

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of November 29, 2015

Sunday, November 29

9:00 am—Parishioners of St Francis of Assisi Parish
11:00 am—Robert Melchior (Tom Nance)

Monday, November 30

NO MASS

Tuesday, December 1

6:00 pm—Fr Harry Schneider (Pactum Marianum)

Wednesday, December 2

6:00 pm—Those In Our RCIA Program

Thursday, December 3

6:00 pm—Ricky Stull (Steven Hillyer)

Friday, December 4

6:00 pm—Jean Kuhn (Frank Conway)

Saturday, December 5

NO MASS

Sunday, December 6

9:00 am—Joan Randolph (Jack Randolph)
11:00 am—Parishioners of St Francis of Assisi Parish

Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

Nov 29—9 am—Terry Gatton, Ted Klupinski

11 am—Marilyn Smith, John Nunn

Dec 6—9 am—Megan Murphy, Lorri Kuczynski

11 am—Susie Sarwark, Sophia Brown

Servers

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

Dec 6—9 am—Susan Kyanko; 11 am—Pat Cassidy

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

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

Dec 6—9 am—Skip Camerucci; 11 am—Julie Byrne

Lectors

Nov 29—9 am—Diane Meves, Joe Dallacqua

11 am—Sophia Brown, Maryellen O'Shaughnessy

Dec 6—9 am—Joe Dallacqua, Cecilia McAdams

11 am—Gary Snyder, Larry Charles

Eucharistic Ministers

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

11 am—Diane LeMay, Joanna Nunn, Sue Cruickshank

Dec 6—9 am—J Capestany, Frank Conway, K Kriedermann

11 am—Sandy Glasner, Marilyn Smith, Diane LeMay

Special Items for your calendar!

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 29

- ▶ SVDP 5th Sunday Special Collection

Tuesday, December 1

- ▶ Stewardship Council monthly meeting, 7 pm, hall

Wednesday, December 2

- ▶ RCIA Inquiry Sessions (due to TX holiday)

Thursday, December 3

- ▶ Bible Study

Saturday, December 5

- ▶ Men's Coffee and Prayer Group, 8:30 am
- ▶ SFO Retreat

LOOKING AHEAD ... Sunday, December 6

- ▶ Hospitality Sunday, following each Mass, hall

NOTE: due to the Thanksgiving holiday, this bulletin was sent to the printer on November 23. We apologize for any information that was not included, and thank you for your understanding!

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 29, 2015

Happy Advent and new liturgical Year.

The first Sunday of Advent introduces us to a new Church Year. This year we will be using the Cycle C of the Lectionary, which is the Gospel of Luke. From the start, the Church calls us to adopt a twofold perspective along the many events converging on us this season of longing and hope.

First, we should prepare for the mystery of Christmas and secondly we should set our eyes on the second return of Jesus at the end of time. In this world of technology, we would set our GPS on the address of the final destination. Then being assured of the right direction, we begin to move. Advent tells us to go forward. Hope is always in the future.

Also, next Tuesday, December 8, Pope Francis will begin the Extraordinary Year of Mercy by opening the bronze doors in Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome. The universal Church will be invited to a time of conversion, reconciliation and greater pastoral emphasis on healing its wounded members and extending a compassionate welcome to those seeking a spiritual church home.

In our spiritual home, St Francis of Assisi Parish, the Jubilee of Mercy has already initiated discussions and consultations among our teams about how we will participate in this time of grace, not only with "open doors" but also with open hearts.

Don't miss these opportunities to experience the "Face of God's Mercy" in our lives beginning by the celebration of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, the one who stands as the icon of a redeemed mankind, the full of grace, the queen of hope. If you make ready for Christmas, then like Mary you will be ready to meet Him when He appears the second time. In our time of expectation one thing is certain: God is with us and always will be. He is Emmanuel.

In Christ ~ Fr Fritz

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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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ADVENT MOMENTS OF MERCY

God's sending of Jesus is an act of mercy for the world, and so the season of Advent is a perfect time for reflection on themes of mercy and hope. Visit the link below to sign up to receive a daily message via email from the Loyola Press. Each message explores the Scripture and feast days of Advent, especially paying attention to themes of mercy and incorporating the words of Pope Francis each day. By embracing the Pope's call to mercy, we will know the full grace of the season.

<http://www.loyolapress.com/advent-moments-of-mercy.htm>

Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference is collecting gift cards for teens to be taken to JOIN, where they will

be distributed to those in need. We have a Christmas tree at the back of the church, and it has 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!



Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

November 29, 2015 — First Sunday of Advent

Today is the first Sunday of Advent. Advent is a time of preparation for us, a time to prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas. (The word "Advent" comes from the Latin word *adventus*, which means "coming.") Although Advent refers to Christ's birth at Christmas, it also refers to the coming of Christ through the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Finally, it reminds us of the need to prepare for His Second Coming.

Everything we do during this holy period should be aimed at preparing our minds and hearts for Christ's arrival. Our readings today, from our First Reading in which the prophet Jeremiah predicts the coming of Christ ("The days are coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise.") to our Gospel from Luke ("And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.") anticipates Christ's arrival, both as an infant and in His return.

As individuals and families and households we need to develop or continue Advent traditions. Whether it is setting time aside for special prayer or carefully filling a manger or lighting an Advent wreath or singing Christmas carols or reading Christmas poems and stories, we need to do some different things and do them consistently throughout Advent. This will help us have the both the right focus and the right attitude.

The St. Vincent de Paul Conference thanks all of our parishioners for helping to make the **Thanksgiving Basket** event a success. Over 100 baskets were distributed to families and the remainder were taken to JOIN. A big thank you goes to Auddino's for donating dinner rolls for the baskets and Giant Eagle for their gift card donation.