

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of October 16, 2016

Sunday, October 23

9:00 am—For the Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
11:00 am—For the Success of Commitment Sunday

Monday October 24

No Mass

Tuesday, October 25

11:00 am – For the Needs of Our Parish

Wednesday, October 26

6:00 pm – For Those who Serve and Protect our City

Thursday, October 27

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

Friday, October 28

6:00 pm – Phyllis & Herman Heubel's Anniversary (H. Heubel)

Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

October 23 —9 am—Vince Maite, Megan Murphy

11 am – Theri Brady, Jackie Emch

October 30 – 9 am – Ted Klupinski, Tera Kovar

11 am – Megan Murphy, Theri Brady

Servers

October 23—9 am—Elizabeth Maite, 11 am – Gaetan O'Brien

October 30 – 9 am—Linda Wolfe 11 am – Margaret O'Brien

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

October 23—9 am— Susan Kyanko, 11 am – Dan O'Brien

October 30 – 9 am – Skip Camerucci 11 am – Dan O'Brien

Lectors

October 23 —9 am—Elise Ryan, Lori Maite

11 am –Ben Gibbons, Julie Byrne

October 30 – 9 am – Will Brenner, Louisa Celebrezze

11 am –Jon Murphy, Julie Byrne

Eucharistic Ministers

October 23 - 9 am—Frank Conway, K. Kriedermann, John Ryan

11 am – Sue Cruickshank, Mary Ann Kerscher, Mark Coleman

October 30 – 9 am – Chris Paisly, Jan Rosenfield, Steve Hillyer

11 am – Sandy Glasner, Diane Lemay, ME O'Shaughnessy

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.

Individual Commitment to a group effort – that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work.

-Vince Lombardi

Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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

Sunday, October 23

▶ Commitment Sunday

▶ 2:00 – Secular Franciscan Order

Monday, October 24

▶ 7:00 pm – Saint Vincent dePaul

Tuesday, October 25

▶ 12:00 pm – Flytown Women

Wednesday, October 26

▶ 7:00 - RCIA

Thursday, October 27

▶ 10:30 am – Westminster Thurber Bible Study

Saturday, October 29

▶ 11:00 am – Baptism

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.

Dia de los Muertos Celebration, Oct. 30 - St. Francis invites parishioners to bring photos of loved ones who have died, to place downstairs in the church hall in the next two weeks as part of the Mexican celebration, Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead).

Day of the Dead is celebrated in central and southern Mexico on November 1 and 2. The day coincides with the Catholic holiday of All Soul's and All Saints Day.

The Mexican celebration combines the religious holiday with indigenous beliefs that honoring deceased loved ones will bring families protection, good luck and wisdom.

The belief is that heaven's gates open at midnight on October 31, and that the spirits of the deceased return to reunite with their families on Nov 2. On November 1, families prepare small altars in their homes and around loved ones' headstones in cemeteries. They decorate the altars and spaces with *ofrendas* (offerings) of candles, flowers, fruit, tortillas, and photos of their loved ones. On the second day, the people celebrate with music, food and the lighting of candles.

St. Francis will have a small altar decorated in the church hall beginning Thursday, 10/27. Please bring your photos any time after Mass Sunday 10/23 or during the week. We'll celebrate with chocolate, churros (Mexican/Spanish donuts) and pan dulce (Mexican pastry) after each Mass on Sunday, 10/30.

If you would like to help serve refreshments or clean up, please contact Amy at aknight205@hotmail.com or Lisa at LisaLopezSnyder@gmail.com

Next Week's Scripture Readings

Wisdom 11:22 – 12:2

2 Thessalonians 1:11 – 2:2

Luke 19:1 – 10

Pastoral Reflection – October 23, 2016

Today's Gospel contrasts two men praying side by side in the temple: A proud Pharisee and a humble tax collector known as a Publican. Both of them know who they are, and their personal assessments are accurate. Unfortunately, only one really knows his status with God.

