

## *Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of January 1, 2012*

### **Sunday, January 1**

9:00 am – Joan Randolph (Steven Hillyer)  
11:00 am – Parishioners of St Francis of Assisi Parish

### **Monday, January 2**

*NO MASS*

### **Tuesday, January 3**

6:00 pm – Felix DiPaulo (Roseann Volpe)

### **Wednesday, January 4**

6:00 pm – For Peace in Our World

### **Thursday, January 5**

6:00 pm – For Sick and Homebound Persons

### **Friday, January 6**

6:00 pm – Pat & Julia Volpe & Maryann Maher (Roseann Volpe)

### **Saturday, January 7**

*NO MASS*

### **Sunday, January 8**

9:00 am – Parishioners of St Francis of Assisi Parish  
11:00 am – Msgr Edward McFarland (Patti Maietta)

## *Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries*

### *Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)*

**Jan 1** – 9 am – Frank Schneider, Phyllis DeVictor  
11 am – Gretchen Rivera, Maryellen O'Shaughnessy  
**Jan 8** – 9 am – Skip Camerucci, Jeanette Dobrich  
11 am – Tom Main, Marilyn Smith

### *Servers*

**Jan 1** – 9 am – Lynn Willford  
11 am – Sam Khoury, Sophia Brown  
**Jan 8** – 9 am – Linda Wolfe  
11 am – Michael Converse

### *Crucifers (Cross Bearers)*

**Jan 1** – 9 am – Ray Sanzo  
11 am – Michael Converse  
**Jan 8** – 9 am – Susan Kyanko  
11 am – Pat Wadsworth

### *Lectors*

**Jan 1** – 9 am – Carolyn Jurkowitz, Lorri Kuczynski  
11 am – Ben Gibbons, Diane Meves  
**Jan 8** – 9 am – Maggie McCoy, Katherine Kriedermann  
11 am – Jon Murphy, Sue Cruickshank

### *Eucharistic Ministers*

**Jan 1** – 9 am – Felicia Maxwell, Rick Miller, Chris Paisley  
11 am – Sandy Glasner, Dan Kerscher, Mary Ann Kerscher  
**Jan 8** – 9 am – Louisa Celebrezze, F Schneider, P DeVictor  
11 am – Leslie Main, Joanna Nunn, M O'Shaughnessy

[This was the schedule at press time ... changes may have occurred, as ministers responded to email requests.]

The **St. Vincent de Paul Society** of St. Francis of Assisi Parish wishes to thank all who contributed to the **Christmas gift card collection for teenagers**. Over 90 gift cards worth \$1,983.00 were collected for distribution at J.O.I.N. the week of December 19. Many young people had a much happier Christmas due to your generosity. Thank you!

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

### **TODAY, Sunday, January 1**

- Regular Sunday Mass schedule resumes
- NO Hospitality Sunday today, due to holiday

### **Monday, January 2**

- PARISH OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY
- NO Flytown Men meeting, due to holiday

### **Tuesday, January 3**

- Parish Pastoral Council, 7 pm, hall

### **Wednesday, January 4**

- RCIA Inquiry Session, 7 pm, hall

### **Thursday, January 5**

- Bible Study at Westminster Thurber, 1:30 pm (7th flr)
- Study of First Christian Teachers, 7 pm (Ocean Rm)

### **LOOKING AHEAD ...**

#### **Next Sunday, January 8**

- Hospitality Sunday today, following each Mass
- Reception for Butch Goffos, following 9 am Mass
- St Francis Seniors, 2 pm, hall

#### **Monday, January 9**

- Flytown Men meeting, 6 pm, hall

#### **Tuesday, January 10**

- Flytown Women, 12 noon, hall

## *Parish News and Information*

**Special note about January Hospitality ...** Due to the New Year's Day holiday falling on a Sunday this year, we have moved our January Hospitality from the 1st Sunday of the month, to the 2nd Sunday of the month – JANUARY 8.

Also on the day of our January 8th Hospitality, we will host an **Appreciation Reception** following the 9 am Mass, for **Butch Goffos**, in recognition of the many (20+) years he spent here as a part-time and full-time employee. Even after retiring, Butch continues to be an active member of the parish, and we want to celebrate and thank him! **Please join us on Jan 8!**

**The St. Francis of Assisi Book Discussion Group** will meet on **January 22** following the 11 o'clock Mass. The group will discuss Chapters One – Three of Richard Rohr's "Things Hidden" ... All are invited to attend.

**Our parish celebration of First Holy Communion** will be on Sunday, April 29, 2012 (time to be determined). Ten preparation sessions for this sacrament and for First Reconciliation will be held on Sundays beginning on January 29 and continuing through April 1, 2012. Each session will begin at 12:30 pm and last about one hour. Our first meeting will be in the parish hall in the church basement. Please contact Therese Terndrup at 614-853-0322 or at [terndrup00@hotmail.com](mailto:terndrup00@hotmail.com) if you have any questions.

