

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of October 9, 2016

Sunday, October 9

10:00 am—For the Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

Monday October 10

No Mass

Tuesday, October 11

6:00 pm – For all Those Effected by Hurricane Matthew

Wednesday, October 12

6:00 pm – For Those who are Ill

Thursday, October 13

6:00 pm – For the Poor and Homeless of our Community

Friday, October 14

6:00 pm –For the Needs of our Parish

Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

October 9 —10 am—Theri Brady, Andy Randel

October 16 – 9 am – Rick Miller, Lorri Kuczynski

11 am – Maryellen O'Shaughnessy, Andy Randel

Servers

October 9—10 am—Margaret O'Brien

October 16 – 9 am—Steve Hillyer 11 am – NOT FILLED

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

October 9—10 am— Dan O'Brien

October 16 – 9 am – Frank Conway 11 am – Lori Toczorczic

Lectors

October 9 —10 am—Gretchen Rivera, Sue Cruickshank

October 16 – 9 am – Sue Cruickshank, Elise Ryan

11 am –Susan Sarwark, Renee Morkassel

Eucharistic Ministers

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

October 16 – 9 am – J. Capestany, L. Wolfe, Sr. Sharen Baldy

11 am – Mark Coleman, Marilyn Smith, Joanna Nunn

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.

People don't want to go to the dump and have a picnic, they want to go out to a beautiful place and enjoy their day. And so I think our job is to try to take the environment, take what the good Lord has given us, and expand upon it or enhance it, without destroying it.

Jack Nicklaus

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Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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

Sunday, October 9

▶ Parish Picnic

▶ 2:00 - St. Francis Seniors

Monday, October 10

Tuesday, October 11

▶ Adoration after the 6:00 Mass

Wednesday, October 12

▶ 2:00 – 7:00 - Directory Photos

▶ 7:00 - RCIA

Thursday, October 13

▶ 10:30 am – Westminster Thurber Bible Study

▶ 2:00 – 9:00 – Directory Photos

Friday, October 14

▶ 2:00 – 9:00 – Directory Photos

Saturday, October 15

▶ 8:00 – 1:00 – Directory Photos

Parish News and Information

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.

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!

Calendar/Room Request – In an effort to streamline the process and avoid conflicts the online calendar is the official church calendar. If you have an event scheduled, please use the room request function on our church website to reserve your space and get your event on the calendar. Only events on the calendar will be considered confirmed events. If you have any questions, please contact Jeanna in the church office.

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.

Prayer and Praise

Earlier in the week, John Nunn was taken to Riverside Hospital in a non-responsive state. Joanna asked for prayers for John and after a few days there, he has been released back to Mayfair. Thank you Jesus for protecting John. Please continue to pray for John as he continues his rehab that he will be able to return home soon. We miss seeing John at church.

Next Week's Scripture Readings

Exodus 17:8-13

2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:2

Luke 18:1-8

Pastoral Reflection – October 9, 2016

What causes you to come back to Church every week and celebrate the Eucharist? Is it because the Church obliges you to or is it the command to keep holy the day of the Lord? Some may claim that they want to offer a good example to their beloved ones. Others may say it has become a good habit. Still others may look upon their weekly worship as an expression of faith, a place to fuel up for the week ahead. For many of us, the words of Vatican II come to mind: "The Eucharist is the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed and the fount from which all its power flows" (Lumen Gentium).

We are especially aware of giving thanks, for the source our Christian lives is thanksgiving, the Eucharist. In the Eucharist Prayer we express our gratitude in these terms: "It is right and just, our duty and our salvation, to give you thanks..."

The Eucharist is the ultimate act of thanksgiving for life and salvation in Christ. Thanksgiving is the key to joy. Week after week we come back to acknowledge and celebrate that we are grateful for everything from God, through Jesus Christ.

Like Naaman, the grateful leper, and St Francis of Assisi (whose life we celebrate this month) we have the opportunity at every Eucharistic encounter to be transformed by God's grace. We hear Jesus' words that challenge us to be healed. We are reminded to serve the needs of others, particularly the poor among us. We eat the bread of life that nourishes us and heals our brokenness. Then we are sent out into the rest of the week to witness to all that we have known in Jesus. We work, we serve, we pray, we remember and give thanks for all God's gifts until we joyfully are drawn again to give thanks at the next Eucharistic celebration. I will not cease to be thankful to God. What about you?

Around the Diocese

Rosary Rally - On Saturday, Oct 15, 2016, from noon until about 1:45 p.m. there will be a Rosary Rally on the front lawn of Our Lady of Peace Church. This will be done to recognize the coming 100th anniversary, next year, of the apparitions, during 1917, of the Blessed Virgin Mary to the three children in Fatima, Portugal. Families and individuals are invited to come and sing a few songs to Mary and to pray with us the Holy Rosary, the Litany to the Virgin Mary, and a few other prayers. (Parking in the church lot and on the residential streets next to the church is limited due to some weekend activities at Our Lady of Peace Church and School.) This is NOT a political event or demonstration of any kind. In a peace-filled Catholic way, we just want to honor God and to pray for Mary to intercede for our country.

Strengthening the Household of Faith - Jesus asks us to demonstrate our love for Him through our generosity to others. In our everyday lives, He calls us to share our gifts of time, talent and treasure with others. "While we have the opportunity, let us do good to all people - but especially to those of the household of the faith." (Galatians 6:10)

St. Francis of Assisi established an endowment fund at The Catholic Foundation to help strengthen our household of faith. Your gifts of cash, stock, real estate and insurance are needed to make our endowment grow, giving our parish perpetual income. For more information, call The Catholic foundation at [614-443-8893](tel:614-443-8893) or visit catholic-foundation.org.

Reflection on the Readings as Stewards

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Weekend of October 8-9, 2016

In today's gospel, we hear of the ten men afflicted with leprosy, and the one who glorifies God for being healed. It is a dramatic scene of gratitude. But in order for the miracle to happen in the first place, these men had to start walking in faith before their diseased conditions changed one tiny bit. Good stewards of their faith realize that they cannot wait until their problems are over to start walking in faith. They praise God even in the darkest of nights, and in the worst of circumstances. Do we walk in faith, giving the Lord our gratitude even when we are in difficult circumstances?

(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 and lead 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).

Commitment Sunday is almost here! Join us in the parish hall following both the 9am and the 11am Masses on Sunday, October 23, for light breakfast/brunch, fellowship, and conversation about the many, ministries, groups and organizations that our parish supports. Please plan to attend—your presence is a gift!

Thank you!

Melissa,

Thank you for everything you did to help make Sarah and Eric's wedding a beautiful event on Saturday. I know from talking with Sarah leading up to the wedding that she was very appreciative of your efforts and valuable guidance. In addition, Sandy did a great job of organizing everything on Friday and Saturday in a very pleasant manner. Please pass this email along to her.

Thank you, as well, to St. Francis of Assisi for the open policy regarding weddings of non-parishioners. As you know, this is not always the case anymore and it was very convenient to have the wedding, reception and accommodations for out-of-town guests all in the downtown area. Also, your flexibility in allowing priests and deacons from outside your parish to celebrate the wedding is very thoughtful. Finally, your beautiful church was ideal for Sarah and Eric's guests. Standing in the back right before the wedding, the church looked full but not crowded and just perfect for the occasion. Some friends of ours that are longtime IC parishioners and have been all over the diocese to different churches but never to St. Francis of Assisi were amazed that such a great little gem is right in the heart of our city. My wife and I feel the same way and will be back for Mass there. Your service and church have been a great blessing to our families!!