- ▶ *Divine Comedy* discussion group, 6 pm, hall

Monday, May 4

- ▶ BREAD Nehemiah Action
Dinner / carpool from SFA, beginning at 5:30 pm

Tuesday, May 5

- ▶ Pastoral Council monthly meeting, 7 pm, hall

Wednesday, May 6

- ▶ NO RCIA – encouraged to attend BREAD mtg on 5/4

Thursday, May 7

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

LOOKING AHEAD ... Sunday, May 10

- ▶ NOTE: regular monthly meeting of St Francis Seniors moved to Monday evening potluck

DANTE'S DIVINE COMEDY DISCUSSION GROUP



Our parish discussion group of Dante's *Divine Comedy* will meet again this Sunday evening (May 3) from 6-7:30pm, and we will continue to meet on Sunday evenings through May 24. Even if you missed the first meeting, please feel very welcome to join us! Our

conversations are lively and welcoming! Feel free to contact Elise Ryan (724.255.6834; elonich@gmail.com) if you'd like more information about the group.

IT'S JUST AROUND THE CORNER ...

Our annual Short North Victorian Village and St. Francis of Assisi Church Festive Garage and Yard Sale will take place on the first Saturday in June, from 8 am – 2 pm, the same day as the Victorian Village Sale. **This year's date – June 6, with a bonus day on Sunday, June 7.**

Have fun and raise funds for our parish, all at the same time! Clear out those attics, basements, and garages of all that "stuff" you "thought" you "needed." Items may be dropped off at the parish hall during office hours or immediately following Masses starting next Sunday.

ALSO– **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** to work at the Sale during the weekend of June 5-6-7. On Friday (June 5) afternoon & evening, items need to be unpacked and priced; on Saturday (June 6) morning and afternoon, helpers are needed during the sale. On Sunday, we'll stay open between Masses, and after the 11 am Mass until 4 pm. It's a full weekend of activity and a GREAT way to become more involved at St Francis of Assisi Parish and socialize with other members

SPECIAL NOTES – due to our inability to properly dispose of certain unsold items, we are **NOT ACCEPTING old computers or television sets. BUT IF YOU NEED ITEMS PICKED UP, CALL THE PARISH OFFICE, AND WE WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS.**

Leading the sale this year – Bill Keller, Marti Damm, and Frank Conway. Proceeds will help defray the cost of re-sealing our parking lot.

Pastoral Reflection for May 3, 2015

Jesus likes to use striking images to introduce himself to us, telling us who he really is. He often uses the words: "I am." Last week, he said: "I am the Good Shepherd." Before then, we heard him say: "I am the Gate" or "I am the Bread of Life" or "I am the Resurrection and the Life" or "I am the Light." Today, he says, "I am the vine."

In the Old Testament, the entire people of Israel was called "God's chosen vine." Jesus amazingly seems to make this expression his own. "I am the vine and you are the branches." He describes the relationship between Him and us as one closer than the relationship between spouses. He is the whole vine and we are part of Him. None of us is connected to Christ alone. We are all branches on the same vine, so we are all linked to one another. Remaining vitally united to Jesus is the necessary condition to bear fruit. "United we would stand, but divided, we would fall."

The image of the vine naturally leads to think of the Eucharist, which is the perfect liturgy that achieves the perfect union of Jesus and ourselves. Jesus truly dwells physically within us and us in Him. The Eucharistic blood acts like the sap of the vine in our dried-out hearts!

We are called to be "One with Christ" like a fruit-bearing branch of the vine, as a member of his Body. "We are the body of Christ and members of one another." We are the branches. Truly God's love for us is overwhelming. Rejoice! In Him alone will we find fulfillment!

In Christ ~ Fr. Fritz

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!!!

The St. Francis Book Discussion Group will meet on **Sunday, May 17**, following the 11 am Mass, in one of the small meeting rooms in the church hall (since a pancake breakfast will be occurring in the mail hall). The group will be discussing **Gilead** by Marilynne Robinson. All are welcome.

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, creams, lotions)

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE DONATED SO FAR!!!

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 bandgibbons@yahoo.com or 614.499.4240, or Jon Murphy at jonmurphy987@gmail.com or 614.832.6650 with any questions.*

ATTENTION GARDEN TENDERS & ALL WHO WISH TO HELP MAKE OUR CHURCH YARD MORE BEAUTIFUL ...



Donations of annuals to beautify our church grounds are needed. We will be planting annuals on Saturday, May 16, beginning at 8:30 a.m. The more hands we have, the quicker the planting gets finished. If you aren't able to plant, please consider donating annuals for the rest of us to plant. Contact Lorri Kuczynski, lorrik09@gmail.com

if you have any questions. Thank you!

Calling All Knitters! (and other fiber artists) ... Monday evenings (except May 4), meet at 6:30 pm in the bistro at Westminster Thurber. No experience necessary, we can even teach — knitting, crochet, tatting, you-name-it! Call the parish office for more info.

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).