

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of September 4 2016

Sunday, September 4

9:00 am—For the Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
11:00 am – For All Clergy, Active and Retired

Monday September 5

No Mass

Tuesday, September 6

6:00 pm – For Those who Serve Our Community

Wednesday, September 7

6:00 pm – For the Community of Victorian Village

Thursday, September 8

6:00 pm – For the Needs of our Parish

Friday, September 9

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

Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

September 4 – 9 am – Lorri Kuczynski, Sandy Glasner

11 am – Marilyn Smith, Jackie Emch

September 11 —9 am—Skip Camerucci, Tera Kovar

11 am – Theri Brady, Gretchen Rivera

Servers

September 4 – 9 am – Chris Paisley, 11 am – Gaetan O'Brien

September 11—9 am—Susan Kyanko, 11 am – Nolan Rothrock

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

September 4 – 9 am – Frank Conway 11 am – Julie Byrne

September 11—9 am— Frank Schneider 11 am—Dan O'Brien

Lectors

September 4 – 9 am –Linda Wolfe, Joyce Schneider

11 am – Renee Morkassel, Gary Snyder

September 11 —9 am—Sue Cruickshank, K. Kriedermann

11 am—Susan Sarwark, Diane Meves

Eucharistic Ministers

September 4 – 9 am – Steve Hillyer, F. Schneider, J. Capestany

11 am – Joanna Nunn, Gretchen Rivera, Susan Sarwark

September 11 - 9 am—MA Kerscher, J.Schneider, J. Rosenfield

11 am—Jaime Capestany, 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 or see one of the Mass Coordinators.

"Kind words can be short and easy to speak,
But their echos are truly endless."

-Mother Teresa

Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Please check the St. Francis website for the full calendar of events

Sunday, September 4

▶ Hospitality Sunday

Monday, September 5

▶ Labor Day – SFA Office Closed

Tuesday, September 6

▶ 7:00 pm – Pastoral Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 7

▶ RCIA

Thursday, September 8

▶ 10:30 am – Westminster Thurber Bible Study

Friday, September 9

Parish News and Information

Shoe Drive - September 4th through the 25th

As we were cleaning out all of the shoes we had outgrown last year, we realized that although the shoes may no longer fit us, others could certainly use them. So, we decided to do a shoe drive to help those in need. As long as the shoes are in good condition and a matching pair, we will take them. After much research and thoughtful prayer, we have decided to donate all the shoes collected to help those in need here in Ohio. Every pair of shoes will go to the St. Francis Center in McArthur, Ohio. There will be a box at the entrance of the church for you to deposit the donated shoes. Remember, even one pair helps. Thank you,

Elizabeth and Charlotte Maite

Mass Intentions- We continue to have openings for Mass intentions for 2016 calendar year. If you have any special requests, please contact the parish office ([614.299.5781](tel:614.299.5781))/office@sfacolumbus.org). Also, please remember that our Mass Intention policy states that we do not hold "standing" intentions from year to year.... dates must be reserved by contacting the parish office every year. Thank you!

Photo Directory – Do you ever see people and wonder what their names are? Have you ever heard an announcement regarding a member and wished you could put a face with a name? Are you a new member and wish you had something to help you put names with faces? Help is on the way! We are producing a new pictorial directory! There is no cost to our church, and each participating family will receive a **complimentary** 8 x 10 portrait and directory and have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits to share with family and friends. Watch for weekend sign-ups beginning Sept. 11 or visit our website at www.sfacolumbus.org to schedule your photography appointment. Photos will be taken October 13 – 16. We look forward to seeing you!

Creation Care Team – Mark your calendars! The next meeting will be help on Sunday, September 25 in the church hall at 10 a.m. between Masses. Consider joining our group and help us do our part to care for our Common Home.

St Francis Book Discussion Group – The group will meet next Sunday after the 11:00 Mass to discuss Yaa Gyasi's book, *Homegoing*. All are welcome.

St. Francis Leader Mini Retreat – The Stewardship Council is hosting a mini retreat for all leaders/organizers of the church on Saturday, September 10. This will be a great time of learning, support, and community for the leaders of St. Francis.

Pastoral Reflection – September 4, 2016

This Gospel (Luke 14:25-33) is a hard one. It involves three difficult sayings of Jesus, which end with the words “cannot be my disciple.” “If anyone comes to me without hating his family and his own life... Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me... Anyone who does not renounce all his possessions...”