The Pharisee --*Jew who forms an exclusive sect of men who wanted to do more than was required of the ordinary Jew*-- is criticized for doing what most Jews believe is God's will, such as fasting twice a week and paying tithes on his whole income; while the **Publican** - *working for the Roman occupation makes him a public sinner* - is put forth as someone to be imitated.

By doing what he is doing the Pharisee becomes self-righteous, feels even superior, and looks down on the tax collector. "I am not like him." He thinks he deserves to be saved because he is such a wonderful person. The tax collector, on the other hand, knows his sins, throws himself on God's mercy, becomes repentant and teaches us how to pray.

The Pharisee concerns only with keeping rules and regulations. His only attachment is to his own exalted image of himself not toward God. His righteousness is his own making; he doesn't feel the need to ask God for anything. Self-righteousness keeps us from seeing others completely, turning a work of mercy into a self-promotion.

The tax collector has the proper attitude and understands that faith revolves around relationships. His righteousness comes as the answer to a prayer: "God, be merciful to me as a big sinner." He has the frame of mind God wishes us to have. He embraces the forgiveness and he alone returns home justified.

This parable forces us to think more deeply into God's ways, which are not our ways. Without eliminating the need to live a holy life, to keep God laws, to pray and to do good for others, the Gospel emphasizes that the first step is to humble ourselves before the Lord and to just "let him be God."

Parish News and Information

2017 Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word have arrived. If you have requested one they are available to pick up in the sacristy.

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.

Craft Fair – It is almost time for our fall craft fair. The fair will be Sunday, November 6 after both Masses. If you would like to participate please contact Amy Knight at 614-251-1477.

John Nunn – Good News, John is back at Mayfair Village! He'll be receiving PT, OT, and speech therapy. Thanks to everyone for the prayers. John would welcome visitors. The address is 3000 Bethel Road

Second Collection

Next Sunday, October 30 we will take up a second collection for St. Vincent De Paul. Also, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has requested, and Bishop Campbell has approved, a special collection from the Diocese of Columbus for those affected by Hurricane Matthew. These funds will be used to support the efforts of Catholic Relief Services and Catholic Charities USA as they reach out to provide humanitarian aid in the Caribbean and the United States. Please come prepared to give as generously as you are able.

Reflection on the Readings as Stewards

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Weekend of October 22-23, 2016:

There is an interesting twist we find in today's gospel when we hear Jesus' parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector praying in the temple. The Pharisee is "praying to himself." It doesn't mean he was praying silently. It seems to mean something a lot more troubling, that he is praying to himself; that God is not his prayer's intended audience. The words of the Pharisee are very much centered on himself: he makes claims about his character. He highlights his own admirable activities. Good stewards of their prayer lives know that a prayer of praise and thanksgiving should focus on the goodness of God. Do our prayers of thanksgiving always stay focused on God's unfathomable, immeasurable goodness and generosity? (*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 Andy Randel (andy402randel@yahoo.com). She promises to respond within one week. Share with Andy what you "can do" and/or what you "hope to do" within our parish family. Let your light shine for all to see!

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)

Thanksgiving Baskets – Drop-off Nov 6-20

Once again this year, our St Vincent dePaul Society is asking the parish to assist in collecting, assembling, and distributing **THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS** for the needy in our neighborhood. We will start accepting drop-off



of baskets on Sunday, Nov 6, and distribution will be Nov 20. Here is the grocery list –

ITEMS NEEDED FOR ONE (1) BASKET ARE:

- \$20 Gift Certificate from a local grocery store for a turkey, ham, or chicken;
- Box of whipped instant potatoes;
- Can of corn, green beans, and yams;
- Box of stuffing;
- Jell-O Cheesecake mix;
- Loaf of bread, buns, or rolls;
- Roasting pan;
- Reusable (cloth) Grocery Bag; and
- Anything else you would like to add.**

We are grateful for **all** contributions. Questions? Call the rectory at 614.299.5781.