

## Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of December 27, 2015

### Sunday, December 27

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

11:00 am—Bill Scharlott (Fran Scharlott)

### Monday, December 28

NO MASS

### Tuesday, December 29

6:00 pm—For Peace In Our World

### Wednesday, December 30

6:00 pm—For Sick and Homebound Persons

### Thursday, December 31

5:00 pm—Parishioners of St Francis of Assisi Parish

### Friday, January 1

NO MASS

### Saturday, January 2

NO MASS

### Sunday, January 3

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 27—9 am—Terry Gatton, Ted Klupinski

11 am—Jackie Emch, Gretchen Rivera

Jan 3—9 am—Katherine Kriedermann, Susan Kyanko

11 am—Sandy Glasner, Gretchen Rivera

### Servers

Dec 27—9 am—Elizabeth Maite; 11 am—Margaret O'Brien

Jan 3—9 am—Nolan Rothrock; 11 am—Margaret O'Brien

### Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

Dec 27—9 am—Frank Schneider; 11 am—Lori Tocarzic

Jan 3—9 am—NOT FILLED; 11 am—Julie Byrne

### Lectors

Dec 27—9 am—Linda Wolfe, Joe Dallacqua

11 am—Larry Charles, Sophia Brown

Jan 3—9 am—Lynn Willford, Sister Sharen

11 am—Sophia Brown, Gary Snyder

### Eucharistic Ministers

Dec 27—9 am—Steven Hillyer, Rick Miller, Mary Ann Kerscher

11 am—Sue Cruickshank, Sandy Glasner, Marilyn Smith

Jan 3—9 am—Mary Ann Kerscher, J Schneider, J Rosenfield

11 am—Joanna Nunn, Marilyn Smith, Diane LeMay

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

This annual collection allows the diocese to meet a variety of basic needs directly and through diocesan agencies and organizations including J.O.I.N. (Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs), St. Stephen's Community House, Catholic Social Services, St. Francis Center, St. Lawrence Haven, St. Vincent Family Center, and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. You can help share in this important work by generously supporting the Catholic Charities collection this year.

## Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

### Christmas Eve ... December 24

- ▶ Mass at 5 pm

### Christmas Day ... December 25

- ▶ Mass at 10 am
- ▶ PARISH OFFICE CLOSED until December 29

### Sunday, December 27

NO Secular Order Franciscan meeting

### Monday, December 28

- ▶ PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
- NO SVDP meeting

### Tuesday, December 29

NO Stewardship meeting

### Wednesday, December 30

- ▶ NO RCIA Inquiry Sessions

### Thursday, December 31

- ▶ Vigil Mass for Solemnity of Mary, 6 pm

### Saturday, January 2

- ▶ NO Men's Coffee and Prayer Group

## Special Item for Your Calendar!

One Mass for Vigil of Solemnity of Mary  
at 6 pm on Thursday Dec 31 ... *NOMASS* on Jan 1

## 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](mailto:office@sfacolumbus.org) / 614.299.5781).

## Prayers

**Please keep Ron Atwood in your prayers** as he continues with chemo (periodically at The James at OSU) and then receives rehab treatment at First Community Village. Thank you. **P.S. You can also send messages of support to Ron's Caring Bridge website** at [www.caringbridge.org/visit/ronatwood](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/ronatwood)

Prayers are requested for parishioner **Dorothy Spiva**, who is receiving hospice care at Kobacher House.

We are keeping **Catharine Damm** in our prayers as she recuperates at home!

Finance Council member Pete Sullivan was admitted to Riverside Hospital on Sunday, following a lengthy illness that he could not shake. He had surgery Sunday and is now resting and feeling better, and would appreciate a card or phone call.

**OhioHealth Riverside Methodist Hospital**

**Mr. Pete Sullivan**

**Room 9017**

3535 Olentangy River Road / Columbus, OH 43214-3998  
614-544-7215

## Pastoral Reflection for December 27, 2015

As we prayerfully contemplate the Infant Jesus in the manger, we notice next to him Mary his mother and a humble but strong man, Joseph. We realize in amazement that the Son of God coming to this world needed a family as all of us. Jesus shares our life fully, including family life. He defines both human family and divine destiny for all of us. The radiance of his Holy Family continues to inspire the Church in her understanding and appreciation of family life.

Though this year has been a significant year for the family especially in the United States, the holy family is just a template for our own. Families take work, require compassion, kindness, patience and above all, love. We cannot stop looking at the holy family and be inspired by their awesome sight as we are seated around this big familial Eucharistic table.

*In Christ ~ Fr Fritz*

## Parish News and Information



**The St. Vincent de Paul Society** wishes to thank parishioners for their generosity. **Over \$1,500.00 in gift cards for teens** were taken to JOIN to help make Christmas a bit better for families in need. Thank you so much.

