

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of March 12, 2017

Sunday, March 12

9:00 am— Grace West (Kevin Dunleavy)

11:00 am – For the Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

Monday March 13

No Mass

Tuesday, March 14

6:00 pm – No Mass

Wednesday, March 15

6:00 pm – For those in the RCIA Program

Thursday, March 16

6:00 pm – No Mass

Friday, March 17

6:00 pm – Ann Rader (Paul Maiberger)

Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries

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

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

March 12 —9 am— Frank Schneider, Rick Miller

11 am – Marilyn Smith, Gretchen Rivera

March 19— 9 am – Skip Camerucci, Tera Kovar

11 am – Lorri Kuczynski, Gretchen Rivera

Servers

March 12—9 am—Susan Kyanko, 11 am – Nolan Rothrock

March 19 – 9 am –Chris Paisley, 11 am –OPEN

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

March 12—9 am—Skip Camerucci 11 am – Lori Toczorzi

March 19 – 9 am –Susan Kyanko, 11 am – Lori Toczorzi

Lectors

March 12 —9 am—Joyce Schneider, Linda Wolfe

11 am –Renee Morkassel, Diane Meves

March 19 – 9 am –Louisa Celebrezze, Katherine Kriedermann

11 am – Gary Snyder, Julie Byrne

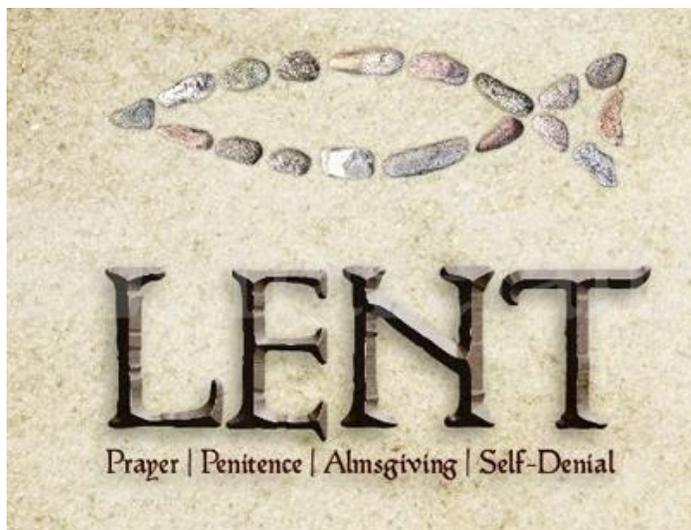
Eucharistic Ministers

March 12 - 9 am—L. Celebrezze, Kathy Porter, Sr. Sharen

11 am – Sandy Glasner, Maryellen O'Shaughnessy, Pat Visel

March 19 – 9 am – Frank Conway, Rick Miller, MA Kerscher

11 am – Sandy Glasner, ME O'Shaughnessy, Mark Coleman



Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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

Sunday, March 12

▶ 2:00 pm – St. Francis Seniors

Monday, March 13

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Tuesday, March 14

▶ NO MASS

Wednesday, March 15

▶ 6:45 pm – Lenten Soup Supper-John Mohn Presenting

▶ 7:00 – RCIA

Thursday, March 16

▶ 10:00 am – Westminster Thurber Bible Study

▶ NO MASS

Parish News and Information

SVDP DONATION BOX at the entrance of the church is for food and hygiene items that will go to NNEMAP Food Pantry and JOIN. This Lenten Season think about bringing an item or two to church with you to put in the donation box. Your donations will help those in need. Thank you!

Lenten Soup Suppers: The parish Lenten soup suppers continue this week on Wednesday, March 15th following the 6:00 p.m. Mass. This week's presentation will be led by John Mohn, a seminarian from The Josephinum. His talk is titled - *Seminary as a Community Praying for the Community*.

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

Book Discussion Group will be meeting after the 11 o'clock Mass next Sunday—March 19—to discuss Richard Rohr's book, *The Divine Dance*

Spring Craft Fair – It won't be long and we will be having our spring craft fair. The fair will be on Sunday, May 7 after both Masses. If you are a crafter and would like a booth for our fair, please contact Amy Knight. Remember, there is no fee for a booth, however, we do ask that each vendor donates 10% of their sales to The St. Francis Center in McArthur.

St. Francis of Assisi St. Vincent DePaul is interested in supporting Women Affirming Women again this year. You generously donated gently used items for the Boutique last year, so if you begin your spring cleaning early set things aside. We'll begin collecting items in April.

