

## Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of September 6, 2015

### Sunday, September 6

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

11:00 am—Lucy Morgan (Steven Hillyer)

### Monday, September 7

NO MASS

### Tuesday, September 8

6:00 pm—Tim Baesmann (Jack Randolph)

### Wednesday, September 9

6:00 pm—Needs of Our Parishioners

### Thursday, September 10

6:00 pm—Sick, Hospitalized, and Homebound

### Friday, September 11

6:00 pm—Peace In Our World

### Saturday, September 12

NO MASS

### Sunday, September 13

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

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## Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries

### Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

**Sept 6**—9 am—Lorri Kuczynski, Joyce Schneider

11 am—Tera Kovar, John Nunn

**Sept 13**—9 am—Katherine Kriedermann, Susan Kyanko

11 am—Jackie Emch, Therese Brady

### Servers

**Sept 6**—9 am—Steven Hillyer; 11 am—Margaret O'Brien

**Sept 13**—9 am—Frank Schneider; 11 am—Margaret O'Brien

### Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

**Sept 6**—9 am—Frank Schneider; 11 am—Lori Tocarzic

**Sept 13**—9 am—Bob Geoghegan; 11 am—Dan O'Brien

### Lectors

**Sept 6**—9 am—Will Brenner, Gretchen Rivera

11 am—Renee Morkassel, Sophia Brown

**Sept 13**—9 am—Joyce Schneider, Lynn Willford

11 am—Julie Byrne, Diane Meves

### Eucharistic Ministers

**Sept 6**—9 am—Sister Sharen, Frank Conway, C Damm

11 am—J Capestany, Joanna Nunn, Sandy Glasner

**Sept 13**—9 am—Jaime Capestany, S Cruickshank, Rick Miller

11 am—M A Kerscher, Marilyn Smith, Renee Morkassel

## THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

-- RCIA --

If you are a non-baptized person or a baptized person of another Christian denomination with a desire to learn about Catholic beliefs and practices, please consider participating in our parish RCIA process. Join our RCIA team in a welcoming environment where you may feel free to ask questions and share your faith journey. **Weekly RCIA sessions will begin on Wednesday, September 16**, in the church hall, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Please contact Kathy Dancey to learn more about the process

([614-421-7652](tel:614-421-7652) or [kdancey@columbus.rr.com](mailto:kdancey@columbus.rr.com)).

*"Come and see!" (Jn 1:39)*

## Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

### TODAY ... Sunday, September 6

- ▶ SPECIAL Hospitality Event for Fr Fritz's Ordination Anniversary

**10 am Hospitality (with cake, fruit, and beverages)**

### Monday, September 7

- ▶ Labor Day Holiday, parish office closed

### Tuesday, September 8

- ▶ Holy Hour, following 6 pm Mass, church

### Thursday, September 10

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

### LOOKING AHEAD ... Sunday, September 13

- ▶ RCIA – Questions and Answers, following each Mass

- ▶ St Francis Seniors monthly meeting, 2 pm, hall

### Monday, September 14

- ▶ Flytown Men monthly meeting (moved from Sept 7)

## Parish News and Information

### Dear Members of St Francis of Assisi Parish ...

We wish to thank you for all that you do to help the many economically deprived persons who are served by St Francis Center (in McArthur, Ohio). We are so grateful for your compassion and generosity. The school supplies are a huge benefit to the neighbors we serve. The price for and number of required supplies grows yearly ... your donations allow for some relief to the community! May God bless you always with grace and peace! ~ Lisa and the St Francis Staff



We're getting ready for the start of another year in the **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Atrium**. Plans are to welcome new children to this Montessori-based religious education program (for children ages 3-6 years) on Sunday, Sept 20. Registrations forms are now available on the registers in the back of church!

### Fr. Fritz is celebrating his 16th anniversary as a priest on

**September 5, 2015**. Please join us TODAY -- Sunday, September 6, between the 9:00 and 11:00 Masses to recognize him, his commitment to God, and to our parish.

### Mark your calendars! Our Fall Craft Fair will be held on

**Sunday, November 1**. 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.

## Haitian Labor Day Festival

Join the Haitian Community in this Annual Event  
at St Matthais Catholic Church  
1582 Ferris Road in Columbus

### Labor Day, Monday, September 7

(afternoon and evening)

*Pastoral Reflection for September 6, 2015*

Ephphatha!--- that is, "Be opened!" Those words are repeated at each Baptism when the presider touches our ears and our mouth in imitation of Jesus and said: "The Lord made the deaf hear and the mute speak. May He soon touch your ears to receive his word, and your mouth to proclaim his faith, to the praise and glory of God the Father."

By the power of its symbolism, the Ephphatha Rite, or rite of opening the ears and mouth, impresses also on the Elect (and the Candidates, during the RCIA process) their need of grace in order that they may hear the word of God and profess it for their salvation.

