

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of October 25, 2015

Sunday, October 25

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

11:00 am—Susan Robine (Patti Maietta)

Monday, October 26

NO MASS

Tuesday, October 27

6:00 pm—Bill Scharlott (Fran Scharlott)

Wednesday, October 28

6:00 pm—Peace In Our World

Thursday, October 29

6:00 pm—Phyllis Heubel (Herm Heubel)

Friday, October 30

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

Saturday, October 31

NO MASS

Sunday, November 1

9:00 am—Flytown Men Memorial Mass

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

Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

Oct 25—9 am—Frank Schneider, Tera Kovar

11 am—John Nunn, Therese Brady

Nov 1—9 am—Katherine Kriedermann, Susan Kyanko

11 am—Maryellen O'Shaughnessy, Vicky Himmelman

Servers

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

Nov 1—9 am—John Ryan; 11 am—NOT FILLED

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

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

Nov 1—9 am—Skip Camerucci; 11 am—Dan O'Brien

Lectors

Oct 25—9 am—Sister Sharen, Elise Ryan

11 am—Ben Gibbons, Larry Charles

Nov 1—9 am—Linda Wolfe, Diane Meves

11 am—Susan Sarwark, Sophia Brown

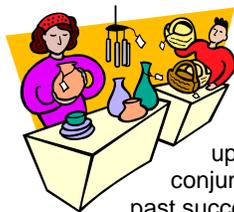
Eucharistic Ministers

Oct 25—9 am—Mary Ann Kerscher, Linda Wolfe, J Schneider

11 am—Sue Cruickshank, Renee Morkassel, Diane LeMay

Nov 1—9 am—Louisa Celebrezze, S Hillyer, M A Kerscher

11 am—Arlene Bockelman, Lori Tocorzic, Renee Morkassel



FALL CRAFT FAIR

The first Sunday of November (11.01.15.) we will be hosting a **FALL CRAFT SHOW**. Craft booths will be set up before and after each Mass on that day, in conjunction with Hospitality Sunday. Just like past successful Craft Fairs, 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, and a chance for parishioners to SHOP for great art! **Please call Amy Knight at 614.251.1477** with questions. Thank you and see you next Sunday!

Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

TODAY ... Sunday, October 25

- ▶ Tapestry Time and Talent Commitment Sunday with Hospitality, following each Mass, hall
SPECIAL FOOD ITEMS!

Monday, October 26

- ▶ SVDP monthly meeting, 7 pm, hall

Tuesday, October 27

- ▶ Stewardship monthly meeting, 7 pm, hall

Wednesday, October 28

- ▶ RCIA Inquiry Sessions, 7 pm, hall

Thursday, October 29

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

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, November 1

- ▶ Hospitality Sunday, following each Mass AND Fall Craft Fair, hall

Coming Soon ... **PANCAKE Breakfast on Nov 8!**

Around Town ... Local and Diocesan News

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** (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.

Cardinal Peter Turkson to Speak at Ohio State ...

Cardinal Peter Turkson, president of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace and the first cardinal from Ghana, will visit Ohio State's Columbus campus for a community discussion on global sustainability. Cardinal Turkson is credited with helping Pope Francis write the first draft of his most recent encyclical **Laudato Si**. Turkson's talk is set for Monday, Nov. 2, at 7 p.m. at Mershon Auditorium, 1871 N. High St. **This event is open to the public but tickets are required to attend. Tickets can be reserved online at <https://wexarts.org/tickets/1528>.**

Stewardship of time is one of the three interlinked dimensions of our call to stewardship. Just as with our financial resources, we talk about spending time, saving time, and wasting time. But how well do we STEWARD our time, or use it in a way that reflects our gratitude to God for every hour of every day?

