

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of February 5, 2017

Sunday, February 5

9:00 am— For the Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
11:00 am—Joan Randolph (John Randolph)

Monday February 6

No Mass

Tuesday, February 7

6:00 pm – Keenan/Dodd Family (Diane Keenan)

Wednesday, February 8

6:00 pm –In Celebration of my 1 Year Anniversary at SFA
(Jeanna Diederich)

Thursday, February 9

6:00 pm – For the Poor and Homeless

Friday, February 10

6:00 pm – For the Leadership in our Community

Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries

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

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

February 5— 9 am – Lori Maite, Vince Maite

11 am – Maryellen O'Shaughnessy, Marilyn Smith

February 12 —9 am—Frank Schneider, Jeanna Diederich

11 am – Andy Randel, Gretchen Rivera

Servers

February 5 – 9 am – Elizabeth Maite, 11 am – Margaret O'Brien

February 12—9 am—Frank Conway, 11 am – Gaetan O'Brien

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

February 5 – 9 am – Kathleen Porter, 11 am – Dan O'Brien

February 12—9 am—Susan Kyanko 11 am – Dan O'Brien

Lectors

February 5 – 9 am – Joyce Schneider, Will Brenner

11 am – Ben Gibbons, Susan Sarwark

February 12 —9 am—Will Brenner, Elise Ryan

11 am –Diane Meves, Maryellen O'Shaughnessy

Eucharistic Ministers

February 5 – 9 am – Sr. Sharen, J. Capestany, F. Schneider

11 am – Louisa Celebrezze, Pat Visel, Lori Toczorcz

February 12 - 9 am—Steve Hillyer, K. Kriedermann, Rick Miller,

11 am – Sue Cruickshank, Susan Sarwark, Jaime Capestany

Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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

Sunday, February 5

▶ Hospitality Sunday

▶ 6:00 pm – Sunday School

Monday, February 6

▶ 6:00 pm – Flytown Men

Tuesday, February 7

▶ 7:00 pm – Pastoral Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 8

▶ 7:00 - RCIA

Thursday, February 9

▶ 10:00 am – Westminster Thurber Bible Study

▶ 7:00 pm – Finance Council Meeting

Saturday, February 11

▶ 9:00 am – Morning of Reflection

Parish News and Information

Pasta Dinner – Preparation are well underway for the Annual Pasta Dinner. This year's dinner will be on Saturday, February 25 from 12:00 -7:00. Table and place mat sponsors are still needed. We also need baked goods for the bake sale, and as always, we will have the Wine Window. If you are unable to make the event, please consider purchasing a ticket to donate. Any sponsorship information can be dropped in the collection plate. Be sure to place your check and sponsorship info in an envelope marked Pasta Dinner. Please contact Frank Schneider or Marti Damm with questions.

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.

Morning of Reflection for Liturgical Ministers. There will be a morning of reflection for all new and continuing liturgical ministers from **9:00 am – 11:00 am Saturday, February 11th**. The morning will be a time to join together to pray and reflect on the important service provided by our greeters, crucifers, servers, lectors, choir members, Eucharistic Ministers and others who contribute to our parish liturgies. Even if you have not previously signed up please join us if you are interested in serving in one of the liturgical ministries. After the meeting, there will be an opportunity to ask questions and to get information on training. For additional information or if you are not able to attend the reflection, please contact one of our Mass Coordinators, **Pat Cassidy**, (614.625.5271), cassidy.jpatrick@yahoo.com or **Linda Wolfe** (614.879.6734), greywolfetracks@gmail.com.

Choir will resume weekly rehearsals on Thursdays at 7:00. We'd love to have new voices join us for Lent and Easter. Come on out! Any questions may be directed to Laurel Marazita at lmrazita@hotmail.com.

Town Hall Meeting – Thank you to all those who came out to the meeting to hear about the potential renovation projects. It was decided to move forward with a feasibility study to see if we have the financial support to make the renovations a reality. Watch for more information about the upcoming study.

Next Week's Scripture Readings

Sirach 15:15 - 20

1 Corinthians 2:6 - 10

Matthew 5:17 - 37

LOVE is patient,
is kind.
It always protects, always trusts,
always hopes, always perseveres.
LOVE NEVER FAILS

1 Corinthians 13:4-7-8

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Pastoral Reflection – February 5, 2017

Today with great joy, we prayerfully listen the second part of the Sermon on the mountain, the sermon that contains the key teachings of the Gospel. Jesus stands as the Moses of the new age promulgating a message as powerful as the Ten Commandments.

