

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of March 5, 2017

Sunday, March 5

9:00 am— For the Leadership of St. Francis of Assisi
11:00 am – For the Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

Monday March 6

No Mass

Tuesday, March 7

6:00 pm – For the Community of Victorian Village

Wednesday, March 8

6:00 pm – Ann Rader (Paul Maiberger)

Thursday, March 9

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

Friday, March 10

6:00 pm – For the Needs of the Parish

Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries

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

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

March 5— 9 am – Lorri Kuczynski, Jeanna Diederich

11 am – Marilyn Smith, Gretchen Rivera

March 12—9 am— Frank Schneider, Rick Miller

11 am – Marilyn Smith, Gretchen Rivera

Servers

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

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

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

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

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

Lectors

March 5 – 9 am –Louisa Celebrezze, Elise Ryan

11 am – Pat Visel, Jon Murphy

March 12 —9 am—Lyn Willford, Linda Wolfe

11 am –Renee Morkassel, Diane Meves

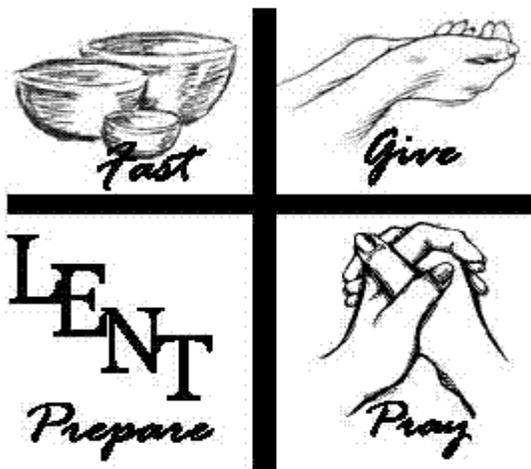
Eucharistic Ministers

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

11 am – Mark Coleman, Joanna Nunn, Sandy Glasner

March 12 - 9 am—K. Kriedermann, Kathy Porter, Sr. Sharen

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



Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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

Sunday, March 5

▶ Hospitality Sunday

Monday, March 6

▶ 6:00 pm –Flytown Men

Tuesday, March 7

▶ 7:00 pm – Pastoral Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 8

▶ 6:45 pm – Lenten Soup Supper-Jay Jackson Presenting

▶ 7:00 – RCIA

Thursday, March 9

▶ 10:00 am – Westminster Thurber Bible Study

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.

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 start this week on Wednesday, March 8 following the 6:00 p.m. Mass, and this year the presentations focus on the theme of community. This week's presentation will be led by parishioner Jay Jackson. His talk is titled - *Kenosis and Community: What might it mean to think the way the Son of God thought?*

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

Atrium Sessions –

March 5, 12, 19, 26

April 9, 23, 30

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

Pastoral Reflection - March 5, 2017

"If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread, throw yourself down. All of this I shall give to you if you prostrate yourself and worship me.... It is written: one does not live on bread alone but every word that comes forth from the mouth of God, you shall not put your God to the test, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve" (cf Mt 4:1-11).

With Ash Wednesday, we have begun the official and sacrificial penitential season of lent that prepares us to the great feast of Easter. During forty days and forty nights, Jesus was tempted or tested in the wilderness on many different things such as power, knowledge, and possession. Jesus was tempted but he did not sin. Using the word tempted in relation to Jesus is not to state or imply weakness. On the contrary, temptation is a testimony to strength; the greater the strength, the greater the temptation. Jesus approached his temptation with the power of God's word and the strength of the spirit. This is the spiritual strategy he has left with us as we continue to seek and be found by God.

In fact, the forty days (excluding Sundays) of lent as a period of struggle and preparation form a tradition based on the experience of Jesus and Israel, Moses, and Elijah before him. Lent is not about finding magical solution but it is about coming to know better our Father, who sees even our simple attempts. Therefore, let us meet God in the one who did not try to be God and who did not try to use God to claim something for himself but to give himself to us.

RCIA

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS – RITE OF SENDING - Today at the 11:00 Mass, we 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*, 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 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, a light reception will be served in the Church hall. Please join us and show your support for those in the RCIA process.**

Next Week's Scripture Readings

Genesis 12:1 – 4
2 Timothy 1:8b – 10
Matthew 17:1 – 9

Answering the Call

The Office of Vocations and Face Forward will be sharing stories from seminarians on how they answered the call from God to join the seminary. Each story reveals how their discernment path unfolded for them. This week we're pleased to share the story of Theo Madrid, a third year Seminarian.

Theo Madrid -

When I was 16, I fell in love with Jesus in the Eucharist and felt a call to serve him in the priesthood. At age 17, full of enthusiasm and joy, I took the plunge - I entered seminary. Nearing age 20, in my third year here, I can happily describe these years as the best of my life. Not only are they the happiest, but the most transformative, adventurous and surprising too. Every day here really is full of surprises. The surprise to me that turning one's life over to God, and seeking to know Him in the stillness, is more rewarding then spending time away from all the things the world has to offer. It is the most meaningful and satisfying thing any young male can do with his youth. The surprise of living with 200 other God-fearing men and forming the deepest friendships one can imagine, while knowing every day that they are fighting with me in my pursuit of sainthood. The surprise, that through study, I've formed a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ, who is Truth himself. The surprise of God's willingness to overcome my sinfulness and shortcomings with his grace and tender mercy. In short, the greatest surprise of my life in seminary is submitting to God's will and letting him lead my life. It is the source of all the freedom I could ever desire and the path of true adventure.

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.

Rice Bowl - In his 2017 Lenten Message, Pope Francis challenges us to use these 40 days to build a "culture of encounter." One way to do just that is to participate in the 2017 CRS Rice Bowl Family Challenge. Pick up a CRS Rice Bowl from your parish and the family challenge form at <http://socialconcerns.coldsdioc.org>. Each day you do the suggested activity, check that day's completion box in the upper left hand corner. Add up the number of daily CRS Rice Bowl activities the family accomplishes during Lent and mail the family form by April 28 to the Office for Social Concerns (Attn: Erin Cordle, 197 East Gay St, Columbus, OH 43215). Families will be included in a random drawing for one of ten fair trade baskets. This project is in partnership with the diocesan Marriage & Family Life and Social Concerns offices.

