

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of September 13, 2015

Sunday, September 13

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

Monday, September 14

NO MASS

Tuesday, September 15

6:00 pm—Peace In Our World

Wednesday, September 16

6:00 pm—Sick and Homebound and Their Caregivers

Thursday, September 17

6:00 pm—Joan Randolph (Jack Randolph)

Friday, September 18

6:00 pm—Thomas Garrity, Sr. (Tom & Veronica Garrity)

Saturday, September 19

NO MASS

Sunday, September 20

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)

Sept 13—9 am—Katherine Kriedermann, Susan Kyanko

11 am—Jackie Emch, Therese Brady

Sept 20—9 am—Ted Klupinski, Terry Gatton

11 am—Sandy Glasner, Marilyn Smith

Servers

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

Sept 20—9 am—Elizabeth Maite; 11 am—Margaret O'Brien

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

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

Sept 20—9 am—Skip Camerucci; 11 am—NOT FILLED

Lectors

Sept 13—9 am—Joyce Schneider, Lynn Willford

11 am—Julie Byrne, Diane Meves

Sept 20—9 am—Gretchen Rivera, Sister Sharen

11 am—Sophia Brown, Julie Byrne

Eucharistic Ministers

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

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

Sept 20—9 am—Catherine Damm, Chris Paisley, M A Kerscher

11 am—Louisa Celebrezze, Diane LeMay, Joanna Nunn

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 Dancy to learn more about the process ([614-421-7652](tel:614-421-7652) or kdancey@columbus.rr.com).

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

Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

TODAY ... 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)
- ▶ Amazing Parish Update Meeting, 7 pm, church

Tuesday, September 15

- ▶ WT Nursing Home monthly Mass, 11 am
- ▶ Dulcimer Music Group, 7 pm, hall

Wednesday, September 16

- ▶ RCIA Inquiry Sessions begin, 7 pm, hall

Thursday, September 17

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

LOOKING AHEAD ... Sunday, September 20

- ▶ Book Discussion Group (see note below)
- ▶ Baptism Workshop, 12:30 pm, Desert Room

The St. Francis Book Discussion Group will meet after the 11 am Mass next Sunday, September 20, and will discuss **A Interrupted Life** by Ety Hillesum. All are welcome.

Parish News and Information

Dear Members of St Francis of Assisi Parish ...

Oh behalf of His Excellency, Bishop Campbell and the Augustinian Missionaries, I would like to thank you and your parish family for your participation in the 2015 Missionary Co-op Program, by way of your hospitality, prayers, and financial support. I am sure that the hospitality your parish family offered to your visiting missionary left a lasting impression in the missionary's heart. ~ *Lany Tapay, Director of Missions Office*
*** Amount received = \$1,526.00



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!

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.

Parish Financial Update

Our parish Finance Council, after review with the Pastor, Stewardship, and Pastoral Councils, has recommended to the Pastor that we contract with Cunneen, a fundraising company specializing in offertory enhancement. This is a 14-week program set to coincide with our annual "Tapestry" giving program. The program will begin with invitational parishioner talks at Mass on September 20 and 27, and will follow with in-home mailings. Stay tuned!

Pastoral Reflection for September 13, 2015

We cannot help but being struck by three startling points made by today's Gospel about Jesus' identity and mission after challenging his closest followers "Who do PEOPLE say that I am?" and "who do YOU say that I am?" First there is the confession of Peter. "You are the Christ." Jesus felt relieved. That was exactly what he wanted to hear. Finally, someone had discovered his Messianic identity.

Secondly, this confession of Caesarea Philippi marks some sort of a turning point and prompts Jesus to reveal his deepest secret of the day. "The Son of Man must suffer greatly...and be killed...and rise after three days." The Apostles could not stand the thought of their beloved Lord's passion and death. Jesus, who did not want people to misinterpret him and his role, rebuked their negative reaction by a stern warning: "You do not think as God but as human beings do."

Then calling the crowds he made another incredible declaration that brings us to the third surprising statements of this text: "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself take up his cross and follow me..." Jesus is not a triumphant Messiah but a suffering Servant. The true Church and the genuine believer must learn to walk to victory on a path of sufferings for the road of love requires sacrifices!

This is an inescapable message of the Gospel that millions have embraced heroically with joy beyond telling. Others do promote Jesus and his Gospel but keep wondering: "Why doesn't God put a stop to the tragedy and the suffering in the world?" More often we are tempted to say like Peter: "This cannot be."

Those of you who are reading or listening to this message: Who is Jesus for you? It's not always enough to be able to give the right answer. Answering this question is an ongoing process. It is a matter of getting to know Jesus better through our actions by serving the needs of others.
In Christ ~ Fr Fritz

Around Town ... Local and Diocesan News

A Mass of Healing and Healing Service will be held on Monday, Sept 21, 6:30 p.m., at St. Joseph Cathedral.

Cathedral Rector Fr. Michael Lumpe, a cancer survivor, will celebrate the Mass. Following the Mass, a Healing Service will take place beginning with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Veneration of relics of the True Cross, with each person having the opportunity to speak individually with one of several priests present to discuss their particular situation and receive a prayer of healing; the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will also be available. The Healing Service will conclude with Benediction. All persons who seek healing for cancer, all physical illnesses and infirmities, mental anxieties, spiritual – are invited, as are family members, caregivers, and medical professionals. For questions, please call St. Joseph Cathedral, [\(614\) 224-1295](tel:6142241295).

Second Vatican Council Lecture at the Josephinum

The Pontifical College Josephinum's annual lecture series continues Thursday, October 8, with a presentation by Father Jared Wicks, SJ, Scholar-In-Residence at the seminary. Father Wicks will present "Vatican II in 1965: Bringing in an Ample Harvest of Renewed Doctrine and Directives of Service" at 7:00 pm in the Jessing Center on the Josephinum campus. The event is free of charge and open to the public.

ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC NEWS

Have you marked your calendars?
Sunday, October 11, at Goodale Park
Following the 11 am Mass (until 4 pm)

This year – it's time for somethin' different –

It's a Chili Cook-off!

Bring your homemade, secret, prize-winning, family favorite Chili or Cornbread to share.

There will be a prize for the winner!

[and this editor has already heard a certain Mr B K talkin' up his fancy chili-makin' skills! ... So bring it on!]

The parish will provide additional chili, and beverages.

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!



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!**