

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of December 13, 2015

Sunday, December 13

9:00 am—Mary E Garrity (Tom and Veronica Garrity)

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

Monday, December 14

NO MASS

Tuesday, December 15

6:00 pm—Special Intention

Wednesday, December 16

6:00 pm—Regina Marcum (Lorri Kuczynski)

Thursday, December 17

6:00 pm—Sick and Homebound Persons

Friday, December 18

6:00 pm—For Peace In Our World

Saturday, December 19

NO MASS

Sunday, December 20

9:00 am—Christine Baldy (Sister Sharen)

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

Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

Dec 13—9 am—Susan Kyanko, Katherine Kriedermann

11 am—Sandy Glasner, Marilyn Smith

Dec 20—9 am—Tera Kovar, Skip Camerucci

11 am—Maryellen O'Shaughnessy, Jackie Emch

Servers

Dec 13—9 am—Chris Paisley; 11 am—Nolan Rothrock

Dec 20—9 am—Steven Hillyer; 11 am—Gaeten O'Brien

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

Dec 13—9 am—Frank Conway; 11 am—Julie Byrne

Dec 20—9 am—Bob Geoghegan; 11 am—Julie Byrne

Lectors

Dec 13—9 am—Lorri Kuczynski, Elise Ryan

11 am—Sue Cruickshank, Gary Snyder

Dec 20—9 am—Cecilia McAdams, Will Brenner

11 am—Jon Murphy, Ben Gibbons

Eucharistic Ministers

Dec 13—9 am—Frank Schneider, J Schneider, Sister Sharen

11 am—Diane LeMay, Maryellen O'Shaughnessy, M Coleman

Dec 20—9 am—Frank Schneider, J Schneider, Jan Rosenfield

11 am—Sue Cruickshank, Lori Tocorzic, Louisa Celebrezze

Prayers

Please keep **Ron Atwood** in your prayers as he continues with chemo (periodically at The James at OSU) and then receives rehab treatment. Currently, he is at the James. When he moves back to First Community for rehabilitation, we will update you. Thank you. **P.S. You can also send messages of support to Ron's Caring Bridge website at www.caringbridge.org/visit/ronatwood**

Prayers are requested for parishioner **Dorothy Spiva**, who was recently hospitalized (after recuperating from a long illness this summer, she had a relapse last month) and was hospitalized again this week.

Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

TODAY ... Sunday, December 13

- ▶ St Francis Seniors monthly meeting, hall, 2 pm

Tuesday, December 15

- ▶ Monthly Mass at Westminster Thurber, 11 am
- ▶ Dulcimer Music Group, 7 pm, hall

Wednesday, December 16

- ▶ RCIA Inquiry Sessions, 7 pm, hall

Thursday, December 17

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

LOOKING AHEAD ... Sunday, December 20

- ▶ Baptism Workshop, 12:30 pm, Ocean Room
- ▶ Family Hall Rental in afternoon

Parish News and Information -- Help Wanted

Cleaning the church ... We are hoping to find volunteers to help clean the church (dusting, vacuuming) on a weekly basis. If you can spare an hour or two, once a week / every other week / or once a month, and are interested in helping with this ministry, please call the parish office (office@sfacolumbus.org / 614.299.5781).

HELP WANTED – Office Manager

Qualifications for the position: Saint Francis of Assisi Parish is seeking an administrative professional to manage the church office and serve in support of the Pastor and as a staff resource, ensuring that parish needs in administration, personnel, finance and facilities are fulfilled. This position directs and manages these efforts with technical and legal expertise within the framework of shared ministry in Catholic and Christian values.

All the duties will be performed according to the established policies, procedures and guidelines outlined in diocesan and parish policy and procedures manuals. This position will prepare the weekly bulletin and worship aid; update parish census system, sacramental records, and other clerical tasks; assistance in coordinating annual parish events and working with volunteers.

