

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of November 27, 2016

Sunday, November 27

9:00 am— For the Needs of our Parish
11:00 am—For the Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

Monday November 28

No Mass

Tuesday, November 29

6:00 pm – For Those who serve on Stewardship Council

Wednesday, November 30

6:00 pm – For Those who serve on Finance Council

Thursday, December 1

6:00 pm – For Those who serve on Pastoral Council

Friday, December 2

6:00 pm – For Those who serve on The Leadership Team

Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries

Thank you for your willingness to serve to make our Mass Successful

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

November 27 – 9 am – Rick Miller, Tera Kovar

11 am – Marilyn Smith, Andy Randel

December 4 —9 am—Ted Klupinski, Joyce Schneider

11 am – Gretchen Rivera, Megan Murphy

Servers

November 27 – 9 am – F. Schneider 11 am – Nolan Rothrock

December 4—9 am—Steven Hillyer, 11 am – Nolan Rothrock

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

November 27 – 9 am – Susan Kyanko 11 am – Julie Byrne

December 4—9 am— Skip Camerucci 11 am – Lori Toczorcz

Lectors

November 27 – 9 am –Will Brenner, Cecilia McAdams

11 am –Diane Meves, Gary Snyder

December 4 —9 am—Lynn Willford, Will Brenner

11 am –Jon Murphy, Julie Byrne

Eucharistic Ministers

November 27 – 9 am – Sr. S. Baldy, S. Hillyer, K. Kriedermann

11 am – Joanna Nunn, Sue Cruickshank, Diane Lemay

December 4 - 9 am—John Ryan, Linda Wolfe, Sandy Glasner

11 am – Mark Coleman, Pat Visel, Susan Sarwark

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@sfacolombus.org or one of the Mass Coordinators.

Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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

Sunday, November 27

▶ 12:00 – Book Discussion Group

Wednesday, November 30

▶ 7:00 - RCIA

Thursday, December 1

▶ 10:00 am – Westminster Thurber Bible Study

Saturday, December 3

▶ 8:30 am – Men's Coffee and Prayer Group

▶ 10:00 am – Voices of the Poor Meeting

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.

Bulletin Announcements – With the Holiday season upon us, the bulletins will be submitted to the printers earlier than usual. If you have an announcement for the bulletin, please have it sent to the church office by Wednesday at noon for the remainder of this calendar year. The week of Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year, the bulletins must be to the printer a week ahead of time. So, if you have anything you want included those weeks, please submit to the office a week before. Thank you.

Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference is collecting gift cards for teens to be taken to JOIN, where they will be distributed to those in need. There is a Christmas tree at the back of the church with ornaments that are suggestions for gift cards. Please consider giving a gift card to help make a young person's Christmas a bit nicer this year. Have your gift cards (a box will be under the tree) to us by Sunday, December 18, 2016, so they can be delivered to JOIN for distribution. Thank you!



Next Week's Scripture Readings

The Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11:1 - 10

Romans 15:4 - 9

Matthew 3:1 - 12

Advent:
A Season of Hope and
Inspiration .

Catholic Education Section

The Importance of Lighting Candles

The practice of lighting candles is an important tradition in Catholic churches, communities and families. Its origins may be traced back in the Old Testament times where an oil lamp is lighted to “keep a flame burning perpetually” (Exodus 27:19-20), as “perpetual incense before the Lord from generation to generation” (Exodus 30:7-8) and as a “lamp stand in the Tent of Meeting...set up before the Lord as He has commanded Moses” (Exodus 40:24-25).

The New Testament further highlights the sanctity of this light in Paul’s Letter to the Hebrews. “A first tent was prepared with the lamp stand, the table and the bread of the presence; this is called the Holy Place” (Hebrews 9:2). In today’s Catholic tradition, this light has a very special place because it symbolizes Christ who said, “I am the Light of the world; the one who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have light and life” (John 8:12).

In most every part of Catholic celebrations and rituals, lighting of candles play a very significant role. Candles are lighted during the celebration of the Mass, on liturgical and funeral processions and evening prayer ceremonies. Candles are lit before the Tabernacle to signify the Lord’s presence in the Blessed Sacrament and to call for reverence on the part of the faithful.

