

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of May 10, 2015

Sunday, May 10

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

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Monday, May 11

NO MASS

Tuesday, May 12

6:00 pm—For Peace In Our World

Wednesday, May 13

6:00 pm—For Sick and Homebound Persons

Thursday, May 14

6:00 pm—For Teachers and Students

Friday, May 15

6:00 pm—For Farmers and Food Growers

Saturday, May 16

NO MASS

Sunday, May 17

9:00 am—Wadene T. Pruitt (Terry Gatton)

11:00 am—Parishioners of St Francis of Assisi Parish

Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

May 10—9 am—Joyce Schneider, Terry Gatton

11 am—VOLUNTEER, Sandy Glasner

May 17—9 am—Ted Klupinski, Frank Conway

11 am—Jackie Emch, Matt Pastore

Servers

May 10—9 am—Elizabeth Maite; 11 am—Fallon O'Brien

May 17—9 am—John Ryan; 11 am—Margaret O'Brien

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

May 10—9 am—VOLUNTEER; 11 am—Dan O'Brien

May 17—9 am—Susan Kyanko; 11 am—Dan O'Brien

Lectors

May 10—9 am—Lorri Kuczynski, Maggie McCoy

11 am—Darlene Erickson, Larry Erickson

May 17—9 am—Larry Erickson, Darlene Erickson

11 am—Susie Sarwark, Jon Murphy

Eucharistic Ministers

May 10—9 am—Frank Conway, Chris Paisley, Frank Schneider

11 am—Mary Ann Kerscher, M O'Shaughnessy, D Kerscher

May 17—9 am—C Damm, K Kriedermann, Sister Sharen

11 am—Sandy Glasner, Lori Toczczic, M O'Shaughnessy



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

features Sr. Arleen Kisiel and Mary Reichly, and will include a potluck lunch, and time to walk the Labyrinth and the Meditation Trail. Questions? 299.5781 / office@sfacolumbus.org

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.

Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

TODAY ... Sunday, May 10

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

▶ *Divine Comedy* discussion group, 6 pm, hall

Monday, May 11

▶ St Francis Seniors annual potluck (evening)

Tuesday, May 12

▶ NO Flytown Women meeting this month at SFA

▶ Flytown Men, 6 pm, hall (moved this month only)

▶ Holy Hour, following 6 pm Mass

Wednesday, May 13

▶ RCIA, 7 pm, hall

Thursday, May 14

▶ Bible Study at Westminster Thurber, 10:30 am

▶ Choir Practice, 7 pm, choir loft

Saturday, May 16

▶ Yard Work, beginning at 8:30 am, but come anytime

LOOKING AHEAD ... Sunday, May 17

▶ PANCAKE BREAKFAST, following each Mass, hall

▶ Baptism Workshop, 12:30 pm, Desert Room

▶ Book Discussion Group, following 11 am Mass, hall

DANTE'S DIVINE COMEDY DISCUSSION GROUP

Our parish discussion group of Dante's *Divine Comedy* will meet again this Sunday evening (May 10) 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 info about the group.

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

IF YOU NEED ITEMS PICKED UP, CALL THE PARISH OFFICE, AND WE WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOU!



Other ways to help – save your plastic bags! We can use them to wrap fragile items. Just drop them off in the hall.

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 10, 2015

HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY!

While our hearts are still burning for joy during these 40 days of Easter, today we celebrate Mothers' Day. Mothers don't only give birth to their children, but raise them with indescribable affection and take charge of their complete upbringing. This lovely imprinting mark of a mother on her children is indelible. Everything in existence is subject to change, but mothers remain unchangeably the inviolable symbol of life.

John's Gospel on love is a perfect Gospel for Mothers' Day. Surely most of us first learned about love from our parents, but if we grew up in a home where mother was always present there for her children, it was from our mothers that we experienced love all day long.

Love is dedication, and commitment; it is care, unselfishness, and thoughtfulness. It is patience, kindness, and forgiveness. Love is a commandment: "Love one another as I have loved you." The best way to love is to put your life in line for those you love. Let us pray that we know and share in Jesus' abundant love to one another. Lord, give us your grace to love without end.

In Christ ~ Fr. Fritz

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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 (pancakes, sausages, drinks), 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



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!

News from Pastoral Council ... At the May 5 meeting of Pastoral Council, Mike Schmidt was selected as the new co-chair to lead the Council along with Diane Keenan. We are all grateful for the leadership of Joyce Schneider whose term on Council ended this spring, and for the willingness of Mike to accept this task.

Parishioner and Bishop Watterson Senior Fallon O'Brien

spent a week in McArthur, Ohio as part of an Appalachia Service Trip. Duties during this time included volunteering at the St. Francis Center. She enjoyed her time there, where she was able to meet the community that we at St. Francis of Assisi Parish help throughout the year, with various donations. Thank you, Fallon!

CRS – Nepal Earthquake Update (Catholic Relief Services)

CRS is committing at least \$10 million to help those affected by the devastating earthquake in Nepal. These funds will be used to support CRS' emergency response and recovery efforts of CRS, including immediate life-saving assistance as well as a long-term response needed to rebuild communities and livelihoods. CRS plans to spend \$2.5 million in the emergency phase, the next six months. That will reach 15,000 families – 75,000 people – with shelter and other critical supplies. The balance of the funding will be used to help families restore their livelihoods and rebuild their homes.

The supplies – temporary housing kits that include tarpaulins and tools, as well as sanitation and hygiene items – were pre-positioned in India because the area is known to be susceptible to earthquakes. CRS teams in Kathmandu said that the supplies are especially needed now as cold, rainy, windy weather has made life miserable for those without shelter. The official death toll is over 5,500 (May 1) and expected to rise as more villages are reached. For more information, contact Erin Cordle, diocesan CRS director at 614-241-2540, ecordle@colsdio.org, or socmailbox@colsdio.org

NOTE: here at St Francis of Assisi Parish, we will hold a special collection for Nepal on Sunday, May 24.

The Bishop's Annual Appeal (BAA) has begun! This is our opportunity, as a parish, to share in the important work provided by the many ministries and programs administered by our diocese. Your contribution of any size COUNTS, and will benefit many in our own community here at St Francis of Assisi Parish. This year, our parish is asked to raise \$23,202. Any amount that is pledged OVER our goal is refunded to our parish.