

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of November 15, 2015

Sunday, November 15

9:00 am—Christine Baldy (Sister Sharen)

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

Monday, November 16

NO MASS

Tuesday, November 17

6:00 pm—Jean Kuhn (Frank Conway)

Wednesday, November 18

6:00 pm—RCIA Participants

Thursday, November 19

6:00 pm—Msgr. Robert Schneider (Pactum Marianum)

Friday, November 20

6:00 pm—For Sick and Homebound Persons and Caregivers

Saturday, November 21

NO MASS

Sunday, November 22

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

11:00 am—Carmin Maietta (Patti Maietta)

Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

Nov 15—9 am—Lorri Kuczynski, Terry Gatton

11 am—Jackie Emch, Sophia Brown

Nov 22—9 am—Skip Camerucci, Joyce Schneider

11 am—Gretchen Rivera, Therese Brady

Servers

Nov 15—9 am—Frank Schneider; 11 am—Margaret O'Brien

Nov 22—9 am—Frank Conway; 11 am—Gaeten O'Brien

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

Nov 15—9 am—Frank Conway; 11 am—Dan O'Brien

Nov 22—9 am—Susan Kyanko; 11 am—Dan O'Brien

Lectors

Nov 15—9 am—Joe Dallacqua, Gretchen Rivera

11 am—Jon Murphy, Diane Meves

Nov 22—9 am—Will Brenner, Katherine Kriedermann

11 am—Sue Cruickshank, Jon Murphy

Eucharistic Ministers

Nov 15—9 am—Rick Miller, Chris Paisley, Joyce Schneider

11 am—Mark Coleman, M O'Shaughnessy, L Celebrezze

Nov 22—9 am—Rick Miller, Frank Schneider, Chris Paisley

11 am—Sandy Glasner, Joanna Nunn, Lori Toczczak

Special Items for your calendar!

Thanksgiving Day Mass will be at 10 am on NOV 26.

Mass for **Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary** will be celebrated at 6 pm on Tuesday, December 8

This is a Holy Day of Obligation, and the Patronal Feast of the United States.

It is VERY likely that we will have **ONE Mass only** on Christmas Eve at 5 pm (NO midnight Mass) and one Mass on Christmas Day at 10 am.

Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

LOOKING AHEAD ... Sunday, November 15

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

Monday, November 16

- ▶ Diocesan SVDP monthly meeting, 5:30 pm, hall
- ▶ Drumming Circle, 7 pm, parish hall

Tuesday, November 17

- ▶ Monthly Mass at Westminster Thurber, 11 am

Wednesday, November 18

- ▶ RCIA Inquiry Sessions, 7 pm, hall

Thursday, November 19

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

LOOKING AHEAD ... Sunday, November 22

- ▶ SVDP Distribution of Thanksgiving Baskets

Special Collection next Sunday – Catholic Campaign for Human Development: Working on the Margins. CCHD brings Catholic social teaching to life by funding community and economic development programs across the US.

The St. Francis of Assisi **Book Discussion Group** will meet next today following the 11 am Mass to discuss the book, *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah. All are welcome.

Parish News and Information

Morning of Reflection for Liturgical Ministers. There will be a morning of reflection for all new and continuing liturgical ministers from **9:00 am – 11:00 am Saturday, December 12.** The morning will be a time to join together to pray and reflect on the important service provided by our greeters, crucifers, servers, lectors, choir members, Eucharistic Ministers and others who contribute to our parish liturgies. **Even if you have not previously signed up, please join us if you are interested in serving in one of the liturgical ministries.** After the meeting, there will be an opportunity to ask questions and to get information on training. For additional information or if you are not able to attend the reflection, please contact one of our Mass Coordinators, **Pat Cassidy, (614.625.5271), cassidy.jpatrick@yahoo.com** or **Linda Wolfe (614.879.6734), greywolfetracks@gmail.com.**

Around Town ... Local and Diocesan News

A Mass of Healing and Healing Service will be held on Monday, November 16, at 6:30 p.m., at St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 East Broad Street, in downtown Columbus. Fr. Paul Noble will celebrate the Mass and provide the homily. 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 – cancer, heart, all physical illnesses and infirmities – are invited, as are family members, caregivers, and medical professionals. For questions, please call [614\) 224-1295](tel:6142241295).

Pastoral Reflection for November 15, 2015

The readings of the 33rd Sunday are actually an introduction to the Feast of Christ-the-King that we will be celebrating next Sunday. That feast, marking the end of the Church's calendar year, will be celebrated with great solemnity as the joyful anticipation of the final victory of Christ at the end of history.

Prophet Daniel (12:1-3) announces the last day as one of great distress for the wicked but of extreme happiness for "those whose names are written in the book."

The responsorial psalm (Psalm 16) proclaims that God will be our inheritance and that we will experience "fullness of joy at his right hand." The second reading reminds us of the powerful effects of Christ's sacrifice that "has made perfect forever those whom He consecrates."

Finally the Gospel of Mark (13:24-32) proclaims that Christ will return on the clouds of heaven and "will send his angels to gather the elects from the four corners of the world, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky."

From these readings we gratefully marvel at the fact that human history will experience a Day beyond our wildest imaginings. Jesus shines as the awesome Omega point of all times. An eternal destiny is reserved to those who eagerly await his return. For indeed, he will return to bring his mission to its fulfillment. Our earthly roads lead to glory with Christ.

We have hope knowing that the world's final destination is ultimately the boundless mercy of God. In the light of Jesus' words: "**Merciful like the Father,**" Pope Francis has proclaimed an **Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, from December 8, 2015 through November 20, 2016.** This Jubilee Year is "a special time for the Church, an occasion to open our eyes and see the misery of the world, and the wounds of our brothers and sisters." Be prepared to join us in the various ways we are planning to gaze on mercy at St Francis of Assisi Parish so that we may together become a more effective sign of the Father's action in our lives." Always remember, "**Jesus Christ is the Face of the Father's Mercy.**"

In Christ ~ Fr Fritz

Pastoral Council / November Meeting Summary

Meeting of November 3 ... Pastoral Council discussed the monthly reports from Fr. Fritz, both the Stewardship and Finance councils, and the various parish committees. Recently, our parish received two grants--one for \$4,000 to help with the sound system upgrades in the church and devises for the use of the hearing impaired; another for \$3,500 for a large screen TVs and electronic message boards to improve communication and educational experiences. Other items of discussion: there will be two parking spaces set aside for welcoming visitors to our parish; we are looking for more persons to consider serving on the Stewardship Committee; we also need help with the clearing of the sidewalks of snow and ice during the coming months (this task more suitable for able bodied folks who live nearby). Announcements about seasonal liturgical matters are published as needed in the weekly bulletin. Please feel free to ask any of the Council members about your concerns. Thank you!



Parish News and Information

Please keep Ron Atwood in your prayers as he continues with chemo (periodically at The James at OSU) and then receives rehab treatment. New address is -- Ron Atwood, Room 147, First Community Healthcare, 1801 Riverside Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43212. **Cards only at this time.** Thank you. **P.S. You can also send messages of support to Ron's Caring Bridge website at www.caringbridge.org/visit/ronatwood**

The SFA St. Vincent de Paul Society will be distributing Thanksgiving baskets on Sunday, November 22, and has already reached capacity of requests, having received over 100 calls asking for help.



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.

We would appreciate receiving as many baskets/food items throughout this week, to help us plan. We will still accept baskets/food items on Nov. 22.

THANK YOU to all those who have donated so far!!!

Shopping Lists are in the pews!

A Home for Thanksgiving

We are trying to bring parishioners together to share Thanksgiving dinner.

Do you have extra room at the table for a guest?

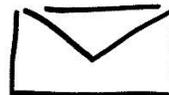
Are you unable to get home and looking for a family to join?

If you would like to be a host or guest, please contact Diane Keenan by Nov. 20

dianekeenansbcglobal.net

614-309-5830

We began our Offertory Enhancement in October, and are grateful for all pledges / commitments received to date. It's not too late to turn in your commitment card, if you have not yet done so. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY to our parish!**



Also, the parish office received many requests for households to receive Sunday envelopes, and we are happy to report that we will be implementing such a program soon! We will be using a program that periodically mails a package of envelopes to your home. (And for those who utilize credit cards or EFT, we can mail a special package of second collection envelopes only.)