

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of October 2, 2016

Sunday, October 2

9:00 am—For the Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
11:00 am – Harold & Julitta Taylor (Sue Cruickshank)

Monday October 3

No Mass

Tuesday, October 4

6:00 pm – Marion McRae (Jim & Cecilia McAdams)

Wednesday, October 5

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

Thursday, October 6

6:00 pm – Mary E. Garrity (Tom & Veronica Garrity)

Friday, Octo 7

6:00 pm –For the Needs of our Parish

Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

October 2 – 9 am – Vince Maite, Skip Camerucci

11 am – Lorri Kuczynski, Jackie Emch

October 9 —10 am—Theri Brady, Andy Randel

Servers

October 2 – 9 am—Elizabeth Maite 11 am – Nolan Rothrock

October 9—10 am—Margaret O'Brien

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

October 2 – 9 am – Frank Conway 11 am – Julie Bryne

October 9—10 am— Dan O'Brien

Lectors

October 2 – 9 am – Lori Maite, Joyce Schneider

11 am –Maryellen O'Shaughnessy, Diane Meves

October 9 —10 am—Gretchen Rivera, Sue Cruickshank

Eucharistic Ministers

October 2 – 9 am – L. Celebrezze, John Ryan, Linda Wolfe

11 am – Renee Morkassel, Joanna Nunn, Marilyn Smith

October 9 - 10 am—Maryellen O'Shaughnessy, Lori Toczorcz, Mary Ann Kerscher

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 at 614-299-5781 or office@sfacolumbus.org or see one of the Mass Coordinators.

May the patron saint
of ecology, St. Francis,
inspire us to have
great respect
and care
for all
God's creatures.

Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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

Sunday, October 2

▶ Hospitality Sunday

Monday, October 3

▶ 6:00 pm – Flytown Men

Tuesday, October 4

▶ 7:00 pm – Pastoral Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 5

▶ RCIA

Thursday, October 6

▶ 10:30 am – Westminster Thurber Bible Study

Parish News and Information

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: A special, combined St. Francis Social Justice Group/BREAD House meeting will be held **on October 17 at 7:00 p.m.** in the church hall. Come and hear what is happening in all of St. Francis' social justice ministries **and** take part in the annual BREAD House meeting. Come prepared to break bread and share your concerns for our community. Dinner will be provided, so please RSVP to Ben Gibbons at bendgibbons@yahoo.com or [614.728.2859](tel:614.728.2859) by Friday, October 14. See you there!

Parish Picnic - "*The soul needs meaning as much as the body needs food.*" **Richard Rohr** Come and fill both needs. Please join us at the annual **Parish Potluck Picnic**. This year's event will be held in the **church hall** (instead of at Goodale Park) next **Sunday, October 9**. We will kick off the feast immediately following the single 10:00 am mass that day. Chicken and beverages will be provided. If able, please bring a dish to share, but most importantly, just bring yourselves. Those able to help with preparations, donations or clean up please contact Megan Murphy mjmurphy1155@gmail.com or [614-832-6652](tel:614-832-6652)

The children's choir will be singing at Christmas Eve mass. Rehearsals for this choir will start in November. We love to see the children participate and to hear their voices! Please contact Laurel Marazita for more information at lmrazita@hotmail.com.

Rosary and Fatima Prayers – One or more ladies from Our Lady of Fatima Home Visitation Program will be here to lead the Rosary and Fatima Prayers before the 6:00 Mass Tuesday – Friday during the month of October. We will begin at 5:30. All are welcome.

Photo Directory – Sign up after Mass on Sunday or visit our website at www.sfacolumbus.org to schedule your photography appointment. Appointments are filling up fast, so schedule your appointment today. Photos will be taken October 12 – 16. We look forward to seeing you! Volunteers will be needed to make this successful. If you wish to help, please contact Joyce Schneider at joycemckownschneider@gmail.com

Next Week's Scripture Readings

2 Kings 5:14 - 17
2 Timothy 2:8 - 13
Luke 17:11 – 19

Pastoral Reflection – October 2, 2016

Happy Month of St Francis to all of you!

Throughout this month of October, we are invited not only to praise the God of creation with St Francis of Assisi but also to make a commitment to share our many gifts with this community that God has entrusted to us. “Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation and Giver of all good gifts, for through your goodness we have received everything we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands.”

I am certain that we all realize there is so much more we can give back to this community in gratitude to God who always provides us what we need in our journey of life.