Some needed items are – Jewelry, Purses, Belts and Scarves, Hats and Sunglasses, Perfume, Makeup (New only), Flip-flops, Umbrellas

Next Week's Scripture Readings

Exodus 17:3-7

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

John 4:5-42



Pastoral Reflection – March 12, 2017

The season of lent essentially prepares us for the celebration of the great Pascal Mystery. For this purpose, the Gospel story of the Transfiguration of Jesus is proposed to our meditation. The event of Jesus' arrest, passion, death, and burial was going to put the faith of his disciples to the test. They needed this powerful experience before the great ordeal of the Triduum Pascal.

The transfiguration confirms the truth of the passion and the cross by assuring the disciples that Jesus, the crucified one, is not a victim of history but a Son of God is carrying out the divine will.

It also aims at strengthening Jesus' own resolve to act as the second Moses leading sinful mankind across the red river of death into the promised land of grace and a better life. Transcendence comes only through death and resurrection. As we move through Lent and toward Easter, may this scene renew our undying faith in Jesus, the promised High Priest praying on the mountain, the undefeatable chosen leader of the Church.

RCIA

The Penitential Rite and Scrutinies

Today at the 9:00 am Mass, we will celebrate a "Penitential Rite" with our baptized candidates, Erika Chirafisi, Bob Crawford and Whitney Reed. On the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of Lent, we will celebrate the "Rite of Scrutiny" with our Elect, Jarret Chirafisi, Stephanie Good, Gisele Guezo and Clement Sounouvou. The prayers of these rites are powerful, asking God's protection on those who will soon become full members of the Catholic Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

The Scrutinies are among the most ancient prayers in the Christian liturgical tradition. As early as the second century, Christian communities would help those who had been chosen for Baptism to prepare for their initiation by the laying on of hands and by prayers for protection and deliverance from evil. As we journey throughout the Lenten season with those called to the sacraments, may we recognize the need we all share for freedom from evil, and open our hearts to the overwhelming grace of God in Christ. Please continue to hold in prayer our Elect and Candidates.

Pastoral Council Election Update

Fr. Fritz and the Pastoral Council are pleased to announce that Gretchen Rivera, Ayo Adesanya, Debora Lipetz and Tom Scheid have all been invited to serve on council. Everyone involved in the selection process has been extremely pleased to have such obviously well qualified people come forward to join council this year. Pastoral Council is now comprised of ten individuals; in addition to the new members, the council also includes Theri Brady, Mike Schmidt, John Ryan, Lisa Lopez Snyder, Brad Roberts and Patti Maietta.

Barb Finan, Bill Keller and Frank Conway have now completed their 3-year terms on council, and we have been very grateful for their service to council and to the parish.

Around the Diocese

God's Creation, Our Common Home – Bishop Campbell will reflect on the encyclical, *Laudato Si*, which speaks of our relationship with God through creation. He will touch on the social, environmental, and moral issues facing all creatures of God. The Bishop will address the suffering caused by the opiate addiction crisis. We are entrusted with God's gift of life, life for all, which requires valuing, care, and protection. The Bishop's message will help families explore, embrace, study, share, and act on the true beauty and grandeur of God's gift to us. The Columbus presentations will be Tuesday, March 14 from 7-9 at St Peter Parish, and Thursday, March 16 from 7 -9 at Bishop Ready High School.

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.

Looking for a way to serve in 2017? Engaged couples in our diocese need your help!

Volunteer to serve on the Diocesan Marriage Preparation Team as a speaker and presenter. Present virtues-based topics to engaged couples preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony. If you are currently married, and have wisdom and experience to share, you already qualify! For more information, contact Kathleen Hall at khall@columbuscatholic.org or [614-241-2560](tel:614-241-2560).

Discover Ready Night - Bishop Ready High School is holding its annual Discover Ready Night on Tuesday, March 21, at 7 p.m. Parents and guardians of students in grades 5 through 8 are invited to take part in an informal question-and-answer session with the principal of Bishop Ready. This is a good opportunity to ask questions about the school in general, the academic program, Campus Ministry, service requirements, financial assistance, and any other topic of interest. For more information, please call Bishop Ready High School at 614-276-5263.

Rice Bowl - "*Lent is a favorable season for deepening our spiritual life through the means of sanctification offered us by the Church: fasting, prayer, and almsgiving.*" (Pope Francis, 2017) Prayer, fasting and almsgiving are foundational to Lent—and to CRS Rice Bowl. Through simple, meatless meals, daily reflections, and an opportunity to give to help others, CRS Rice Bowl embodies these Lenten spiritual pillars in a way that's accessible to Catholics young and old. Consider participating in the 2017 CRS Rice Bowl Family Challenge being sponsored by the diocesan Marriage & Family Life and Social Concerns offices. Pick up a CRS Rice Bowl from your parish. For more information and the family challenge form go to <http://socialconcerns.colsdioc.org>.