In the Sacrament of Baptism, as a person is initiated into the Church, a candle is lit from the Paschal Candle, the symbol of Christ’s Paschal Mystery – His passion, His death and His resurrection. The person receives the Light of Christ that he may live and walk the path of God’s children and keep the flame of faith burning alive in his heart. And as he receives this indelible baptismal mark, he shall meet the Lord and be one with all the saints in Heaven when the right time comes.

Candles are lighted before an image of our Lord and before the saints. Catholics practice this not to honor the image itself but the one it truly represents. The lighted candle symbolizes a prayer offering where we present our petitions to the Lord and ask the saints to pray with us and to pray for us during our most dire need. This light, as it is kept burning, also shows our desire to remain in God’s presence as we go through our daily duties at home and in the workplace.

Candles lighted before Christ’s image also shows our reverence to Him who deserves our adoration and thanksgiving and who alone can forgive our sins and bring us back into a deeper relationship with Him.

Let us then bear in mind that as we celebrate our sacred liturgies, our sacraments and our special prayers, Christ, the Source of all Light, shall come to us to be ever present to strengthen us, instruct us, inspire us and give us hope that His Light will never burn out as long as we live in faith without a shadow of doubt that darkness will ever defeat us.

Source - <http://www.sepulchre-candles.com/category/the-importance-of-lighting-candles>

Around the Diocese

Catholic Record Society Fall Quarterly Meeting “A Long

Road to the Church” - The Catholic Record Society’s Fall Quarterly Meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 4th, 2016 at St. Andrew Church, 1899 McCoy Rd, Upper Arlington, Ohio. The meeting will be held in Nugent Parish Hall, beneath the Church. Our speaker will be author, historian and longtime Catholic Record Society member, Ann N. Hansen. The topic of her presentation will be *A Long Road to the Church*. Her presentation will highlight her travels in 63 countries, with emphasis on certain religious structures and their great architecture. Noteworthy in her talk will be shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in Norfolk, England. Ann N. Hanson is a graduate of St. Mary of the Springs Academy and the College of St. Mary of the Springs (now Ohio Dominican University), Columbus. She received an M.A. from Ohio State University and a B. Litt. from Somerville College– University of Oxford. Nugent Parish Hall is easily accessible from the McCoy Road parking lot that is north and west of the Church itself. Enter through Door 17 (not the Church doors) and there is a gently sloping hallway down into the Parish Hall. There is handicapped parking adjacent to that door. Following the presentation there will be a reception followed by a business meeting of the Catholic Record Society. A silent auction of surplus Society materials also will be held. All are welcome to attend. For further information contact Chairman Mike Finn at fcoolavin@aol.com or [614-268-4166](tel:614-268-4166).

Finance Council Quarterly Report

During the November quarterly meeting financial council reviewed and approved financial statements for the quarter and approved a budget for the church fiscal year (July 2016 – June 2017).

The following maintenance projects were updated: Repairs are being made to the church fascia to repair holes in 10 different locations. These openings were allowing birds and squirrels to enter into the walls of the church.

New treads will be installed on inside entrances to the church; this is to address a safety concern of people slipping on the steps. The step treads in the parish hall entrance areas will be replaced as well. The cost of installing new treads and replacing the treads in the parish hall is being covered by a donation to the church.

A landscape company will be addressing the raised bricks around the trees in the front of the church. The raised bricks are a potential trip hazard. This was identified by the diocese site inspection conducted annually to identify safety concerns with the parish property.

The parish will be receiving a grant from The Catholic Foundation for \$6,000. This will be used to replace the windows in the parish hall. The estimated cost for this project is \$13,000. The Flytown Men’s group has donated \$1,000 toward this project. Proceeds for the upcoming pasta dinner and 2017 garage sale will be used to offset the balance of the project.

Under New Business discussion was held concerning a potential capital project to be completed in time for the 125th parish celebration. No action was taken on this item.