

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of March 19, 2017

Sunday, March 19

9:00 am— Terry Lorenz (Jodelle Lorenz) & Parishioners of SFA
11:00 am – Keenan/Dodd Family (Diane Keenan)

Monday March 20

No Mass

Tuesday, March 21

11:00 am – Westminster Thurber

Wednesday, March 22

6:00 pm – Todd Lisk and Family

Thursday, March 23

6:00 pm – For the Community of Victorian Village

Friday, March 24

6:00 pm – For the First Responders of our Community

Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries

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

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

March 19— 9 am – Skip Camerucci, Tera Kovar

11 am – Lorri Kuczynski, Gretchen Rivera

March 26—9 am— Ted Klupinski, Jeanna Diederich

11 am – John Nunn, Gretchen Rivera

Servers

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

March 26—9 am—Steve Hillyer, 11 am – OPEN

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

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

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

Lectors

March 19 – 9 am –Louisa Celebrezze, Katherine Kriedermann

11 am – Gary Snyder, Julie Byrne

March 26 —9 am—Elise Ryan, Cecilia McAdams

11 am –Michel Hindeme, Ben Gibbons

Eucharistic Ministers

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

11 am – Joanna Nunn, ME O'Shaughnessy, Mark Coleman

March 26 - 9 am—Jan Rosenfield, Linda Wolfe, Kathy Porter

11 am – Marilyn Smith, Lori Tocarzic, Renee Morkassel



Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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

Sunday, March 12

▶ 10:00 am – SVDP Sandwiches

▶ 12:00 pm – SFA Book Discussion Group

Monday, March 13

▶ SVDP – Restored Citizens

Tuesday, March 14

▶ 11:00 am – Mass at Westminster Thurber

▶ 7:00 pm – Leadership Team Meeting

Wednesday, March 15

▶ 6:45 pm – Lenten Soup Supper-Calvin Eskridge & Andy Randel Presenting

▶ 7:00 – RCIA

Thursday, March 16

▶ 10:00 am – Westminster Thurber Bible Study

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 22nd following the 6:00 p.m. Mass. This week's presentation will be led by Calvin Eskridge with Q&A from Andy Randel. His talk is titled - *When Nobody Cared...I Did* (That "I" is Calvin and God.)

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

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

RCIA – The Three Scrutinies -

On the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of Lent, we 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.

Catholic Education Section

In a particular way during Lent, we are asked to devote ourselves to the spiritual and corporal works of mercy that "remind us that faith finds expression in concrete everyday actions meant to help our neighbors in body and spirit."

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Take inspiration for your Lenten journey from prayer and to the reading of Scripture, to fasting and to giving alms. The fasting that all do together on Fridays is but a sign of the daily Lenten discipline of individuals and households: fasting for certain periods of time, fasting from certain foods, but also fasting from other things and activities. Likewise, the giving of alms is some effort to share this world equally—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents. Contemplate the meaning and origins of the Lenten fasting tradition.

In Lent, the baptized are called to renew their baptismal commitment as others prepare to be baptized through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, a period of learning and discernment for individuals who have declared their desire to become Catholics.

The key to fruitful observance of these practices is to recognize their link to baptismal renewal. We are called not just to abstain from sin during Lent, but to true conversion of our hearts and minds as followers of Christ. We recall those waters in which we were baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ. Source - <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/len/index.cfm>

Amazing Parish

the *amazing* parish

Two years ago Fr. Fritzner and four parishioners attended the Amazing Parish Conference. This week Fr. Fritzner and three different parishioners attended this 3 day conference. It concentrated on ways to improve parish life for the priest, the staff, the congregation and the community.

130 parishes from across North America attended. The goal is for every parish in the US to attend and embrace the concepts of the conference.

Each day began with Mass and followed with workshops and sessions led by energetic, highly spiritual, dynamic, world-renown speakers. Topics included: Building the Leadership Team, The Sunday Experience, and Discipleship and Evangelization. The emphasis of every session was the role of prayer in our lives regardless of our circumstances. And, our relationship with Jesus is key!

As members of the parish we have been entrusted to intercede for the people we serve.

The team set goals for each area and will work together to continue our efforts.

If you have any questions about the Amazing Parish Conference, please email the office and one of the Amazing Parish attendees will contact you.

A special thank you to the Catholic Foundation for funding our attendance both years!!

Next Week's Scripture Readings

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13b
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

Around the Diocese

EVENING MASS AND SOCIAL MARCH 30, 6-9 PM - St. Timothy, 1088 Thomas Lane, Columbus. Recitation of the Rosary is at 6 pm followed by praise and adoration led by Yglesias Worship. Trained prayer team ministers are available for individual prayer. Holy Mass is celebrated by Fr. Justin Reis at 7:30 pm, followed by fellowship. Sponsored by Columbus Catholic Renewal. Information: www.cccolumbus.org or call [614-582-1721](tel:614-582-1721)

Bi-Monthly Healing Mass on March 20 at Saint Joseph Cathedral ~ Solemnity of Saint Joseph: A Mass of Healing and Healing Service will be celebrated on Monday, March 20, 6:30 p.m. at Saint Joseph Cathedral, 212 East Broad Street, Columbus. Following the Mass, a Service of Healing will begin with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Veneration of relic of the True Cross of Christ, followed by an opportunity for each person to speak individually with a priest and receive a prayers of healing for what they seek; the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will also be available. The Service of Healing will close with Benediction. All persons who seek Christ's healing are invited – especially those who suffer with physical illness and infirmities (e.g. cancer and other debilitating diseases and conditions), in addition to those in seek emotional and spiritual healing. All caregivers, family members, and members of the medical community are invited as well. Parking is available at the rear of the Cathedral accessible off East Gay Street; handicap accessible elevator is located in the courtyard (west side of the Cathedral) on East Broad Street. Bi-monthly Healing Masses take place at the Cathedral on the third Monday of the month; during the remainder of 2017 they are scheduled for: May 15, July 17, September 18, and November 20. If you have any questions about this special Mass please call the Cathedral: [\(614\) 224-1295](tel:614-224-1295).

From the Chair with Bishop Campbell on AM 820 Tuesday, April 4th. Bishop Campbell talks with our college students for the Annual College Student Forum on Tuesday from 5:00 P.M. - 6:00 P. M. on St. Gabriel Catholic Radio.

Rice Bowl - *"Instead of being an instrument at our service for doing good and showing solidarity towards others, money can chain us and the entire world to a selfish logic that leaves no room for love and hinders peace."* (Pope Francis, 2017) Lent provides us with an opportunity to reflect on the chains in our lives that keep us from loving our neighbors, whether that's money, unhealthy habits, or something else. The 2017 CRS Rice Bowl Family Challenge give us opportunities to discuss how we spend our families' capital and how we might free ourselves from our chains and instead provide better futures for the most vulnerable members of our human family. For more information and the family challenge form go to <http://socialconcerns.colstdioc.org>.

