

## Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of January 8, 2012

### Sunday, January 8

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

11:00 am – Msgr Edward McFarland (Patti Maietta)

### Monday, January 9

NO MASS

### Tuesday, January 10

6:00 pm – Peace In Our World

### Wednesday, January 11

6:00 pm – RCIA Candidates, Catechumens, and Catechists

### Thursday, January 12

6:00 pm – Sick and Homebound Persons

### Friday, January 13

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

### Saturday, January 14

NO MASS

### Sunday, January 15

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

11:00 am – Tom & Joan Gorman & Kathleen Rurak (Gorman Family)

## Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries

### Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

Jan 8 – 9 am – Skip Camerucci, Jeanette Dobrich

11 am – Tom Main, Marilyn Smith

Jan 15 – 9 am – Frank Conway, Bill Keller

11 am – Dan Emch, Jackie Emch

### Servers

Jan 8 – 9 am – Linda Wolfe

11 am – Michael Converse

Jan 15 – 9 am – Chris Paisley

11 am – Fallon O'Brien, Margaret O'Brien

### Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

Jan 8 – 9 am – Susan Kyanko

11 am – Pat Wadsworth

Jan 15 – 9 am – Frank Schneider

11 am – Lori Tocorzic

### Lectors

Jan 8 – 9 am – Maggie McCoy, Katherine Kriedermann

11 am – Jon Murphy, Sue Cruickshank

Jan 15 – 9 am – Jacquie Pisauero, Mary Ann Theado

11 am – Matt Pastore, Sara Pastore

### Eucharistic Ministers

Jan 8 – 9 am – Louisa Celebrezze, F Schneider, P DeVictor

11 am – Leslie Main, Joanna Nunn, M O'Shaughnessy

Jan 15 – 9 am – P Wadsworth, Linda Wolfe, Michael Converse

11 am – Gretchen Rivera, Susie Sarwark, Barb Schmitzer

**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 tterndrup00@hotmail.com if you have any questions.

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

### TODAY, 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

### Wednesday, January 11

- RCIA Inquiry Session, 7 pm, hall

### Thursday, January 12

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

### LOOKING AHEAD ...

#### Next Sunday, January 15

- Sandwiches for St Lawrence Haven, 10 am, hall
- Social Justice Team meeting, 12 noon
- Baptism Workshop, 12:30 pm, Desert Room

### Monday, January 9

- Flytown Men meeting, 6 pm, hall

### Tuesday, January 10

- Flytown Women, 12 noon, hall

## Parish News and Information

**EPIPHANY DISPLAY** ... Beginning Epiphany Sunday and lasting through January 22, there will be a creche scene on display in our basement hall. It was created by parish member, Amy Knight, over several years and has not been displayed before this showing (or Epiphany). The figures, about 70, are shaped from gourds. They are exquisitely detailed and include many African animals. This display will be very tempting to children. **PARENTS and other adults ARE ASKED TO GENTLY KEEP CHILDREN FROM HANDLING ANY OF THESE DELICATE PIECES.**

**Some Christians bless their homes on Epiphany each year.** With chalk, they write an inscription on the inside lintel above the front door. The series of numbers, letters and crosses changes only slightly from year to year. For example, at the start of the year 2012, the line will read as follows: 20+C+M+B+12. The four digits designating the new year appear at the beginning and end of the line. Because Epiphany comes so near the beginning of the new year, the numbers represent an annual renewal of God's blessing. The letters have two meanings: they are the initials of the traditional names of the magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar; they also abbreviate the Latin words "Christus mansionem benedicat." ("May Christ bless the house.") The crosses represent Christ, whom we invoke, and the saintliness of the magi. The inscription is made above the front door, so that all who enter and depart this year may enjoy God's blessing. The month of January still bears the name of the Roman god Janus, the doorkeeper of heaven and patron of the beginning and end of things. This blessing adds a Christian dimension to the traditional observance of the first month. The inscription is made of chalk, a product of clay, which recalls the human nature taken by God's eternal word in this holy season.

