

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of February 26, 2017

Sunday, February 26

9:00 am— For the Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
11:00 am –Thomas R. Feran (Maryellen O'Shaughnessy & Tim Feran)

Monday February 27

No Mass

Tuesday, February 28

6:00 pm – For the Community of Victorian Village

Wednesday, March 1

12:00 pm – For the Blessing of this Lenten Season
7:00 pm – For our RCIA Catechumens and Candidates

Thursday, March 2

6:00 pm – For the Sick and Homebound of our Community

Friday, March 3

6:00 pm – Intention of Tom and Lorna Lisk

Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries

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

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

February 26 —9 am— Jeanna Diederich, Tera Kovar
11 am – Theri Brady, Andy Randel

March 1 – 12 pm – Sandy Glasner

7 pm – Jeanna Diederich, Lorri Kuczynski

March 5– 9 am – Lorri Kuczynski, Jeanna Diederich

11 am – Marilyn Smith, Gretchen Rivera

Servers

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

March 1 – 12 pm – OPEN, 7 pm – Gaetan O'Brien

March 5 – 9 am –Linda Wolfe, 11 am –Margaret O'Brien

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

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

March 1 – 12 pm – Frank Schneider, 7 pm – Dan O'Brien

March 5 – 9 am –Frank Conway, 11 am – Dan O'Brien

Lectors

February 26 —9 am—Linda Wolfe, Katherine Kriedermann

11 am –OPEN, Gary Snyder

March 1 – 12 pm – Maryellen O'Shaughnessy, Renee Morkassel

7 pm – Will Brenner, Sue Cruickshank

March 5 – 9 am –Sr. Sharen Baldy, Elise Ryan

11 am – Pat Visel, Jon Murphy

Eucharistic Ministers

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

11 am – Joanna Nunn, Renee Morkassel, Sue Cruickshank

March 1 – 12 pm – Joanna Nunn, Mark Coleman, Linda Wolfe

7 pm – Louisa Celebrezze, Lori Tocarzik, Frank Conway

March 5 – 9 am – F. Schneider, Joyce Schneider, Chris Paisley

11 am – Mark Coleman, Joanna Nunn, Sandy Glasner



Remember man
that you are
dust and into
dust you shall
return.

Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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

Sunday, February 26

▶ 2:00 pm – Secular Franciscan Order

▶ 6:00 pm – Sunday School

Monday, February 27

▶ 7:00 pm –SVDP

Tuesday, February 28

▶ 7:00 pm – Stewardship Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 1

▶ Noon – Ash Wednesday Mass

▶ 7:00 – Ash Wednesday Mass

Thursday, March 2

▶ 10:00 am – Westminster Thurber Bible Study

Friday, March 3

Saturday, February 25

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

Parish News and Information

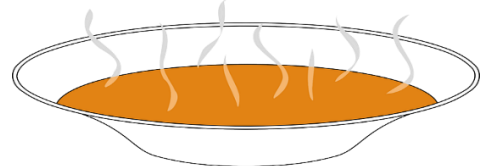
It will be like you never left the pew - You can support St. Francis of Assisi long after you've passed away with a gift to St. Francis of Assisi Endowment Fund through your will or trust. God has blessed us with abundance in life. Please consider how this abundance can support the future of St. Francis 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.

Pasta Dinner – Thank you so much to everyone who helped make the Pasta Dinner a huge success! If you served, decorated, cooked, donated, ate, cleaned up, or contributed in any way, your support is much appreciated! We will hopefully have a full financial report next week. Stay Tuned...

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

NNEMAP Food Pantry is looking for a part-time pantry operations assistant. This position will be 18 to 25 hours per week at \$15.00/hour. Must be available all mornings including Saturdays. Interested candidates should submit a resume to director@nnemappantry.org by March 1, 2017. Call [614-297-0533](tel:614-297-0533) with any questions.

