

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of October 11, 2015

Sunday, October 11

9:00 am—Pat Mooney (Steven Hillyer)
11:00 am—Parishioners of St Francis of Assisi Parish

Monday, October 12

NO MASS

Tuesday, October 13

6:00 pm—For Sick and Homebound Persons

Wednesday, October 14

6:00 pm—Peace In Our World

Thursday, October 15

6:00 pm—Joan Randolph (Jack Randolph)

Friday, October 16

6:00 pm—Safe Travels to All Who Are Journeying

Saturday, October 17

NO MASS

Sunday, October 18

9:00 am—Christine Baldy (Sister Sharen)
11:00 am—Parishioners of St Francis of Assisi Parish

Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

Oct 11—9 am—Rick Miller, Ted Klupinski

11 am—Therese Brady, Jackie Emch

Oct 18—9 am—VOLUNTEER, Ted Klupinski

11 am—Jackie Emch, Sophia Brown

Servers

Oct 11—9 am—John Ryan; 11 am—NOT FILLED

Oct 18—9 am—Steven Hillyer; 11 am—NOT FILLED

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

Oct 11—9 am—Frank Schneider; 11 am—Lori Tocorzic

Oct 18—9 am—Bob Geoghegan; 11 am—Julie Byrne

Lectors

Oct 11—9 am—Lorri Kuczynski, Will Brenner

11 am—Maryellen O'Shaughnessy, Ben Gibbons

Oct 18—9 am—Joe Dallacqua, Lorri Kuczynski

11 am—VOLUNTEER, VOLUNTEER

Eucharistic Ministers

Oct 11—9 am—Jan Rosenfield, Joyce Schneider, J Capestany

11 am—Diane LeMay, Marilyn Smith, Gretchen Rivera

Oct 18—9 am—Sister Sharen, J Capestany, Jan Rosenfield

11 am—Sue Cruickshank, Sandy Glasner, Mark Coleman

Gluten "Free" / Low Gluten Hosts ... we now have Low Gluten hosts available for those who wish to receive them. If you would like to receive a low-gluten host at Communion, please notify one of the greeters before Mass. This will allow us to observe and maintain safety protocols for those who are sensitive or allergic to gluten. Any questions? Call the parish office (614.299.5781 / office@sfacolumbus.org) or see one of the Mass Coordinators. Thank you!

Please continue your prayers for parishioner Catherine Damm ... her daughter Marti reports that she is recovering and improving at a skilled nursing facility in the Cleveland area, and is so grateful for the healing thoughts and prayers!

Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

TODAY ... Sunday, October 11

▶ PICNIC DAY and Chili Cook-off! Following 11 am Mass
Goodale Park until 4 pm

▶ St Francis Seniors, 2 pm, hall

Tuesday, October 13

▶ Monthly Holy Hour, following 6 pm Mass

Wednesday, October 14

▶ RCIA Inquiry Sessions, 7 pm, hall

Thursday, October 15

▶ Bible Study at Westminster Thurber, 10:30 am

Around Town ... Local and Diocesan News

For publication in Parish Bulletins each weekend from Sept.

27th – Nov. 8th ... Love Is Our Mission: A Call to Live the

Joy and Mission of Marriage & Family Life: All are invited to one of these four gatherings as The Most Reverend Frederick F. Campbell discusses the recent World Meeting of Families.

Monday, October 12, 7:00 PM, Ohio Dominican University

Wednesday, Oct 21, 7:00 PM, St. Francis DeSales, Newark

Saturday, October 31, 10:30 AM, St. Peter, Chillicothe

Tuesday, November 10, 7:00 PM, Bishop Ready H. S.

For more information visit www.colstdioc.org or call 614-241-2560

Laudato Si: What is an Encyclical? Monday, October 12 – St. Thomas More Newman Center will host a presentation and panel discussion **from 7-9 pm** on "Laudato Si: What is an Encyclical?" Speakers include Dan Misleh, the Executive Director of the Catholic Climate Covenant, Greg Hitzhusen, an Assistant Professor of Professional Practice in the *School of Environment and Natural Resources at The Ohio State University* and was the founding Director of *Ohio Interfaith Power and Light*, and Jason Cervenec, the Education and Outreach Director for the Byrd Polar and Climate Research Center at The Ohio State University. To learn more, visit:

<http://www.buckeyecatholic.com/laudato-si.html>.

Breaking Bread While Being BREAD – OCT 18

A very special BREAD "House Meeting."

Every year the St. Francis of Assisi community hosts a number of house meetings annual house meetings, to gain your input and to help identify community problems that the BREAD organizations can tackle in the upcoming year. This year, we're doing something different!

On Sunday, October 18, our St. Francis BREAD Team, will host one parish-wide house meeting in the Parish Hall! From 6:00 to 8:00 pm, we'll gather to break bread, while drawing attention to the problems and concerns from our neighborhood and the broader community. We will also take this time to share with you in celebration about the recent BREAD win to increase access to mental healthcare in Columbus!

