

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of February 19, 2017

Sunday, February 19

9:00 am— For the Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
11:00 am—For the Community of Victorian Village

Monday February 20

No Mass

Tuesday, February 21

No Mass

Wednesday, February 22

6:00 pm – For the Needs of the Parish

Thursday, February 23

6:00 pm – In Memory of St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

Friday, February 24

11:00 am – WTC- For Dan Foley and Ed Waurms

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

Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries

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

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

February 19— 9 am – Frank Conway, Lorri Kuczynski

11 am – Gretchen Rivera, Sandy Glasner

February 26 —9 am— Jeanna Diederich, Tera Kovar

11 am – Theri Brady, Andy Randel

Servers

February 19 – 9 am –Charlotte Maite, 11 am –Nolan Rothrock

February 26—9 am—Susan Kyanko, 11 am – Nolan Rothrock

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

February 19 – 9 am –Bob Geoghegan, 11 am – Dan O'Brien

February 26—9 am—Bob Geoghegan 11 am – Julie Byrne

Lectors

February 19 – 9 am –Cecilia McAdams, Sr. Sharen Baldy

11 am – Julie Bryne, Michel Hindeme

February 26 —9 am—Linda Wolfe, Katherine Kriedermann

11 am –OPEN, Gary Snyder

Eucharistic Ministers

February 19 – 9 am – Chris Paisley, John Ryan, Steve Hillyer

11 am – Jaime Capestany, Sue Cruickshank, Marilyn Smith

February 26 - 9 am—MA Kerscher, Kathy Porter, L. Celebrezze,

11 am – Mark Coleman, Renee Morkassel, Sue Cruickshank

Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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

Sunday, February 19

- ▶ 10:00 am – SVDP Sandwiches
- ▶ 12:00 pm – Book Discussion Group
- ▶ 12:30 pm – Baptism Workshop
- ▶ 6:00 pm – Sunday School

Monday, February 20

- ▶ 5:00 pm – Restored Citizens SVDP

Tuesday, February 21

- ▶ NO MASS AT WESTMINSTER THURBER

- ▶ 7:00 pm – Leadership Meeting

Wednesday, February 22

- ▶ 7:00 - RCIA

Thursday, February 23

- ▶ 10:00 am – Westminster Thurber Bible Study

Friday, February 24

- ▶ 11:00am – Mass at Westminster Thurber

- ▶ 1:00 pm – Pasta Dinner Decorating

Saturday, February 25

- ▶ 12:00 – 7:00 pm – Pasta Dinner

Parish News and Information

Sunday School - We will be meeting in the Parish Hall from 6:00 to 7:30 pm on the four Sundays of February to talk theology with each other. Please join us for as many of those discussions as possible. Topics will be chosen by the attendees. If you have any questions or suggestions for topics, please contact Barbara Finan at finanb@sbcglobal.net.

It will be like you never left the pew - You can support St. Francis of Assisi long after you've passed away with a gift to St. Francis of Assisi Endowment Fund through your will or trust. God has blessed us with abundance in life. Please consider how this abundance can support the future of St. Francis and your Catholic faith through a legacy gift. For more information, call The Catholic Foundation at [614-443-8893](tel:614-443-8893) or visit catholic-foundation.org.

For a Catholic perspective, the Catholic Times weekly newspaper features insightful and informative news from around our diocese, our country and the world. Sign up any Sunday in February for the yearly subscription to the Catholic Times, by placing your Catholic Times envelope with a minimum donation of \$17 into the regular Mass collection. Checks should be made payable to St. Francis of Assisi

Lenten Soup Suppers: The annual parish Lenten soup suppers will start on Wednesday, March 8 following the 6:00 p.m. Mass and run weekly (March 8th, March 15th, March 22nd, March 29th, April 5 and April 12) during lent with a focus on community. The Living Stations will be held on April 12th. We are asking for your help and support by signing up to provide soup and bread. You can sign up using the Ministry Pro Schedule or on a clip board located under the TV at the church entrance. "Lent is a favorable season for opening the doors to all those in need and recognizing in them the face of Christ."-- Pope Francis

Mardi Gras Pasta Dinner – It's Pasta Dinner Week! We hope to see you all there. Decorating will be on Friday beginning at 1:00 and lasting until it's done. Please stop by and help if you are able.

Ash Wednesday – As we begin the Lenten Season, we will have Ash Wednesday Mass on March 1 at 12:00 pm and 7:00 pm.



Pastoral Reflection - February 19, 2017

Today, the command to love one another resonates with passion at every line of Jesus' preaching. Our world is haunted by constant threats of violence, hatred, revenge, etc. The immediate reaction on our part is to counteract these behaviors with the same behaviors: violence with violence and hatred with hatred. In short, "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth."

