

## Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of October 18, 2015

### Sunday, October 18

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

### Monday, October 19

NO MASS

### Tuesday, October 20

6:00 pm—For Sick and Homebound Persons

### Wednesday, October 21

6:00 pm—Peace In Our World

### Thursday, October 22

6:00 pm—Pat Mooney (Jack Randolph)

### Friday, October 23

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

### Saturday, October 24

NO MASS

### Sunday, October 25

9:00 am—Parishioners of St Francis of Assisi Parish  
11:00 am—Susan Robine (Patti Maietta)

## Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries

### Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

Oct 18—9 am—Frank Schneider, Ted Klupinski

11 am—Jackie Emch, Sophia Brown

Oct 25—9 am—Frank Schneider, Tera Kovar

11 am—John Nunn, Therese Brady

### Servers

Oct 18—9 am—Steven Hillyer; 11 am—Pat Cassidy

Oct 25—9 am—Elizabeth Maite; 11 am—Margaret O'Brien

### Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

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

Oct 25—9 am—Frank Conway; 11 am—Julie Byrne

### Lectors

Oct 18—9 am—Joe Dallacqua, Lorri Kuczynski

11 am—VOLUNTEER, VOLUNTEER

Oct 25—9 am—Sister Sharen, Elise Ryan

11 am—Ben Gibbons, Larry Charles

### Eucharistic Ministers

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

11 am—Sue Cruickshank, Sandy Glasner, Mark Coleman

Oct 25—9 am—Mary Ann Kerscher, Linda Wolfe, Steven Hillyer

11 am—Sue Cruickshank, Renee Morkassel, Diane LeMay

**Please remember in your prayers** – the sister of parishioner and Flytown Women's member Fran Scharlott. Fran's sister died this past week in Texas. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the family.



**Also, 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 18

- ▶ SVDP Sandwiches, following 9 am Mass, hall
- ▶ Book Discussion Group, following 11 am Mass, hall
- ▶ Baptism Workshop, 12:30 pm, Desert Room
- ▶ BREAD – Breaking Bread While Being BREAD 6 pm, hall

### Monday, October 19

- ▶ Diocesan SVDP meeting, 5:30 pm, hall
- ▶ Drum Circle, 7 pm, hall

### Tuesday, October 20

- ▶ Dulcimer Music Group, 7 pm, hall

### Wednesday, October 21

- ▶ RCIA Inquiry Sessions, 7 pm, hall

### Thursday, October 22

- ▶ 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.

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.colsdioc.org](http://www.colsdioc.org) or call 614-241-2560



**SAVE THE DATE!** The 6th Annual Benefit Concert for NNEMAP Food Pantry, HARMONY FOR HUNGER, is **Friday, November 13 - 7:30 p.m. at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 2151 Dorset Rd., Columbus** (across from the Tremont Center in Upper Arlington). Tickets are \$15 and are available at the door or from parishioner Lorri Kuczynski. This is a major fundraiser for a food pantry that serves the needs of people in our area.

**The SFA St. Vincent de Paul Society will be distributing Thanksgiving baskets on Sunday, November 22, and has already started taking calls.**

You may donate a complete basket, or you may donate any amount of food or funds to help prepare a basket. Volunteers will assemble these items to make a complete basket. Some donate baskets with more items than just the basics asked for on the list and they are appreciated. PLEASE NOTE that we may move items around to make more baskets complete or to accommodate the size of the family. Our guests do notice what others are receiving, and we try to be as fair as possible.

**Baskets of any food items can be dropped off starting, Sunday, November 8. We would appreciate receiving as many baskets/food items by Sunday, Nov. 15 to help us plan. We will still accept baskets/food items on Nov. 22.**

*Look for the shopping list next week!*

## Pastoral Reflection for October 18, 2015

In the Gospel of the 29<sup>th</sup> week in ordinary time, we see James and John claiming and posturing for fame, attention, prestige, and position. But Jesus is telling them that if they wish to share in his glory, they need to share also in his suffering, the endurance of real hardship for the sake of the Gospel. When you do this, then God will make provision for your reward.

Until that time, his disciples--and we followers--are asked to devote our lives to serve the common good and most importantly our "spiritual home." One way to experience that next Sunday, October 25, after both Masses is to commit time and talents to our continuing ministry. Stewardship---the careful and responsible management of something that God has entrusted to us---is one of the largest responsibilities God places on our shoulders at St Francis of Assisi Parish. It is impossible to live up to this responsibility unless we approach it together and with great intentionality.

Are you a good steward of the time and the talents God has entrusted to you? Think about it this week and be ready to generously sharing your gifts with us. Be a real part of who St Francis of Assisi Community is.

*In Christ ~ Fr Fritz*

## Offertory Enhancement / Stewardship Update

Generations of faith-filled Catholic people have passed on to us the most precious gift that we possess—the gift of faith. As this generation's "good stewards," we are obligated to pass on the gift of faith to our children.

Children primarily learn through the examples of their parents. Today, many parents are volunteering their time and talents to their churches and community groups and bringing their children along with them. More and more churches are encouraging children to return a portion of their "treasure" – their allowance or other earnings – with special children's offering envelopes. As we know from our own experience, it takes a lifetime to develop the habits of good stewardship.

God has blessed us in so many marvelous ways. Stewardship is a way of life built around gratitude to God, lived out by returning a portion of the time, talent, and treasure allotted to us. There is no more precious inheritance we can pass on to our children than this lifestyle of gratitude.

"If you will give these instructions ... you will be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished on the words of the faith and of the sound teaching you have followed." (1 Timothy 4:6)

**Our Stewardship Appeal** is being very well received! To date, 90 households have responded, and 66 have increased their weekly contribution in response to our stewardship program, representing a combined weekly increase of \$695.00!

Thank you so much! **ALSO -- 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.

## 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. Please join us on the 25th to celebrate the vibrant life of our parish, and help us add to its colors with your time and talent.

**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!

**SCROLL OF REMEMBRANCE ...** Please take the opportunity to add names of deceased loved ones to our scroll of remembrance. Index cards are in the pews, or you can email the office at [office@sfacolumbus.org](mailto:office@sfacolumbus.org). The scroll will be present at our All Saints' Day Mass on Sunday, November 1.