Please look for an email in your inbox, or use this link -- <http://bit.ly/1iORm5s> ... As the event will be catered, RSVP's will help make sure we have enough food for all in attendance. **Have questions?** Please feel free to call /text/email Phil Pennino at Phil.pennino@gmail.com or 614-352-4645

Pastoral Reflection for October 11, 2015

"Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" In response to the question of this rich young man, Jesus simply quoted the prescriptions of the Law of Moses. No mention is made of the first commandment regarding God's worship.

The emphasis is clearly on the prescriptions of a social nature: "You shall not kill, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal nor bear false witness and defraud, etc." These are the sorts of sins that wealthy people in general tend to commit, sins of abuse of power, of dishonesty and of greed.

The young man is obviously a very righteous individual. He gained Jesus' respect and love when he spontaneously answered: "I have accomplished all of these from my youth." He simply could not in his mind live up to this new challenge and give up all he possessed, including his wealth. For the rich man had been taught that gaining riches was a sign of God's favor. And now Jesus seems indicating that wealth and power generate a false and temporary security.

The man's initial enthusiasm evaporated and went away with unspeakable sadness. Good as he was, he preferred his wealth to eternal life. What Jesus stressed in this Gospel is the radical option one is called to make between God and idols. God first, everything else is second. Money, though necessary, gives no extra edge when it comes to salvation. However, for God, indeed even rich people can be saved by his grace like the rest of us.

Jesus' cautious view of wealth still has the power to astonish and to make each of us ask ourselves: therefore, "What must we do, and how do we use our possessions, time, and talents?"

On Sunday October 25, every member of St Francis of Assisi Parish is encouraged to commit time and talents to a one-time project or a continuing ministry, called Tapestry. We may respond positively or hang back with excuses but "all things are possible for God and with you." We can't do it all on our own. We hope to see you there. As always, we are very grateful to your countless help.

In Christ ~ Fr Fritz

Offertory Enhancement / Stewardship Update

Each year, people throughout the world make New Year's Resolutions. For many, these resolutions are short-lived and quickly forgotten. At our Baptism and Confirmation, we made New Life resolutions. Our Baptismal promises are life-long commitments to Jesus and the Church.

We recognize that all we possess comes from God. We are God's stewards. We have been empowered to manage the abundant gifts we have received.

As "good stewards" it is our responsibility to give back a portion of the time, talent, and treasure we receive from our generous and loving God. Let us recommit ourselves to the Lord by taking the time to plan. Let us make stewardship of our time and talent part of our lifestyle, and stewardship of treasure part of our budget.

"Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7)

Parish News and Information

COMMITMENT SUNDAY TAPESTRY EVENT! OCTOBER 25, FOLLOWING THE 9AM AND 11AM MASSES

As we began our patronal feast month—our month dedicated to St. Francis' commitment to active love and service—with a commitment Sunday focused on our treasure, we will close the month with a commitment Sunday focusing on our time and talent. **Please join us in the Parish Hall following the 9am and 11am Masses on Sunday, October 25, for our Parish Tapestry Commitment Sunday.**

Come to meet your fellow parishioners who lead our parish groups and organizations! Sign-up to participate in any (or all!) of the activities and events that our parish hosts! Want to join the book club? Now's your chance! Have you been wondering if now is the time to participate in our liturgy as a lector, Eucharistic minister, server, or crucifer? Come to meet current liturgical ministers who can explain the process. Gardening? Drum Circle? RCIA? Prison Ministry? We've got them! Pasta Dinner? Parish Picnic? Garage Sale? Craft Fair? We have these and other annual events that always require organizers and planners! **Come to see all the threads of our parish tapestry, and weave yourself into our beautiful fabric!**

In addition to our usual coffee, donuts, and bagels, we will have sweet and savory brunch items, along with a festive punch to drink! So, come hungry (especially if you are craving lunch following the 11am Mass)! We welcome you. We value you. We thank you!

Learn more about Liturgical Ministers ... Did you ever wonder what Mass would be like without the volunteers who perform various functions throughout our service? Pre Vatican II Mass looked very different. The roles for the lay community were limited. Ushers were in place to seat people and help with collection. The only other role was that of Altar Boy. Both of these roles only allowed male participation. After Vatican II, Pope John supported the active participation of lay members in all facets of the liturgy and included women. For the individual, direct participation in the liturgy broadens one's faith and increases the understanding of the rituals our liturgy holds. As a group, liturgical ministers provide a valuable service to our church community -- help distribute communion; provide the voice for the readings; greet all who enter our church, and help those a little more frail to fully participate in our liturgy. Without our liturgical ministers, much of what you know as the Mass would be very different. Join us at Commitment Sunday, October 25 to learn more from current ministers. We would love to share this opportunity with you!

Follow-up letters from Fr Fritz ... will be mailed to all households from who we have not yet received a response to our Stewardship Appeal. Please respond as soon as you are able, by placing your intention card in the collection basket.

Are you already signed up for electronic giving? That's great! We can incorporate your new amount in the EFT / credit card program. Just fill out the commitment card and note that you already participate, and indicate the new monthly amount.

Does your employer have a United Way Campaign? You can contribute to St Francis of Assisi this way. Call the office to learn more.