Without denying the existence of evil and closing his eyes on the dilemma that we face every day in confronting wickedness, Jesus teaches us that violence and hatred are not the right weapons against violence and hatred. "Offer no resistance to one who is evil and love your enemies." Jesus opens our eyes to the power of love, which is a very demanding commitment to serve others at any cost even the cost of one's own life. One is to love all regardless of friendliness or hostility. Love is always the answer! "Love those who are like you and even those who are not like you." Love in the manner of our God, who is without partiality, then, you will be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect. Christians, the world is dying for lack of love! Love is the way! Be Christlike!

Pastoral Council

Pastoral Council is seeking new members for the upcoming 3-year term. If you are interested in serving the parish in a leadership role, or know of someone who would like to serve in this way, then please use the nomination form provided below. This form can be submitted via the offertory collection, or you can also email Jeanna in the parish office at office@sfacolumbus.org.

Pastoral Council provides a meaningful opportunity to share your particular skills and interests in the life of our parish. Furthermore, you will have an opportunity to learn more about our church, and to get to know new members of the community, whom you might not know otherwise. Pastoral Council typically meets on one Tuesday evening per month, but does not require a significant time commitment. You can simply provide the right level of service for you, and enjoy the fellowship of this group and this opportunity for new growth in the St. Francis of Assisi community.

I Nominate _____
for St Francis Parish Council

Nominated by _____

or self-nominated _____

For further information please contact the council co-chairs Mike Schmidt @ michaeljamesschmidt@yahoo.com and John Ryan @ jryan194@gmail.com.

Next Week's Scripture Readings

Isaiah 49:14-15
1 Corinthians 4:1-5
Matthew 6:24-34

Pastoral Council Minutes from 2-7-17

- The St. Francis theme of Year of Community will be an integral part of ministries and activities.
- The Liturgical Ministers will have a Morning of Reflection.
- The Lenten Soup Suppers will be held these dates: 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29, and 4/5. The Living Stations will be held on April 12th.
- The upcoming BREAD rally is scheduled for **Monday, April 3rd, 7 p.m.**, Congregation Tifereth Israel arrive at 6:30 p.m. The Nehemiah Action meeting is scheduled for **Monday, May 1st, 7 pm Celeste Center** on the Ohio State Fairgrounds. An Earth Day celebration mass will be held April 20, with a presentation following both masses to raise awareness of sustainability efforts.
- Sponsors are still needed for tables for the Feb 25 pasta dinner. Contact Frank Schneider.
- Participants at the Town Hall meeting indicated their support for the proposed church renovations.
- Nominations for Parish Council are being accepted.
- The council agreed to do single stream recycling.

Catholic Education Section

Imagine being able to sit at the feet of the apostles and hear their stories of life with Jesus from their own lips. Imagine walking with those who had walked with Jesus, seen him, and touched him. That was what Polycarp was able to do as a disciple of Saint John the Evangelist.

But being part of the second generation of Church leaders had challenges that the first generation could not teach about. What did you do when those eyewitnesses were gone? How do you carry on the correct teachings of Jesus? How do you answer new questions that never came up before?

With the apostles gone, heresies sprang up pretending to be true teaching, persecution was strong, and controversies arose over how to celebrate liturgy that Jesus never laid down rules for.

Polycarp, as a holy man and bishop of Smyrna, found there was only one answer -- to be true to the life of Jesus and imitate that life. Saint Ignatius of Antioch told Polycarp "your mind is grounded in God as on an immovable rock."

When faced with heresy, he showed the "candid face" that Ignatius admired and that imitated Jesus' response to the Pharisees. Marcion, the leader of the Marcionites who followed a dualistic heresy, confronted Polycarp and demanded respect by saying, "Recognize us, Polycarp." Polycarp responded, "I recognize you, yes, I recognize the son of Satan."

On the other hand when faced with Christian disagreements he was all forgiveness and respect. One of the controversies of the time came over the celebration of Easter. The East, where Polycarp was from, celebrated the Passover as the Passion of Christ followed by a Eucharist on the following day. The West celebrated Easter on the Sunday of the week following Passover. When Polycarp went to Rome to discuss the difference with Pope Anicetus, they could not agree on this issue. But they found no difference in their Christian beliefs. And Anicetus asked Polycarp to celebrate the Eucharist in his own papal chapel.

Polycarp faced persecution the way Christ did. His own church admired him for following the "gospel model" -- not chasing after martyrdom as some did, but avoiding it until it was God's will as Jesus did. They considered it "a sign of love to desire not to save oneself alone, but to save also all the Christian brothers and sisters."

To finish reading about St. Polycarp's life, visit www.catholic.org