

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of May 1, 2016

Sunday, May 1

9:00 am—Ron Atwood (The Parish Staff)

11:00 am— For the McArthur Center

Monday May 2

No Mass

Tuesday, May 3

6:00 pm – Ron Atwood (The Parish of St. Francis)

Wednesday, May 4

6:00 pm – For Those Who Serve our Community

Thursday, May 5

6:00 pm – For the Leadership of St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Friday, May 6

6:00 pm – For all those who are ill

Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

May 1 – 9 am Tera Kovar, Lorri Kuczynski

11 am – Sophia Brown, Marilyn Smith

May 8—9 am—Vince Maite, Mary Kate Carrigg

11 am – Sandy Glasner, Theri Brady

Servers

May 1 – 9 am – Susan Kyanko, 11 am – Gaetan O'Brien

May 8—9 am—Elizabeth Maite, 11 am –

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

May 1 – 9 am – Skip Camerucci 11 am – Dan O'Brien

May 8—9 am— Frank Conway 11 am—Lori Tocarzic

Lectors

May 1 – 9 am – Joyce Schneider, Katherine Kriedermann

11 am – Renee Morkassel, Ben Gibbons

May 8—9 am—Will Brenner, Lori Maite

11 am—Julie Byrne, Maryellen O'Shaughnessy

Eucharistic Ministers

May 1 – 9 am – L. Celebrezze, Chirs Paisley, Frank Schneider

11 am – MA Kerscher, Philip Lipetz, Jaime Capestany

May 8—9 am—Jan Rosenfield, Joyce Schneider, Steve Hillyer

11 am—Diane Lemay, Gretchen Rivera, Sue Cruickshank

Gluten "Free"/Low Gluten Hosts...are 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 or see one of the Mass Coordinators.

“Mary’s Greatness
Consists in the fact
that she wants to
Magnify God, not herself.” -

Pope Benedict XVI
from the book *An Invitation to Faith*

Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Sunday, May 1

▶ Hospitality Sunday

▶ Craft Fair

Monday, May 2

▶ 6:00 pm – BREAD Research Committee

Tuesday, May 3

▶ 7:00 pm – Pastoral Council

Wednesday, May 4

▶ 7:00 pm - RCIA

Thursday, May 5

▶ 10:30 am. Westminster Thurber Bible Study

Friday, May 6

Saturday, May 7

▶ 8:30 am – Men's Coffee and Prayer Group

Parish News and Information

Church Garage Sale – Have you started your spring cleaning? Do you have excess clutter you need to give to a good home? Looking to downsize into a tiny home? Think about donating your gently used items to our church garage sale. The sale will be Saturday, June 4. Many volunteers will be needed to make this event a huge success. More details to come as the event gets closer.

Nehemiah Action – The Annual Nehemiah Action is Monday, May 9. This is the powerful night that our St. Francis community joins thousands of other champions of social justice in Franklin County to present the BREAD sustainable solution to improving economic opportunities in our most distressed neighborhoods in Columbus. WE NEED YOUR VOICE AND PRESENCE THERE!

The Action will be at the Celeste Center on the Ohio State Fairgrounds. Doors open at 6:15, and the program will begin promptly at 6:40. Our parish BREAD Justice Ministry Network will host dinner in our Parish Hall starting at 5:00 pm and carpooling to the Celeste Center will be available. In addition, members of our BREAD JMN will be distributing tickets after Mass the next two Sundays.

St. Francis of Assisi St. Vincent DePaul is interested in supporting Women Affirming Women again this year. We will continue collecting items through May. Some needed items are – jewelry, purses, belts and scarves, hats and sunglasses, perfume, make up (new only), flip flops, umbrellas.

Around the Community

Catholic Family Night with the Columbus Clippers – Enjoy baseball action on Tuesday, May 24. Watch the Clippers take on the Buffalo Bison's at Huntington Park – beginning with a pre-game parade of Catholic youth at 5:45, followed by game time at 6:35. Family admission provides seating for two adults and up to four youths 18 and under, reserved seating on the 3rd base line is available for \$25, bleacher seating also available for \$15. Seating is limited, place your order ASAP! For addition information contact Diocesan Recreation at 614-241-2580.

Pastoral Reflection – May 1, 2016

Dear friends and parishioners,

Death of Fr Ronald Atwood-We want to inform everyone that Fr. Ronald (Ron) Atwood who was the pastor at St Francis from 2004-2013, died last Sunday April 24, around 6:30 p.m. following a battle with cancer. Please pray for his soul, and for his family members during this very difficult time.