After the introduction of this stupendous speech, Jesus focuses his attention on the mission that is ours. He has expectations on us and wants us to become contagious. “Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly favor.”

Every journey has a destination. We need to have an objective in life – a mission otherwise we are aimless. A Christian without a mission is a fake. Therefore, “let there be light of the world and salt of the earth!” Stand up for your faith, witness to honesty, peace and love! Help people recognize their dignity and the sacred character of their life while you enhance the quality of your own daily dealings and activities. Discover and embrace God’s love made near and human in Christ Jesus, discern Jesus alive in the Church and your light will shine brightly before others. Enjoy the good taste of love and fall yourselves in love with Jesus this month!

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 @ michaeljameschmidt@yahoo.com and John Ryan @ jryan194@gmail.com.

Catholic Education Section

Salvation History

Creation – We believe that God created everything that exists – and that he created a universe that was good. We call the first humans Adam (from the Hebrew meaning “man” or “mankind”) and Eve (from the Hebrew meaning “source of life”). Adam and Eve’s fall from the grace of God is called original sin.

Covenant with Abraham – We believe God formed a special relationship with his people. He made a covenant with Abraham and his wife, Sarah, in which God promised numerous descendants and a land of their own – the Promised Land. Although their story is fraught with crises, Abraham and Sarah do have a son, Isaac. Isaac is the father of Jacob, whose name is Israel. It is Jacob’s 12 sons who became the famous Twelve Tribes of Israel.

The Exodus and Moses – Like the Jewish people, we believe in God’s intervention in human history during the Exodus. This is the event where the Hebrew people (the Israelites), who were living as slaves in Egypt, were liberated. God heard the cries of his people and called Moses to lead them to freedom.

Moses led the people through the desert, and during the journey, received the precepts for faithful living that we call the Ten Commandments. Although Moses did not live to enter the Promised Land, God called his deputy, Joshua, to lead the people and take over the land.

The Kings of Israel – During the time of the Judges, the Israelites kept asking for a king. Saul, by God’s favor, became the first king. He was followed by David, who was known for his great leadership and for making Jerusalem the center of worship. David’s successor, his youngest son, Solomon, was famous for his wisdom and for building the Temple. Unfortunately, the kingdom was beset by trouble and was divided in two – Israel and Judah.

Prophets – The period that followed is known as the time of the Prophets. Three of the major prophets are Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel. These men called the people of Israel and Judah to repentance and faith in God. Isaiah’s prophecies are particularly significant to Christians, since he foretold the coming of the messiah, who would be known by this sign: “A virgin shall be with child, and bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel.”

Jesus Christ – As foretold by Isaiah; around the year 4 B.C., a baby was born more than 2,000 years ago in the town of Bethlehem in Judea. He was named Jesus (from the Hebrew meaning “God saves”). From an early age, Jesus, born both fully human and fully divine, displayed a very special relationship with God, whom he referred to as Father. As an adult, Jesus made God’s Word come to life in the midst of those with whom he lived. Jesus performed miracles, taught with parables and befriended the outcasts of society.

Jesus’ Suffering, Death and Resurrection – At the Passover, Jesus ate the traditional seder with his disciples – he took the bread, blessed it and broke it, saying, “Take and eat: this is my body.” He then took the cup, gave thanks and shared it, saying, “Drink from it all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins.” This is the foundation of the Catholic sacrament of the Eucharist or Holy Communion.

The local leaders were threatened by Jesus and his ministry, and had him arrested, tortured and crucified. Three days after he died, his tomb was found empty. He had risen from the dead.

Christ’s resurrection fulfills the Old Testament promises and shows that he is the Son of God and God himself. Christ’s death liberates us from sin, and his resurrection opens up new life for us in heaven. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.” *John 3:16*.

Pentecost, The Birthday of the Church – Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he appeared to his disciples and told them the Holy Spirit would descend on them. Fifty days after Passover, on the Jewish feast of Pentecost, the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues. Pentecost would become the birthday of the Church.

The Early Church – The disciples, as they had been instructed by Jesus, went out to spread his Gospel message. They found an adversary in Saul, whose mission was to destroy the new religion. But Saul had a life-changing experience in which he heard the voice of God. He became Paul, a Christian and a tireless preacher. Paul, and many of the other disciples, were eventually put to death. But not before the new faith had taken root in the hearts of people all over the known world.

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