In these challenging terms, Jesus clearly lays out the conditions of discipleship. Discipleship requires a readiness and willingness to do whatever Jesus wants from us. It stands to reason that placing attention only upon family values and possessions can often make serving the Lord almost impossible.

Beloved, following Jesus is a serious decision. If we become his disciples we must consider the need to put him ahead of everything else, before even those closest to us, carry our cross, and renounce all possessions. Don't be unprepared to accept and integrate into our lives the teachings and values of the one whose disciple you become.

Around the Diocese

Enlivened by *Laudato Si'*: We Care for our Common Home. Our practical response to care for God's creation. Saturday, October 8, 2016. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. Calling for parish and school leaders, adults and youth to this informative day designed to provide practical ways to respond to Pope Francis' recent encyclical. Pope Francis is calling for dialogue and an ecological conversion to help shape the future. Sponsored by the Creation Care Team – Catholic Diocese of Columbus. Free event includes lunch. Registration deadline is September 30. To register visit <http://socialconcerns.colstdioc.org> or contact the diocesan Office for Social Concerns at [614-241-2540](tel:614-241-2540) or socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org.

"AND TWO SHALL BECOME ONE ..."

Discover God's desire for your marriage on a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekend! Marriage Encounter is 44 hours where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones—and focus only on each other. The next two weekends are November 11-13 and in the new year on February 17-19, both in central Ohio. For more information or to register, contact Paul & Marilou Clouse at [614-834-6880](tel:614-834-6880) or visit our website at www.wmecolumbus.org

Special Collection – Sunday, September 18 we will be taking up a second collection. This collection will be combined with others in the Columbus Diocese and will be sent to help with the relief efforts in Louisiana. Please prayerful consider how you will help those who have lost so much.

Around the Diocese

Friends of the Poor Walk, 2016 - The 2016 Friends of the Poor Walk, sponsored by Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Columbus, will take place on Saturday September 24th from 9 a.m. to noon at St. Francis de Sales High School, 4212 Karl Rd., Columbus. All proceeds from the walk go back to the walker's SVP conference to serve the needy and poor in their community.

To become a walker, go to www.fopwalk.org. At the top of the page, click on “Walkers”, and then click on the drop down “Become a New Walker”. Scroll to state and click “Ohio” and select “De Sales High School.” Fill out the form adding your own personal user name. Under “Walk Beneficiary”, select your Conference Parish, so they receive notice of your participation and any donations. The next page will ask you for information should you want to make a credit card donation.

The Blue Mass – St. Timothy Church and St. Timothy Knights of Columbus Council 14345 will host The Blue Mass on Thursday, September 8, 2016, at 5:00 pm. The Blue Mass is an opportunity to honor and pray for all active, retired and deceased police, firefighters and emergency medical services. In addition, it is an occasion to remember the 2,973 who lost their lives in the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. All active and retired police, fire and emergency medical services in the greater Columbus area, and their families are invited. The Celebrant and Homilist for The Blue Mass will be The Most Reverend Frederick F. Campbell, DD, PhD, Bishop of Columbus. Let us all join together to honor our police, firefighters and emergency medical services, to ask for God's blessing, to keep them safe and to guide them in their duties.

The Martin de Porres Center (2330 Airport Dr., Columbus) will host two upcoming events in September. Join us for “Guided Meditation Practices” on Thursday, Sept. 8 at 6:30 pm and “Falling in Love with Earth Again” on Saturday, Sept. 10 at 9:00 am. More information can be obtained by calling 614-416-1910 or www.martindeporrescenter.net

DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE IN OUR COMMUNITIES – SEPTEMBER 9 In light of recent incidents of violence and racial tension in communities across the United States, USCCB has invited Catholics across the country to participate in a Day of Prayer for Peace in Our Communities on September 9, the feast of St. Peter Claver. For resources, visit www.usccb.org.

Women of the Columbus diocese: for just one week-end disconnect from election mania and the cyber world and connect with God by coming to a SILENT retreat for women September 30, October 1 & 2, 2016 at St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43213. Sponsored by the Catholic Laywomen's Retreat League, this retreat begins Friday evening and ends Sunday at noon. Fr. Vincent Petersen, a Franciscan from Our Lady of Consolation Shrine in Carey, Ohio, will be the retreat master. His theme is “Love and Praise: Reflections on the Writings of Pope Francis.” The fee is \$125 for six meals and a private room. For more information send e-mail to retreatleague@gmail.com or call Sharon Gehrlich, CLRL Secretary, at 614-882-1946. Deadline is September 15, 2016. Space is limited and fills quickly. Please respond soon. God is calling you.