

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of September 20, 2015

Sunday, September 20

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

Monday, September 21

NO MASS

Tuesday, September 22

6:00 pm—Safe Journey to all Travelers

Wednesday, September 23

6:00 pm—Sick and Homebound and Their Caregivers

Thursday, September 24

6:00 pm—For Peace in Our World

Friday, September 25

6:00 pm—Homeless Persons

Saturday, September 26

NO MASS

Sunday, September 27

9:00 am—Parishioners of St Francis of Assisi Parish
11:00 am—Bill Scharlott (Fran Scharlott)

Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

Sept 20—9 am—Ted Klupinski, Terry Gatton

11 am—Sandy Glasner, Marilyn Smith

Sept 27—9 am—Frank Conway, Terry Gatton

11 am—Maryellen O'Shaughnessy, Tera Kovar

Servers

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

Sept 27—9 am—John Ryan; 11 am—Margaret O'Brien

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

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

Sept 27—9 am—Susan Kyanko; 11 am—Dan O'Brien

Lectors

Sept 20—9 am—Gretchen Rivera, Sister Sharen

11 am—Sophia Brown, Julie Byrne

Sept 27—9 am—Lynn Willford, Joe Dallacqua

11 am—Jon Murphy, Sue Cruickshank

Eucharistic Ministers

Sept 20—9 am—Frank Schneider, Chris Paisley, M A Kerscher

11 am—Louisa Celebrezze, Diane LeMay, Joanna Nunn

Sept 27—9 am—K Kriedermann, J Rosenfield, Linda Wolfe

11 am—Mark Coleman, Gretchen Rivera, Lori Toczor

Offertory Enhancement Program

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!

Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

TODAY ... Sunday, September 20

- ▶ SVDP Sandwiches, following 9 am Mass, hall
- ▶ Book Discussion Group, following 11 am Mass
- ▶ Baptism Workshop, 12:30 pm, Desert Room

Monday, September 21

- ▶ Diocesan SVDP monthly meeting

Tuesday, September 22

- ▶ Flytown Women monthly meeting, 12 noon, hall

Wednesday, September 23

- ▶ RCIA Inquiry Sessions begin, 7 pm, hall

Thursday, September 24

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

LOOKING AHEAD ... Sunday, September 27

- ▶ Secular Franciscan Order, 2 pm, church and hall

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; the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will also be available. 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:614-224-1295).



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, and Irene Zahm. Select the walker from the list of participants and donate. **THANK YOU!**

Pastoral Reflection for September 20, 2015

The disciples in today's Gospel want to know who among them is the greatest. Jesus seems to understand their true motivation, for he shows them, in effect, how to be great in a new way. The greatest must be humble like the child he placed in their midst.

Loved though children were in the first century, they had no power or social status. To receive a child such as this in Jesus' name is to receive Jesus himself. His attitude was that of service. Love is our mission, which is to serve.

Pope Francis, whom we prepare to welcome this week in the United States for the World Meeting of Families, always reminds us that we are called to rub elbows not only with the celebrities but also with the humble, the lost and the lowly, the least noticeable and the least important, who become the standard for who is the greatest among us. Jesus always goes a step further to make the invisible ones even more visible, to turn power into service, to make the last first.

In Christ ~ Fr Fritz

Parish News and Information

St. Francis of Assisi Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes for September ... At the September 1 Pastoral Council meeting, the council discussed the upcoming events in October, including the Feast Day of our Patron Saint, the Blessing of the Animals, Transitus, the Parish Picnic, and Stewardship Commitment Sunday. October promises to be a faith filled and community-focused month for our parish. Please plan to attend these wonderful events, and remember, every Sunday in October is Hospitality Sunday! October also marks the beginning of the Cunneen offertory enhancement program, more details to follow. The parking lot will also be re-paved this fall and the fence by the garage will also be repaired later this year. Several parishioners also recently attended the ALPHA training program, which provides an opportunity for fellowship, a meal, and faith sharing. This program will likely begin in Spring 2016 at St. Francis.

Mark Your Calendars! OCTOBER EVENTS

Saturday, October 3, at 10 am – Animal Blessing

Sat, October 3 at 7 pm – Transitus: A celebration of Francis' passing from earthly existence to eternal life, sponsored by the Secular Franciscan Order. Prayers, reflections, music

Sunday, October 4 – Feast Day!

Sunday, October 11 – from 12 noon – 4 pm – Parish Picnic
At Goodale Park (see info next column)

Sunday, October 18 – BREAD House Meeting
Details will follow soon!

**Sunday, October 25
Tapestry Commitment Festival
After each Mass**

P.S. in the planning ahead category – please note the Columbus Marathon is Sunday, Oct 18.

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.

50/50 RAFFLE TICKETS

Go on sale today, after each Mass

OCTOBER PARISH ART PROJECT ... This year during our parish October celebration we will be offering the opportunity to decorate garden bricks for our beautiful parish gardens. We will provide most of the materials but would ask that you think about what items you would like use to decorate your brick and begin collecting them. We would suggest any of the following --- broken pottery or china, buttons, keys, glass beads, jewelry, mementos, stones, tiles. Also it would help us for you to save your cardboard quart milk/juice containers to use as forms. More information will follow.

St. Francis of Assisi and Pope Francis Welcome Week Volunteer Opportunities: We have a banner to welcome Pope Francis to the United States and to welcome our neighbors to tour our church, parish hall, and grounds. Can you help with any of these activities?

Tuesday, 9/22 – Friday, 9/25: Each night from **5:15 pm – 7:15 pm** we will have a table outside the church with drinks, refreshments, water bowl and pet treats for dogs (fur babies!) and information about our parish and upcoming parish events. We need several parishioners each night to be available to answer questions and to take guests on tours of the church (when Daily Mass is not happening), as well as the parish hall and grounds.

Saturday, 9/26: from 9:00 am – 11:00 am: Same duties as above ... table outside, answering questions, taking guests on a tour of church, hall, and grounds.

**Sunday, 9/27: 9:00 am & 11:00 – 1:00 pm:
(2 separate shifts):** Same duties as above ... table outside, answering questions, taking guests on a tour of church (when Mass is not being celebrated), hall, and grounds.

Please contact Pat Cassidy for questions or to volunteer by phone or text [614.625.5271](tel:614.625.5271) or cassidy.ipatrick@yahoo.com.

Please remember in your prayers -- parishioner Pat Mooney, who died this past week; and Catherine Damm, who was seriously injured in an auto accident last Wednesday night.