

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of May 24, 2015

Sunday, May 24

9:00 am—St Francis Seniors Memorial Mass
11:00 am—Parishioners of St Francis of Assisi Parish

Monday, May 25

NO MASS

Tuesday, May 26

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

Wednesday, May 27

6:00 pm—Bill Scharlott (Fran Scharlott)

Thursday, May 28

6:00 pm—For Peace In Our World

Friday, May 29

6:00 pm—Bill Scharlott (Fran Scharlott)

Saturday, May 30

NO MASS

Sunday, May 31

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 24—9 am—Terry Gatton, Gretchen Rivera
11 am—Tera Kovar, Maryellen O'Shaughnessy
May 31—9 am—Frank Schneider, Rick Miller
11 am—Therese Brady, Maggie McCoy

Servers

May 24—9 am—John Ryan; 11 am—Fallon O'Brien
May 31—9 am—Linda Wolfe; 11 am—Pat Cassidy

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

May 24—9 am—Frank Conway; 11 am—Julie Byrne
May 31—9 am—Skip Camerucci; 11 am—Lori Tocorzic

Lectors

May 24—9 am—Louisa Celebrezze, Joyce Schneider
11 am—Larry Charles, Sophia Brown
May 31—9 am—Will Brenner, Sister Sharen
11 am—Sue Cruickshank, Maryellen O'Shaughnessy

Eucharistic Ministers

May 24—9 am—Steven Hillyer, Linda Wolfe, Frank Schneider
11 am—Pat Cassidy, Joanna Nunn, Diane LeMay
May 31—9 am—J Rosenfield, Joyce Schneider, Chris Paisley
11 am—Susie Sarwark, Marilyn Smith, Sandy Glasner

Did you get your parish newsletter? The "Summer" edition includes – a description of the St Francis of Assisi Church Tapestry; a profile of parishioner Steven Hillyer; a focus on the Garden Tenders ministry; pictures of First Communion; news about those in the RCIA process; human trafficking update; a description of St Vincent dePaul's Voice of the Poor; and an remembrance of parishioner Michelle Sutter. *If you did not receive it, contact the parish office 614.299.5781 / office@sfacolombus.org.* For those who don't have email, paper copies are available in the church and in the hall.



Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

TODAY ... Sunday, May 24

- ▶ Diocesan Second Collection – Nepal Earthquake
- ▶ *Divine Comedy* discussion group, 6 pm, hall
- ▶ NO Secular Franciscan Order meeting this month, due to Memorial Day holiday

Monday, May 25 – MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY

- ▶ Parish Office Closed
- ▶ NO SVDP monthly meeting, due to holiday
Moved to next Monday, June 1

Tuesday, May 26

- ▶ Stewardship Council monthly meeting, 7 pm, hall

Wednesday, May 27

- ▶ RCIA Catechist meeting, 7 pm, hall)

Thursday, May 28

- ▶ Bible Study at Westminster Thurber, 10:30 am

LOOKING AHEAD ... Sunday, May 31

- ▶ SVDP 5th Sunday of the Month second collection
- ▶ May "Crowning" after each Mass

Monday, June 1

- ▶ Flytown Men monthly meeting, 6 pm
- ▶ St Vincent dePaul Conference meeting, 7 pm

Why are so many people in red today? Today, Pentecost Sunday, the 50th day after Easter, we celebrate the day that the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles. The color red symbolizes the love of the Holy Spirit, and the tongues of fire that appeared over the heads of the apostles. Want more information? Check out <http://www.churchyear.mobi/site/pentecost.html>

At Baptism, we receive **seven special gifts** from the Holy Spirit. These gifts are freely given to us to help us live as followers of Jesus and to build up the Body of Christ, the Church. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are sealed and strengthened within us at Confirmation. These seven gifts help us to respond to the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives, to make good choices, and to serve God and others.

Wisdom is the gift of knowing the right choices to make to live a holy life. The gift of wisdom helps you to avoid the things that could lead you away from God.

Understanding is the gift of comprehension, or the ability to grasp the meaning of the teachings of the Church. The gift of understanding helps you be tolerant and sympathetic of others. It helps you sense when someone is hurting or in need of compassion.

Right Judgment, or Counsel, is the gift of prudence. The gift of right judgment helps you make choices to live as a faithful follower of Jesus.

Courage, or Fortitude, is the gift that helps you stand up for your faith in Christ. The gift of courage helps you overcome any obstacles that would keep you from practicing your faith.

Knowledge is the gift of knowing and enlightenment. The gift of knowledge enables you to choose the right path that will lead you to God. It encourages you to avoid obstacles that will keep you from him.

Reverence, or Piety, is the gift of confidence in God. This gift of reverence inspires you to joyfully want to serve God and others.

Wonder and Awe, or Fear of the Lord is the gift of wonder and respect that encourages you to be in awe of God. The gift of wonder and awe moves you to so love God that you do not want to offend him by your words or actions.

Pastoral Reflection for May 24, 2015

Pentecost marks the birth of the Church, the day she received the breath of life from heaven. On that day, the supreme gift of the Spirit fell on the Apostles in a spectacular way. They felt completely transformed as if burning with an unknown force. Preaching with confidence they baptized thousands of new believers at once.

This feast marked the appearance of a new reality: the Church that is a group of people anointed by the Spirit from above acting in Persona Christi equipped with his very authority and charisma.

Three key teachings will inspire our prayers today: the crucial importance of the Spirit, the Spirit equips us with gifts that the world cannot provide, and these gifts invariably bring forth love and unity. While diversity of languages tends to produce confusion and division, the Holy Spirit reinforces harmony, unity and peace. Whenever we feel energized reaping joyfully the harvest of selfless love in the community, we make a little Pentecost happen. Come Holy Spirit and renew the face of our Church!

In Christ ~ Fr. Fritz

Parish News and Information

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!!!

Bus Trip to See Pope Francis! At the World Meeting of Families 2015 Philadelphia September 25-26-27, 2015

St Michael Parish in Worthington has secured a bus trip with Proximo Travel, to see Pope Francis when he visits the United States in September.

And there is room on the bus for us!

3 days, bus transportation and hotel accommodations along with breakfasts and dinners (lunch on your own)

All for \$699 per person

(this price is guaranteed if you register now!)

Want to learn more? Visit www.proximotravel.com or Call Martha (with St Michael Parish) 614.312.3226

[see flyers and posters in church and hall]

Parish News and Information

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 Sunday Masses

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 from 10 am – 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.

On Thursday, June 11th, parishioner Judy Unger will be going into Corrections Medical Center state prison with a team of women for a **Kairos prison ministry** weekend. At one point during the weekend a prayer chain is brought into the room to show the ladies attending the retreat all of the people on the outside who are praying for them. Would you be willing to pray for the success of the weekend? If so, please let Judy know (judyunger@yahoo.com or [614-451-3861](tel:614-451-3861)) what time you'll be praying (anytime between 11 am, June 11th, to midnight, June 14th) and she will include your name on the prayer chain. Thank you for your support.

To My St Francis Family ...
I wanted to thank all of you for the sweet words and kind send-off you gave me yesterday (Sunday, May 10) ... it was so unexpected and warmed my heart. I will greatly miss worshipping with all of you on Sunday mornings. Being a part of this parish was such a blessing to both myself and my husband, and we are saddened to be leaving so soon after finding St Francis of Assisi ... we hope to visit when we return on visits to Columbus. Thank you for making me feel so at home over this past year, and for all of your love and encouragement. I look forward to seeing you soon. And remember – there are always open seats in the choir loft!
Many Blessings ~ Abbie Stands-Franz (www.abbiestands.com)

