

## *Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of May 8, 2016*

### **Sunday, May 8**

9:00 am—For all of our Mothers

11:00 am— Mr. & Mrs. Parese (Patti Maietta)

### **Monday May 9**

*No Mass*

### **Tuesday, May 10**

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

### **Wednesday, May 11**

6:00 pm – For Those Who Serve our Community

### **Thursday, May 12**

6:00 pm – Joan Randolph (Jack Randolph)

### **Friday, May 13**

6:00 pm – Warde net Pruitt (Theresa Gattton)

## *Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries*

### *Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)*

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

11 am – Sandy Glasner, Theri Brady

**May 15**— 9 am Skip Camerucci, Frank Schneider

11 am – Tera Kovar, Lorri Kuczynski

### *Servers*

**May 8**—9 am—Elizabeth Maite, 11 am – Pat Cassidy

**May 15** – 9 am Linda Wolfe, 11 am – Margaret O'Brien

### *Crucifers (Cross Bearers)*

**May 8**—9 am— Frank Conway 11 am—Lori Toczczic

**May 15** – 9 am – Bob Geoghegan 11 am – Dan O'Brien

### *Lectors*

**May 8**—9 am—Will Brenner, Lori Maite

11 am—Julie Byrne, Maryellen O'Shaughnessy

**May 15** – 9 am – Elise Ryan, Lynn Willford

11 am –Ben Gibbons, Sophia Brown

### *Eucharistic Ministers*

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

11 am—Diane Lemay, Gretchen Rivera, Sue Cruickshank

**May 15** – 9 am – Rick Miller, John Ryan, Louisa Celebrezze

11 am – Joanna Nunn, Lori Toczczic, Sandy Glasner

**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](mailto:office@sfacolumbus.org) or see one of the Mass Coordinators.

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

### **Sunday, May 8**

▶ Happy Mother's Day

### **Monday, May 9**

▶ 5:00 pm – BREAD

▶ 6:30 pm – St. Francis Seniors Potluck

### **Tuesday, May 10**

▶ 6:00 pm – Flytown Men

▶ Adoration after the 6:00 Mass

### **Wednesday, May 11**

▶ 7:00 pm - RCIA

### **Thursday, May 12**

▶ 10:30 am. Westminster Thurber Bible Study

## *Parish News and Information*

**Mass for Ron Atwood** – Please join us Tuesday, May 17 at 7:00 pm for a Memorial Mass to celebrate the life of Ron Atwood, former pastor of St. Francis of Assisi. A wine, cheese and chocolate reception will be held in the parish hall following the service.

**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 today.

**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.

**Pentecost** – May 15 is Pentecost, the celebration of the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Let us join Christians around the world in wearing red this day as a symbol of the power and fire of the Spirit.

**Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC)** – A special collection will be held on May 15. The CCC helps spread the Good News to you – and focuses on new and existing ways to communicate Jesus' gospel message, making it available to both the faithful and those seeking the faith. The CCC supports both national and diocesan communication efforts that provide news, discussions, and special events and programs. Please be generous in the collection and support this important work.

## *Mothers*

hold their child's hand for a moment  
and their heart for a

*lifetime*

## *Pastoral Reflection – May 1, 2016*

**Mother's Day**-Today is Mother's Day in the US and Canada and many other countries. Mothers don't only give birth to their children but raise them with indescribable affection and take charge of their complete upbringing. This lovely imprinting mark of a mother on her children is indelible. Everything in the world is subject to change but mothers remain unchangeably the inviolable symbol of life. Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers! Thank you for choosing the vocation you did and for the dedication and love you freely gave in following that vocation.

Throughout the month of May, the Church also has a mother she honors lovingly like our human mothers: The Blessed Virgin Mother, our spiritual mother. As the only human person who was full of grace, Mary models for us the virtues needed for Christian greatness. She inspires us by her decisive action and by her perseverance.

By her example, Mary challenges us to remain faithful to our commitments at home, at work and in the community, no matter how hard things may become or how much is demanded from us. To become better men and women, we ought to look to the Blessed Virgin Mother, staying faithful to our duties to God and to others, even in the shadow of the cross. We are thrilled by her prompt response to the demands of the moment "I am the handmaid of the Lord, may it be done to me according to your word."

The overshadowing of the Holy Spirit put her in an inaccessible position "her son to be born will be called the son of the Most High." Through our mothers, let us offer her our prayers and our flowers and listen attentively to her maternal calling that urges our conversion of hearts. With Mary the model of mothers, we all are called to be true and loyal disciples of Jesus. **Hail Mary, full of grace the Lord is with thee blessed are thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus. Holy Mary mother of God, pray for us sinners at the hour of our death. Amen**

**Ascension**- "Jesus ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father," we pray in the Creed. The prayers of today's liturgy of the solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord express our hope one day to ascend with him. Where our head has gone in glory, may we, his body, have the sure hope of following. May we approach with confidence the throne of grace.

## *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](http://www.stspeterpaulretreatcenter.com), or call 740-928-4246 to register today.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> base line is available for \$25, bleacher seating also available for \$15. Seating is limited, place your order ASAP! For additional information contact Diocesan Recreation at 614-241-2580.

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**Jubilee of Anniversaries 2016** – Attention all married couples celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 35<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 45<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 55<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, 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.colsdioc.org> or by calling 614-241-2560. Reservations for you and guests are necessary and must be received by Friday, June 10.

**The Martin de Porres Center** – The center will be host a workshop for high school students, their parents and teachers on the dangers of human trafficking on Saturday, May 21 from 10:00 – 12:00. This workshop has been developed by a Columbus Detective to teach about the risks and the signs of this modern day issue. Information, stories and tips will be shared as a way to be aware and prepared. The center is located at 2330 Airport Dr., Columbus. Call 614-416-1910, email [martindeporres@oppeace.org](mailto:martindeporres@oppeace.org) or check out the website [www.martineporrescenter.net](http://www.martineporrescenter.net) for more information or to register.

Walk in the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi – You are invited to join a Pilgrimage in this Holy Year of Mercy. Fr. Raymond Mallett, OFM Conv., the Rector and Pastor of the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation will be leading the Pilgrimage. Fr. Ray has led over 20 Pilgrimages to Holy Places. The dates for this Pilgrimage are November 3-12, 2016. We will visit Rome, Assisi, Orvieto and several other holy places. We will attend a Papal Audience; visit the Vatican Museum; the Scavi; the Sistine Chapel; several Basilicas walking through their Holy Doors. We will celebrate Mass daily – including at the tomb of St. Peter and the tomb of St. Francis. I promise you that you will see things that many other pilgrims normally never see. Space is limited. You must have your reservations in by the end of June. For a free brochure or for more information, please write: Fr. Ray Mallett, 315 Clay St., Carey, OH 43316, or call 419-396-7107, or email [rmallett1@hotmail.com](mailto:rmallett1@hotmail.com)

## *Bishop's Annual Appeal*

We are happy to report that the good people of this parish are answering the call in support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal. This is most encouraging, but we have a long way to go to realize 100% participation from our parishioners. If you have not yet had the opportunity to make a pledge, please see the pledge envelopes in the pews. The needs of our diocese and individual parishes are great and only by the support of the faithful can the various ministries and programs remain available to so many in our diocese. This year our parish goal is \$22,949.40. If 250 parishioners gave \$10 a month for 10 months, we would surpass our goal. No gift is too small.

Please be aware that there is still about \$1300 of pledges not yet paid from last year.

EMMANUEL  
BE HIS HOPE TO OTHERS  
GOD WITH US