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## Pastoral Reflection ~ for Sunday, January 8, 2012

St. Francis of Assisi Parish is a place and a community where pilgrims gather along the way. Some stay for a brief time, others for more. Each of us seeks lodging in a place that seems safe and welcoming. Each of us seeks a community in which we can know and be known by other pilgrims. During this new year, each of us is called to contribute whatever gifts we carry in our coffers to the life of this gathering of pilgrims. Like frankincense and myrrh, our gifts may seem of no use to our fellow pilgrims. But they are desperately needed. Some pilgrims have come and gone without having received or given the necessary gifts that sustain pilgrims. Look into your coffers and be stewards of what you carry. Those gifts--- *time, talent, treasure*--- turn to dust if kept in our coffers.

~ Fr. Ron

## Parish Council Notes – January 2012 meeting

**Guest Speaker** - Ellen Weilbacher from the Columbus Diocese, with an introduction to Stewardship.

**Upcoming Parish Council Elections** ... 3rd Year council members (David Burgess & Martha Moore) & 2nd year volunteers (Chris Stenger & Amy Knight) will make up election committee.

Process will begin with pulpit announcements encouraging members to run & nomination forms will be available in the pews.  
**Lenten Soup Suppers** ... To begin on Ash Wednesday (Feb. 22). Ruth Friedman will partner with Dana Morrison to coordinate soup donations, guest speakers, and Stations of the Cross. Council members were asked to each recruit at least one volunteer.

### TEAM UPDATES

**Spiritual Life** (Sandy Glasner & Pat Wadsworth):

One more training session for lectors and greeters – date to be determined.

**Education** (Dana Morrison & Amy Knight):

Dana is working on a survey for families with children for feedback about what educational programs are desired at SFA.

**Outreach** (Chris Stenger & Pat Wadsworth):

Pasta Dinner plans are in progress.

Website training for webmasters occurred.

**Social Concerns** (Dee Bruney, David Burgess, Martha Moore):  
Meeting on Jan. 15 after 11am Mass to brainstorm with tapestry volunteers on direction of this team.

**Grounds and Facilities** (Bob Geoghegan & Tony Keels):

Snow removal will be provided by parish member Paul Khoury.

Rick Miller is working on master landscaping plan for grounds.

### INFORMATIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

Amy Knight's Gourd Nativity will be on display in church basement until Jan. 22.

Pasta Dinner – there are many opportunities for parish members to get involved.

Reflections on December's webinar on Evangelization and Stewardship (members to register by Monday Jan. 9th for next diocesan-sponsored webinar).

~ Respectfully submitted by Martha Moore

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**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.

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### Mass in honor of St. Benedict.....

Next Sunday, the Mass in honor of Saint Benedict will be introduced. This musical setting by Robert LeBlanc is the recommendation of Bishop Campbell and the Office of Divine Worship. This setting will be used at Diocesan functions, and will be sung in each parish when the Bishop is present. Many parishes learned this setting in preparation of the translation changes initiated at the beginning of Advent.

We will begin using the Sanctus ('Holy, Holy'), *Mysterium fidei* (Mystery of faith --'When we eat this bread', and Amen on January 15. Bill Miller, Director of Music, will briefly teach the assembly the melodies prior to Mass. After two weeks, the *Agnus Dei* ('Lamb of God') will be introduced and finally, the *Gloria in excelsis*. Parishes who have already learned this setting find it very melodic and singable. Now is the time for us to learn the setting which will be used many times at functions involving the Bishop.

Also on January 15, we will begin using a different "Alleluia" to introduce the Gospel. The spirited version by Howard Hughes in 7/8 meter will add zest to the joy of the season.

### Choristers always welcomed....

Bored with TV, and need to get away from the common everyday routine of life? Join the Parish Choir! Singing is a proven release of stress. The Parish Choir rehearses Thursday evenings at 7 PM. Choristers are welcomed in all sections of the choir. Only you can offer your voice to the worship life of the parish – and it will make a difference. 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.*