Thank you to the following you made flower contributions to help beautify our church for the holiday season ...

### In Remembrance of / In Loving Memory of ...

Thurn / Wachinger / Meirer Families (Teresa Thurn)  
Kuczynski / Wojcik / Firment Families (Lorri Kuczynski)  
William Bockelman (Arlene Bockelman)  
Schneider & Venturini Families (M/M Frank Schneider)  
Anthony J. Celebrezze, Jr. (Louisa Celebrezze)  
Gary Hillyer / Ricky Stull (Steven Hillyer)  
Mary & Thomas Garrity (Tom & Veronica Garrity)  
Margaret & Richard Marinucci (Mark & Marie Segal)  
Paul J. Straight, Jr. (Terri Newton)  
Ed & Donella Goffos / Daniel Hager (Butch and Lynn)  
Carol Harezga (Sandy Glasner)  
McAdams & Daniels Families (Jim & Cecilia McAdams)  
Scottie & Walter Snyder (Carole H Snyder)  
Dottie Tarmail (Lynn Sullivan)  
Bill Scharlott / Nina Scharlott (Scharlott Family)  
Our Deceased Loved Ones (Don & Therese Terndrup)  
Mrs Tony "Talita" Prince (Tony & Lynn Prince)  
Byrne / Geoghegan Families (M/M Robert Geoghegan)  
**In Honor of ... Cruickshank Family**

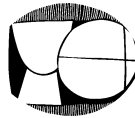
## Merry Christmas! Joyous Blessings!

From the Staff of St Francis of Assisi parish

Welcome to All! It is an honor to be together to celebrate God's love! We treasure your presence – parishioner and visitor alike! Whether you join us occasionally or regularly, we are happy to see you. If you are visiting, please take our good wishes back with you to your own faith community; if you are looking for a place to worship, know you are ALWAYS **WELCOME** here in this sacred space.

## Parish News and Information

**Want to heed Pope Francis' call to "care for our common home?"** Join with other St. Francis of Assisi parishioners to discuss how we as a parish and as individuals can be better stewards of God's creation. **An initial meeting of St. Francis's Creation Care Team will take place in the church hall on January 10 between Masses.** All are welcome. (For more information see "St. Francis' Care for Creation" in the Winter 2015-2016 newsletter--<http://sfacolumbus.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/Winter-2015-16-K-Scheid.pdf> )



### Our parish celebration of First Holy Communion will be on Sunday, April 17, 2016 at the 11:00 AM Mass.

Ten preparation sessions for this sacrament and for First Reconciliation (celebrated after Easter) will be held on Sundays starting January 10, 2016 and continuing through March 13. Each session will begin at 12:30 pm and last until 2 pm. Sessions will be in the religious education room (Atrium) in the church basement. Please contact Therese Terndrup at [tterndru@kent.edu](mailto:tterndru@kent.edu) or leave a message for her with the parish office at 614-299-5781 if you have any questions. Registration forms can be found at the back of the church and should be turned in at the first preparation session.

The Nativity gourd display by Amy Knight at St. Francis of Assisi will be on this week's episode of **"Broad & High" on Wednesday, Dec. 23 at 7:30 p.m. on WOSU-PBS.** It will also repeat several times over the holiday weeks. Below are the airdates/times when you can catch it.

Sun. 12/27 – 5 pm / Weds. 12/30 - 7:30 pm / Sun. 1/3 – 5 pm

The segment, as well as the full episode, will be available at [www.wosu.org/BroadAndHigh](http://www.wosu.org/BroadAndHigh) (as well as on the free WOSU Public Media mobile app) immediately after the initial broadcast.

**Gluten "Free" / Low Gluten Hosts ...** we now have Low Gluten hosts available for those who wish to receive them. If you would like to receive a low-gluten host at Communion, please notify one of the greeters before Mass. This will allow us to observe and maintain safety protocols for those who are sensitive or allergic to gluten. Any questions? Call the parish office (614.299.5781 / [office@sfacolumbus.org](mailto:office@sfacolumbus.org)) or see one of the Mass Coordinators. Thank you!

### From the Pastor's Desk ...

Recently, Therese has announced that she will be leaving her position as Secretary/Office Manager at St Francis Assisi Parish at the end of the year. Therese has been working in our office for the past 15 years. She will be missed. But, we are also happy that she is promoted at the Grove City Library, where she will have a full time job.

We have already posted a "Job Opening Position" throughout the diocese and we will keep you updated.

**We will have a parish potluck celebration on Saturday, January 9 at 6:00 pm to thank her, and also to start joyfully the New Year as we continue to build up together this amazing community of faith.**

Please RSVP to [office@sfacolumbus.org](mailto:office@sfacolumbus.org)  
Or 614.299.5781 (leave message)