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



Pastoral Reflection – February 26, 2017

"We strive to become a family with hearts open to all, sharing the joy of God's word and the challenge of on-going spiritual growth." One particular aspect to maintain the spirit of a welcoming parish, as it is stated in our parish mission statement, is to find ways to bring our people back again and keep them connected to this community of faith. The more closely we are connected to God and to one another, the more our lives will change in accord with God's will.

Today, Jesus is calling us to put our trust in Divine Providence at all times. "Do not worry" he says about food, drink, and clothing but rather seek the kingdom of God and its righteousness because everything else would come in its stead." "Look at the birds of the sky and the lilies of the field." Can people live like birds and flowers? Even the opulent king Solomon was not as well dressed as one of them. If God cares for the flowers that wither the next day, how can you think he will not take care of you?

"Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb? Even should she forget, I will never forget you," says the Lord. Yes, trust in the Lord always. He is able to heal your wounds and to warm your hearts. He will never forsake you even when you undergo hardships and tribulations. Stop worrying about everything. Be serene. Dispel fears and doubts. Go all the way in God's service. Take time for prayer and meditation. Invite people to become more aware of God's constant presence in your lives. At all times, count on him and on him above all!

Ash Wednesday Collection

The proceeds of Ash Wednesday collection will be contributed to the Joint Organization for Inner-city Needs (JOIN), which operates under Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Columbus. JOIN provides emergency assistance to the poor and vulnerable of Franklin and surrounding counties in the form of food, prescription help, utilities, infant needs, identification papers, transportation, eyeglasses, burial assistance, senior items and referrals to other service providers.

RCIA

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS – RITE OF SENDING - Next Sunday, March 5, at the 11:00 Mass, we will celebrate the *Rite of Sending* with our Catechumens, **Jarret Chirafisi, Stephanie Good, Gisele Guezo and Clement Souvounou**; and our Candidates, **Erika Chirafisi and Bob Crawford**. They have expressed their desire to celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter Vigil. On Sunday evening, they will gather with Bishop Campbell for diocesan rites. The Catechumens will participate in the *Rite of Election* as the Bishop declares the unbaptized to be Elect, chosen by God for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. During the *Rite of the Call to Continuing Conversion*, the Bishop will recognize the desire of all baptized Candidates to be Confirmed and receive Holy Eucharist. Our Catholic Candidate, **Whitney Reed**, will celebrate Confirmation and Eucharist with Bishop Campbell on March 25. **Immediately after the 11:00 Mass on March 5, a light reception will be served in the Church hall. Please join us and show your support for those in the RCIA process.**

Congratulations!

Bishop Ready High School Honor Roll - Congratulations to parishioner and Bishop Ready senior Eric Willford for having attained Honor Roll status for the second quarter of the academic. Eric earned Second Honors, having maintained a grade point average between 3.33 and 3.66 for the quarter.

Next Week's Scripture Readings

Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:12-18
2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Sunday

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

Catholic Education Section

Ash Wednesday is one of the most popular and important holy days in the liturgical calendar. Ash Wednesday opens Lent, a season of fasting and prayer.

Ash Wednesday takes place 46 days before Easter Sunday, and is chiefly observed by Catholics, although many other Christians observe it too.

Ash Wednesday comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the head. The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us. As the priest applies the ashes to a person's forehead, he speaks the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Alternatively, the priest may speak the words, "Repent and believe in the Gospel.

Ashes also symbolize grief, in this case, grief that we have sinned and caused division from God.

Writings from the Second-century Church refer to the wearing of ashes as a sign of penance.

Priests administer ashes during Mass and all are invited to accept the ashes as a visible symbol of penance. Even non-Christians and the excommunicated are welcome to receive the ashes. The ashes are made from blessed palm branches, taken from the previous year's Palm Sunday Mass.

It is important to remember that Ash Wednesday is a day of penitential prayer and fasting. Some faithful take the rest of the day off work and remain home. It is generally inappropriate to dine out, to shop, or to go about in public after receiving the ashes. Feasting is highly inappropriate. Small children, the elderly and sick are exempt from this observance.

It is not required that a person wear the ashes for the rest of the day, and they may be washed off after Mass. However, many people keep the ashes as a reminder until the evening.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption.