

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of November 22, 2015

Sunday, November 22

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

11:00 am—Carmin Maietta (Patti Maietta)

Monday, November 23

NO MASS

Tuesday, November 24

6:00 pm—Bill Scharlott (Fran Scharlott)

Wednesday, November 25

6:00 pm—Donella Goffos (Butch Goffos)

Thursday, November 26

10:00 am—In Thanksgiving

Friday, November 27

NO MASS

Saturday, November 28

NO MASS

Sunday, November 29

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

11:00 am—Robert Melchior (Tom Nance)

Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

Nov 22—9 am—Skip Camerucci, Joyce Schneider

11 am—Gretchen Rivera, Therese Brady

Nov 29—9 am—Terry Gattton, Ted Klupinski

11 am—Marilyn Smith, John Nunn

Servers

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

Nov 29—9 am—Frank Schneider; 11 am—Margaret O'Brien

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

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

Nov 29—9 am—Bob Geoghegan; 11 am—Julie Byrne

Lectors

Nov 22—9 am—Will Brenner, Katherine Kriedermann

11 am—Sue Cruickshank, Jon Murphy

Nov 29—9 am—Diane Meves, Joe Dallacqua

11 am—Sophia Brown, Maryellen O'Shaughnessy

Eucharistic Ministers

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

11 am—Sandy Glasner, Joanna Nunn, Lori Toczic

Nov 29—9 am—M A Kerscher, Jan Rosenfield, Steven Hillyer

11 am—Diane LeMay, Joanna Nunn, Sue Cruickshank

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.

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

TODAY ... Sunday, November 22

- ▶ SVDP Distribution of Thanksgiving Baskets

Monday, November 23

- ▶ SVDP monthly meeting, 7 pm, hall

Tuesday, November 24

- ▶ Stewardship Council monthly meeting, 7 pm, hall

Wednesday, November 25

- ▶ **NO** RCIA Inquiry Sessions (due to TX holiday)

Thursday, November 26

- ▶ Thanksgiving Holiday, PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, November 27

- ▶ Thanksgiving Holiday, PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

LOOKING AHEAD ... Sunday, November 29

- ▶ SVDP 5th Sunday Special Collection

Special Second Collection TODAY – 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.

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 info on training. Questions? 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

An invitation from Church of the Resurrection ... Church of the Resurrection (6300 E. Dublin-Granville Rd. New Albany) invites you to a special Christmas concert by Christian band: **Living Water.** On **Sunday Nov.29, 2015 at 6:00 PM Living Water** will present the concert narrative *"On a Night Like This --* a presentation of the Advent journey using Scripture, narration, and song. This is a perfect way to begin your Christmas preparations with a clear focus on the "reason for the season". This concert presentation will last approximately an hour, is free, open to the public, and appropriate for all ages.

AN ADVENT AFTERNOON OF MUSIC at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, 1559 Roxbury Rd., Columbus. Sunday, **December 13, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.** The choir, accompanied by an orchestra, will perform Advent and Christmas music beginning with the simplicity of the 15th century melody "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" and concluding with the joyful chorus "And the Glory of the Lord" from *Messiah*. Music of various traditions and styles will be sung: a beautiful 16th century Advent anthem, rhythmic African and Spanish songs, and a lovely arrangement of Silent Night. A free-will offering will be taken.

Pastoral Reflection for November 22, 2015

This Sunday is the last Sunday of the Ordinary Time, which is always celebrated as the Solemnity of Christ the King. This celebration completes the Church year, because it sums up the core teaching of Jesus, our crucified savior and risen Lord: we honor and imitate him by choosing the path of love over force in all our relationships. The words of the Preface for the Feast of Christ the King speak of "a kingdom of truth, and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace." As a king of hearts, Jesus' kingship is the authority of self-sacrificing love ... not intimidation or force.

Next Sunday begins the season of Advent and the Cycle C of the new liturgical year. This year offers us Gospel passages taken mostly from Luke, which is the Gospel of forgiveness above all. This theme of forgiveness provides us abundant opportunities during the year to link to the Holy Year of Mercy that begins on the obligatory feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8, 2015 and continues until the feast of Christ the King on November 20, 2016.

It will begin with the opening of the bronze doors in Rome. This symbolic act inspires us to open not just one door, but perhaps many doors in our lives that lock in, or out, issues and experiences involving mercy. It is important that we have a whole year to reflect on this deep challenge in our lives. I encourage you to read the papal bull announcing the Extraordinary Year of Mercy.

(link to papal bull on Vatican website = http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/document/s/papa-francesco_bolla_20150411_misericordiae-vultus.html)

The upcoming Year of Mercy has already initiated discussions among different ministries in our parish about how we will participate in this Jubilee of grace.

Happy new liturgical year and happy year of mercy!
In Christ ~ Fr Fritz

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

At this time, **we will NOT be baking cookies** and preparing cookie tins during the Christmas holidays for those in nursing homes. In recent years, we needed to supplement the cookies baked by parishioners with purchased store-bought items, in order to fill the tins. Our pastoral council is considering different options for outreach to these homebound persons.



FREE lumber! Our neighbor and landlord of "the old convent" recently needed to cut down some trees that were obstructing power lines. The wood from these trees is available to anyone who can haul it away! (located in the back of 354 Buttles)

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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. 22

dianekeenan@sbcglobal.net

614-309-5830

COMING SOON! The **St. Vincent de Paul Conference will be collecting gift cards for teens to be taken to JOIN** where they will be distributed to those in need. We will have a Christmas tree at the back of the church, and it will have ornaments with suggestions of gift cards. Please consider giving a gift card to help make someone's Christmas a bit nicer this year.



Please have your gift cards (box will be under the tree) to us by **December 13** so that they may be taken to JOIN for distribution. Thank you!

For Beirut, for Kenya, for Paris, for Syria. For every place broken by violence and hatred. For every person in pain and grief. For you, from me, in sorrow and hope.

Blessing in a Time of Violence

Which is to say
this blessing is always.

Which is to say
there is no place this blessing does not long
to cry out in lament, to weep its words in sorrow,
to scream its lines in sacred rage.

Which is to say
there is no day this blessing ceases
to whisper into the ear of the dying,
the despairing, the terrified.

Which is to say
there is no moment this blessing refuses to sing itself
into the heart of the hated and the hateful,
the victim and the victimizer, with every last
ounce of hope it has.

Which is to say
there is none that can stop it, none that can halt its course,
none that will still its cadence, none that will delay its rising,
none that can keep it from springing forth
from the mouths of us who hope,
from the hands of us who act,
from the hearts of us who love,
from the feet of us who will not cease
our stubborn, aching, marching,
marching until this blessing has spoken its final word,
until this blessing has breathed its benediction
in every place, in every tongue:

Peace.

Peace.

Peace.

— Jan Richardson