According to the latest government survey, the average American spends about 5 hours of "spare" time each day in these activities:

- 160 minutes watching TV
- 40 minutes socializing and communicating
- 20 minutes reading
- 20 minutes using the computer for "fun"
- 17 minutes participating in sports, exercise
- 15 minutes relaxing and thinking
- 20 minutes on "other activities"

(Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics)

How do you use your leisure time? Where do your priorities lie? How much time do you give back to God – in prayer, study, volunteering in the parish?

Pastoral Reflection for October 25, 2015

This Gospel story about the healing of blind Bartimaeus frames a section on the blindness of the disciples. Though physically blind, his spiritual insight and his faith help him to rise above his blindness, something that even the disciples lack.

Today we hear Jesus asking each of us the same question he asks blind Bartimaeus: "What do you want me to do for you? And we can even ask ourselves, "If we could have anything we wanted, what would we ask for?" What would be the deepest wish of our heart? Or, have we ever wondered what God is really like? The very first thing that Bartimaeus sees when he is healed is the face of Jesus.

When gaining information and making important decisions, we must rely primarily on what we can see or hear. Bartimaeus asks for the most important gift that opens us to every other gift, "Master, I want to see," he says. To see physically and spiritually means he will be able to make every other decision correctly, to know what is true, to judge rightly, and to walk confidently in the light of Christ.

Our **Tapestry Fair** is a real opportunity not to only pray for continuing wisdom to see the road ahead and firmly to believe in God's guidance on our path throughout this year, but also to call out for what we need while we commit to use the gifts God has given us to serve St Francis of Assisi Parish at large. How generous are YOU with your time and talents? There is always room for YOU to serve. So, let's see you in the Church Hall after this Mass for sign up.

Once again, I am very grateful for your generosity.

In Christ ~ Fr Fritz

Offertory Enhancement / Stewardship Update

Our Stewardship Appeal is being very well received! To date, 100 households have responded, and 71 have increased their weekly contribution in response to our stewardship program, representing a combined weekly increase of \$731.00!

Thank you so much!

ALSO -- **Are you already signed up for electronic giving?**
(Either Credit Card or Electronic Funds Transfer)

That's great! We can incorporate your new amount in the EFT / credit card program.

We ask that you fill out the commitment card along with the electronic giving pledge form (copies available in back of church, and at Tapestry Commitment Fair, and via email from parish office.) Any questions, please contact the parish office office@sfacolumbus.org / 614.299.5781

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

Please keep Ron Atwood in your prayers as he receives treatment at OSU. Cards can be sent to: Ron Atwood, James Cancer Hospital, 460 West 10th Avenue, Columbus, OH 43210. Since the treatment is exhausting, he is requesting NO VISITORS at this time, to help him regain strength. Thank you.

Parish News and Information



**COMMITMENT SUNDAY TAPESTRY EVENT!
TODAY, FOLLOWING THE 9AM AND 11AM MASSES
with special food items!**

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. The scroll will be present at our All Saints' Day Mass on Sunday, November 1.



The **grounds committee** has worked this past year to revitalize the entire parish grounds by cleaning out flower beds and planting new flowers. New flower beds have also been created to enhance our parish grounds. This work has been appreciated by visitors, our neighbors and parishioners. This fall the committee will start working on the flower beds on the east side of rectory to prepare it for fall and spring plantings. Working on this committee is just another way to outwardly show our pride in our parish, you don't need to be an expert gardener just the desire to help improve and maintain our flower gardens.



We will be changing the Mass setting in November to help us segue into Advent.

Thank You to everyone that volunteered to ensure we had another fun parish picnic! A great time was had by all! Also sending out thanks to everyone that participated in the chili cook off and participated by bring your favorite dishes. A big thanks to City Councilwoman Eileen Paley for being our chili judge. Ralph Rosenfield won the chili cook off and was given a \$25.00 gift certificate ... Melissa Hornik won the 50/50 raffle for \$266.00.
~ Parish Picnic committee Diane LeMay, Bill Keller & Frank Conway

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.

Shopping Lists are in the pews!