Job Related Skills: This position requires strong business management skills, flexibility, and aptitude. To perform this job successfully, an individual must have proficiency in MS Office (Word, Excel and Publisher); familiarity with payroll/accounting practices/QuickBooks, and payroll systems is a plus. Excellent oral and written communication and human relation skills are essential when dealing with co-workers, other parish or Diocesan employees, families and the general public.

Education/ Experience: Bachelor's degree or equivalent experience in Accounting or Finance experience is preferred. Previous business management experience or equivalent combination of education and experience is required.

Passing a background screening and completion of the VIRTUS "Protecting God's Children" course are mandatory. Salary is commensurate with experience. Benefits are according to Diocesan policy. Send cover letter, resume, references and salary requirements by December 31, 2015 to office@sfacolumbus.org.

Pastoral Reflection for December 13, 2015

On this "Gaudete, or Rejoice Sunday," the emphasis is placed on joy and repentance. Joy because the birth of Jesus powerfully reveals God's faithfulness to his promise of old. Joy for us too, because Christmas is coming, therefore "we can now draw water with joy from the fountain of salvation." Joy because through our special efforts of conversion we have easy access to welcome the coming One, "the king of Israel."

Yet, the call to conversion and repentance is not pushed aside. John the Baptist warns us forcefully: Be more merciful and less rigid to those in need. Do not be harsh to them. To the people who ask him "what should we do?" His response starts out what we have to call the "corporal works of mercy." If you have two shirts give one to the naked, do not abuse the lowly or exploit the weak. Do not be corrupt and resort to abuse and violence." In short, show mercy to those in need without conditions. While God's offer of mercy extends to all, only those who accept a baptism of repentance will rejoice at the coming of the Messiah. John's forceful words stress the crucial demand for a change of heart.

The Holy year of mercy, that just began last week, is a real opportunity to rediscover the need to be forgiving and generous to whomever crosses our path. Then, with Zephaniah, we will "shout for joy" and "sing joyfully" with all our heart."

In Christ ~ Fr Fritz

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ADVENT MOMENTS OF MERCY



Advent

we will know the full grace of the season.

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,

<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!



SFA Christmas Ornaments ... will be on sale throughout the month of December for \$10 each, as a fundraiser for the parish. Thanks to the Meves-Rothrock family, who produced the beautiful ornaments.

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Special Items for your calendar!

We will have **ONE Mass only** on Christmas Eve at 5 pm (NO midnight Mass) and one Mass on Christmas Day at 10 am.

Around Town ... Local and Diocesan News



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 Council Meeting Summary - December 2015

Pastoral Council discussed the monthly reports from Fr. Fritz, both the Stewardship and Finance councils, and the various parish committees. As the new liturgical year begins, the Council enumerated accomplishments that the parish had experienced in recent months, those aspects that we hope to improve, and a few specific goals for the coming year.

All agreed that there is an increasingly noticeable growth in the spirit of community and cooperative efforts with the parish. This has been accompanied by several physical improvements such as the choir stairs, the new reconciliation room, care for the gardens, reconfiguring of the hall, etc. The positive response to the Offertory Enhancement plans have been most appreciated. The work of the various ministries which seek to improve the lives of the poor and marginalized were also noted. And suggestions or questions are always welcome--just contact members of the Council.

Respectfully submitted ~ Barbara Finan

Syrian Refugee Crisis Update ... In response to the terrorist attacks in Paris, there is growing pushback not to welcome Syrian refugees into the United States. However USCCB's migration chair called for continued welcome and the urgency to work for peace, www.usccb.org/news/2015/15-157.cfm.

For other information and resources visit:
CRS website: <http://www.crs.org/media-center/current-issues/syrian-refugees>, USCCB website: <http://www.usccb.org/about/migration-policy/syrian-refugee-crisis.cfm>

or contact Erin Cordle, diocesan CRS director, at [614-241-2540](tel:614-241-2540), ecordle@colsdio.org, or socmailbox@colsdio.org for a list of ways to respond.