Please, join us for the different activities and celebrations of this stewardship month, fill out a registration form (if you haven't done so already), and sign up for one of our valuable ministries on October 23, or just think about a unique gift you aim to bring to our parish in the months ahead. “Every parish is a family of families. The vitality of a parish greatly depends on the spiritual vigor, commitment and involvement of its families (St John Paul II).” Real faith always takes the form of service. The faith that Jesus gives us is not to keep selfishly for ourselves but to build us up for the task of “rebuilding spiritually God's house” in this portion of his vineyard, which is St Francis of Assisi Parish. Our faith —time, talent, and treasure---can accomplish what appears impossible. Lord, increase our faith and hence the flame within us may be set afire.

Around the Diocese

NNEMAP Food Pantry, 677 E. 11th Avenue, has started a Saturday Produce Market. The market is open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you are looking for a volunteer opportunity or just would like to visit and see what NNEMAP is all about, this is a good opportunity to do that. Our SVDP Conference supports NNEMAP and several Vincentians volunteer here. Visit the website www.nnemappantry.org for more information

The Martin de Porres Center (2330 Airport Dr., Columbus) will present “Resting Secure in God's Love” on Thursday, October 6 from 6:00-8:30pm. – THIS EVEN HAS BEEN CANCELLED

Ohio Dominican University will host an undergraduate open house at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 15, on its main campus at 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus, Ohio, 43219. This is a great opportunity for students to talk with a professor, learn about ODU's admission process, take a tour of campus and explore ODU's 40 in-demand majors. To register, please visit ohiodominican.edu/OpenHouse.

Saints Peter & Paul Retreat Center - Is it hard to hear God's voice above the noise of everyday life? Or perhaps, you simply need to take a personal day from your work week. Escape to Sts. Peter & Paul Retreat Center in nearby Newark, Ohio. Sts. Peter & Paul is situated within 500 acres of rural, wooded grounds which provides the perfect setting for meditation, tranquility, reflection and prayer. We offer climate controlled private suites with private bathrooms. Also available is a handicap assessable room with bathroom located on our first floor. We also offer semi-private rooms, as well as dormitory style accommodations. Visit our multiple grottos, quiet Chapel, walking trails, reflective pond, or the outdoor Stations of the Cross. We also offer a full range of dining and hospitality services from our own Executive Chef. Mention seeing this add in your Parish's bulletin, and receive a **FREE** breakfast, lunch or dinner. For more information, send email to info@stspeterandpaulretreatcenter.org or call 1.740.928.4246.

Around the Diocese

“Catholic Spiritual Day Spa: Immaculate Mary, Light of Hope in Times of Change.” Agenda: “Harvesting Hope” talk by Fr. Wagner. “Bearing the Light of Christ” stretching and walking exercises. Lunch through Freedom a La Cart Catering, benefiting adult survivors of human trafficking. Examination of Conscience, Penitential Prayer of the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary, Opportunity for Confession. Votive Mass to Mary. Registration is Limited! Seats are going fast! To register for this event on Saturday, Oct. 8 go to: www.spiritualdayspa.com.

Family Rosary Day – The Diocese of Columbus' annual Family Rosary Day is Sunday, October 9 at 3 pm, at St. Joseph Cathedral, Columbus. Bishop Frederick F. Campbell is the celebrant. All are welcome.

Reflection on the Readings as Stewards

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Weekend of October 1-2, 2016:

From today's second reading, we are made to realize, like Timothy, that Christ's call is meant for us all. Good stewards realize they have everything necessary to live for Christ. “Stir up the fire that is already burning inside you.” **Another way to express this thought in the vocabulary of stewardship is, “Use your gifts now! Serve the Lord now! Get involved now! God put the fire inside you but you have to stir up the flame! Let it burn!”** Everyone can give witness to Christ's presence in the world, and most of us can do more than one thing for the Lord. **How exactly do you “stir into flame” God's unique gifts you hold within you?**

(Reflection taken from the International Catholic Stewardship Council October 2016 e-bulletin.)

St. Francis is a parish that wants to be attentive to your gifts. If you wish to give of your time and talent, but aren't sure if there's a group to house your gifts, or are just generally wondering how to use your time and talent, please contact Elise Ryan (elonich@gmail.com), Chair of Stewardship Council. She promises to respond within one week, and she can provide information regarding active parish groups and organizations and encouragement if you want to start a group or share your gifts in a new way with the parish.

At this time, St. Francis would like to update our parish website and maintain an active presence on several social media outlets, especially Facebook. We are in great need of creative individuals who can offer their time and talent in the service of **web design, social media activity, and technological outreach**. If you are this person (or people), please contact Elise Ryan (elonich@gmail.com).

Collection Report

Two week ago we took up a collection for the Louisiana Flood Damage. Thanks to your generosity we collected \$583.00. Our gift will be combined with collections from other Catholic Churches and be sent to The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to aid in the relief efforts. Thank you for giving so willingly.

Bans of Marriage

October 15 – Philip Lipetz/Debora Arnold

Let's remember Philip and Debora in prayer as they celebrate their love before God, family and friends.