Arrangements for Fr Ron Atwood- Wake Monday, May 2nd from 4:00 pm- 8:00 p.m. Schoedinger Grove City, 3920 Broadway, Grove City, Ohio.

Funeral liturgy, Tuesday, May 3rd at St Cecilia's Church 11:00 a.m. 434 Norton Rd. Columbus, Ohio 43228

Eternal rest grant unto him, o Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Sixth Sunday of Easter-In the Gospel, Jesus prepares his disciples for the hour he will suffer and die. He knows that the events of the hour will shake their faith. They have heard already that one of them will betray him, another will deny him and Jesus is going away.

Such distressing news has raised in them many fears. It is not an easy transition for them, but they know they are responsible for keeping his vision alive. They will experience the loss of his companionship. However, they must rely on the strength of their relationship with Jesus and the presence of his Spirit. Just as we must continue to do here at St Francis. The life and work of Jesus and those who have loved and served this faith community, is carried on in us.

BAA 2016- The 2016 Bishop's Annual Appeal starts this weekend. The funds generated through your gifts to the Appeal enable the diocese to maintain and direct the many programs and ministries that benefit the lives of so many with the twenty three (23) counties of our diocese. The theme of the year, "Emmanuel- BE HIS HOPE TO OTHERS-God with us", reminds us that if God is with us, we should be with and for others as well. For the love of Christ and all that He has given us, we are compelled to share what we have whether it be time, talent or treasure with those around us.

Christ entrusted to us the care of His church and the care of each other. Many of our programs and ministries supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal benefit the good people of our parish. This year our parish has been asked to raise \$22,949.40 for the Appeal. I ask you to please give consideration to the charitable work of the diocese. I will be supporting the Bishop's Appeal as always and encourage your support also.

Through prayer and sacrifice, together, we can reach this goal and perhaps even surpass it. Any amount raised that exceeds our goal will be returned to our parish to be used for whatever needs we may have. I hope everyone will pledge or give something. A pledge card and a donation envelope are available in the pews for your contribution.

I want to thank you, in advance, for your participation in the 2016 Bishop's Annual Appeal and to express my gratitude to you for your care and concern and the generosity you have shown in support of St. Francis of Assisi and the diocese. You remain in my prayers.

Fr. Fritzner Valcin

Around the Community

Women's Morning of Reflection – Join us Saturday, May 21 from 9 am – 12:00 pm for an uplifting morning of praise and inspiration on becoming a kinder and more caring Christian woman. Cost is \$20 includes continental breakfast. Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center, 2734 Seminary Rd., Newark. Visit www.stspeterpaulretreatcenter.com, or call 740-928-4246 to register today.

Catholic Men's Luncheon Club – The next lunch features a talk by Father Paul Noble, the Diocese Vocation Director. Father Noble will give an update on vocations. This month's luncheon is sponsored by *Nos Lumine* – A Business Leadership Network for Catholics. Check them out at www.moslumine.com. As always the luncheon is at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus on Friday, May 6. Holy Mass begins at 11:45 am followed by lunch and Father Noble's talk until about 1:00 pm. No reservations necessary. \$10 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend! .

St. John Chrysostom's Kitchen will be having their First Friday Sale on May 6 from 4 – 6 pm. We will have cabbage rolls hot and ready to eat, \$9.00 for a package of six rolls. Pirohi, various fillings, sold frozen in packages of one dozen per filling for \$600. Homemade noodles and cabbage and various other goodies. This is first come first served, we do not take orders for First Friday Sales.

Jubilee of Anniversaries 2016 – Attention all married couples celebrating their 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th, 60th, Anniversary and every year thereafter: The Annual Jubilee of Anniversaries Mass will be held on Sunday, June 26 at St. Andrew Parish, 1899 McCoy Rd., Upper Arlington at 2:30 pm. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Campbell followed by an informal reception in your honor. Registration forms are available from the parish office. You may also register online at <http://familylife.coldsdioc.org> or by calling 614-241-2560. Reservations for you and guests are necessary and must be received by Friday, June 10.

Bishop's Annual Appeal – May 1, 2016

Spring is the time of new beginnings and the time selected each year for participation in the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Over the years, we have seen our gifts to the Appeal at work first hand when we witness the education of our youth, the marriage preparation for couples, and the newly ordained priests and deacons that serve in our parishes as well as many other vital programs. Now more than ever, your gifts are needed to support all of these ministries and programs. Our parish has been asked to raise \$22,949.40 in support of the Appeal. Please consider a gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, and know that every gift, no matter the size, is important. "Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love." – Mother Teresa

Please be aware that there is still about \$1400 of pledges not yet paid from last year.

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