As Jesus "put his finger into the man's ears and touched his tongue, immediately his ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly." The celebrant touches the ears and the lips of the elect (candidates) as well, and the new disciples are charged to proclaim the Gospel of the Lord to all nations.

The command of "Ephphatha" challenges each of us today to hear the word and to share it by becoming a living example of the Gospel. If you have doubt that this rite was performed on you at Baptism, or if you hear God's calling you to be baptized, or if you are just seeking to grow in your understanding of who we are as Church, feel free to get in touch with our RCIA team ... and you will experience personally this year the "Ephphatha" Rite we will perform just hours before the celebration of the Sacrament of Christian Initiation.

*In Christ ~ Fr Fritz*

*Around Town ... Local and Diocesan News*

**The sacred remains of Saint Maria Goretti, Patroness of Virtue and of Mercy**, will be at Saint Joseph Cathedral on Wednesday, October 21, from 11:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m., with a special Memorial Mass celebrated at 7:00 p.m. This is a first-of-a-kind visit of her remains to the United States and is coordinated with the Holy See's Congregation for the Causes of Saints and the Treasures of the Church, and is part of a national Pilgrimage of Mercy in preparation for the Extraordinary Year of Mercy, which officially begins on December 8. All who wish to venerate her sacred remains are invited. For more information about Saint Maria Goretti, the importance of this opportunity, and this national Pilgrimage of Mercy, please visit the website: [www.MariaGoretti.com](http://www.MariaGoretti.com). Please note there are no "reservations" associated with this one-day opportunity – the faithful are invited equally to Saint Joseph Cathedral for prayer and veneration of the sacred remains of Saint Maria Goretti. It is suggested that you carpool, and make use of public parking facilities adjacent to the Cathedral; handicapped access to the Cathedral is available via elevator located on the west (courtyard) side of the Cathedral.

<i>Financial Update</i>	<i>August</i>	<i>August</i>
<i>Sunday Offertory</i>	<i>9 am</i>	<i>11 am</i>
8.02.15	\$2,351.00	\$1,078.00
8.09.15	\$982.00	\$768.00
8.16.15	\$823.00	\$687.00
8.23.15	\$1,053.00	\$684.00
8.30.15	\$756.00	\$614.00

**PARISH PICNIC NEWS – Stay TUNED!**

Have you marked your calendars?  
Sunday, October 11, at Goodale Park

**Please join the Amazing Parish team** (and council members of Finance, Pastoral, and Stewardship Councils) for an update of our planning sessions on **Monday September 14, at 7:00 pm** in the CHURCH (we'll be meeting in the church, due to the Flytown Men's meeting in the hall; due to the Labor Day holiday, they moved their monthly meeting back one week). We are excited to share our draft with you and look forward to your thoughts and ideas. **Any interested parishioners are welcome to join in the conversation – PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND**, so we can be prepared with seating and materials. Please pray for the success of this joint meeting, and thank you!



**The SVDP Donation Box** at the entrance to the church has been looking a bit empty these past few weeks. People still need food and personal hygiene items in the summer months. When you go to the store, please pick up a few extra items to put in the donation box when you come to church. Food with pop top cans are always needed for the homeless, and peanut butter is always good. Deodorant, shampoo, soap, razors, toothbrushes, toothpaste, women's hygiene items, and diapers – to name just a few – are always needed. Thank you!



**Friends of the Poor Walk**

The St. Vincent de Paul Friends of the Poor Walk will take place Saturday, October 3, 2015 at St. Francis de Sales High School, located at 4212 Karl Road. Registration starts at 9 a.m. with the walk around the track beginning at 10 a.m. Participants can walk as little or as long as they wish. Proceeds raised by St. Francis of Assisi walkers **come directly to our church's St. Vincent de Paul Conference**. This past year St. Francis' St. Vincent de Paul Conference has made donations to agencies and groups such as NNEMAP Food Pantry, JOIN, St. Francis Center in MacArthur, Women Affirming Women, Catholic Social Services, and Save Our Adolescents from Prostitution (SOAP) among others; conducted the Thanksgiving baskets and Christmas giving tree campaigns; made sandwiches for distribution by St. Lawrence Haven; and assisted individuals in need. Directions for signing up to participate as a walker or as a donor are as follows:

To walk: Go to <https://www.svdpusa.net/fop/> And Select **Ohio** in the drop down menu in the **Find a Local Walk** area ... then Select the **Register to Walk** Button

To donate: Go to <https://www.svdpusa.net/fop/> And in the **Donate to a Walker** area **type the name of a St. Francis of Assisi walker**. THIS IS IMPORTANT to insure that your donation comes back to our parish Conference. St. Francis walkers registered to walk to date are: John Nunn, Jaime Capestany, Lorri Kuczynski, Michael Loutzenhiser, Butch Goffos, Lynn Epperson, and Karen Scheid. Select the walker from the list of participants and donate. **THANK YOU!**