**EPIPHANY CHALK ...** a tradition at St Francis of Assisi, in which we provide parishioners with Epiphany Chalk, to commemorate the Magi's visit to the Christ Child. We need help assembling the chalk / prayer cards that are handed out at Masses on Jan 8, when we celebrate the Feast of Epiphany. **Project date will be the week of Jan 2.** If you would like to help, please call / email the parish office. 614.299.5781.

## Pastoral Reflection ~ for Sunday, January 1, 2012

The Lord bless you and keep you! The Lord let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace! God instructed Moses to teach this blessing to Aaron and his sons, from whom all of Israel's priests will be descended. Imagine how Mary might have prayed it for her son, Jesus, or how someone may pray it over a child leaving home, or for a friend facing hardship. May we, throughout this unfolding year, do as Mary and the shepherds did, reflect, glorify, and praise.  
~ Fr. Ron

## A Prayer

In memory of Oscar Romero (1917–1980)

### A Future Not Our Own

It helps now and then to step back and take a long view.

The Kingdom is not only beyond our efforts,  
it is beyond our vision.

We accomplish in our lifetime only a fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work.

Nothing we do is complete, which is another way of saying that the kingdom always lies beyond us.

No statement says all that could be said.

No prayer fully expresses our faith. No confession brings perfection, no pastoral visit brings wholeness.

No program accomplishes the Church's mission.

No set of goals and objectives include everything.

This is what we are about. We plant the seeds that one day will grow. We water the seeds already planted knowing that they hold future promise.

We lay foundations that will need further development.

We provide yeast that produces effects far beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing this.

This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.

It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker.

We are workers, not master builders, ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own.

*From Xavarian Missionaries:* Oscar A. Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador, in El Salvador, was assassinated on March 24, 1980, while celebrating Mass in a small chapel in a cancer hospital where he lived. He had always been close to his people, preached a prophetic gospel, denouncing the injustice in his country and supporting the development of popular and mass organizations. He became the voice of the Salvadoran people when all other channels of expression had been crushed by the repression.

This prayer was composed by Bishop Ken Untener of Saginaw, drafted for a homily by Cardinal John Dearden in Nov. 1979 for a celebration of departed priests. As a reflection on the anniversary of the martyrdom of Bishop Romero, Bishop Untener included it in a reflection titled "The mystery of the Romero Prayer." The mystery is that the words of the prayer are attributed to Oscar Romero, but they were never spoken by him.

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## Parish News and Information

**MANY THANKS** to all who gave the gift of themselves to our community's celebration of Christmas. Among them – choir, instrumentalists, liturgical ministers, decorators of the worship space, bakers of cookies, donors to the Giving Tree, ministers of care, woodcrafter of Francis statue, donors for the memorial flowers, parishioners offering welcome to guests and visitors, donors to Catholic Charities and to parish operating expenses, and visitors familiar and unfamiliar.

**Join the merriment** today as we trot over to the Heartland Nursing Home and Westminster Thurber after the 11am Mass to sing some carols of the season. Books and pitches will be provided. Share the gift of spirited Christmas Carols with those who are not able to leave the confines of their rooms this festive season.

### Let singing be part of your routine this year...

The beginning of 2012 is a perfect time to include singing in the choir as part of your weekly routine. The Parish Choir rehearses Thursday evenings from 7pm til 8:30pm. Singing is good for the lungs, good for the psyche, and good for giving something to St. Francis of Assisi Church something only you can give – YOUR voice. This Thursday evening the choir will gather at Bill Miller's home on Fourth Avenue for some Epiphany merriment. Regular rehearsals will begin January 12 at 7pm.

Contact Bill Miller for further information. 614-439-0096 or [wkmiller@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wkmiller@sbcglobal.net).

## Around the Diocese ...

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ... On Friday, Jan. 20 at 7:30 p.m.** Fr. Thomas Ryan, C.S.P., Director of the Paulist North American Office for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations will speak at the St. Thomas More Newman Center (64 W. Lane Ave., Columbus), on *The Call to Unity Among the Followers of Jesus: What Can I Do?* For over 25 years, Fr. Ryan has ministered in the ecumenical movement. Open to all people of faith, we will look at two key grassroots approaches:

**Spiritual Ecumenism** - conversion of heart and holiness of life along with public and private prayer for unity, and  
**Receptive Ecumenism** - coming to a positive appreciation for the presence and action of God in the people, practices, structures and processes of another tradition of Christian faith and taking responsibility for our own community's learning

**Prayer of Heart and Body** - A workshop on mediation and yoga as prayer will be offered by Fr. Thomas Ryan, C.S.P. at the St. Thomas More Newman Center (64 W. Lane Ave., Columbus) on **Saturday, Jan. 21, 10 a.m. - noon.** Meditation and yoga are taught in a context of Christian faith with an eye towards helping Christians realize a positive integration of these practices into their prayer life and spirituality. Participants will learn a meditative method drawn from the Christian contemplative tradition and experience the potential of bodily movement as prayer by entering into a guided series of yoga postures to the words of classic Christian prayers set to music. *No prior experience required. Bring a mat. A freewill offering of \$10 is suggested.*