

## Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of April 2, 2017

### Sunday, April 2

9:00 am— Anne Marie Roberts (Kathy Porter)  
11:00 am – Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

### Monday April 3

No Mass

### Tuesday, April 4

6:00 pm – Thanksgiving to the Souls in Purgatory (Mary Thompson)

### Wednesday, April 5

6:00 pm – For the Staff of St. Francis of Assisi

### Thursday, April 6

6:00 pm – For the Community of Victorian Village

### Friday, April 7

6:00 pm – For the Council Members of St. Francis of Assisi

## Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries

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

### Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

April 2— 9 am – Skip Camerucci, Lorri Kuczynski

11 am – John Nunn, Gretchen Rivera

April 9— 9 am— Vince Maite, Frank Conway, Joyce Schneider,  
Frank Schneider,

11 am – Andy Randel, Marilyn Smith, Megan Murphy, Tera Kovar

### Servers

April 2 – 9 am –Charlotte Maite, 11 am –Gaetan O'Brien

April 9—9 am—Elizabeth Maite, 11 am – Margaret O'Brien

### Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

April 2 – 9 am –Susan Kyanko, 11 am – Dan O'Brien

April 9—9 am—Bob Geoghegan 11 am – Dan O'Brien

### Lectors

April 2 – 9 am –Lori Maite, Elise Ryan

11 am – Emily Matheny, Pat Visel

April 9—9 am—Will Brenner, Cecilia McAdams

11 am –Ben Gibbons, Sue Cruickshank

### Eucharistic Ministers

April 2 – 9 am – Chris Paisley, John Ryan, K. Kridereemann

11 am – Sue Cruickshank, ME O'Shaughnessy, Joanna Nunn

April 9 - 9 am—Sr. Sharen Baldy, J. Capestany, Steve Hillyer

11 am –Lori Tocarzic, Pat Visel, Mark Coleman



# LENT

## Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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

### Sunday, April 2

▶ Hospitality Sunday

### Monday, April 3

▶ 6:00 pm – Flytown Men

### Tuesday, April 4

▶ 7:00 pm – Pastoral Council Meeting

### Wednesday, April 5

▶ 6:45 pm – Lenten Soup Supper-Maryellen O'Shaughnessy

▶ 7:00 – RCIA

### Thursday, April 6

▶ 10:00 am – Westminster Thurber Bible Study

## Parish News and Information

**Lenten Soup Suppers** - The parish Lenten soup suppers continue this week on Wednesday, March 29th following the 6:00 p.m. Mass. This week's presentation will be led by Maryellen O'Shaughnessy and her presentation will be on death and dying, a funeral directors perspective.

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

As a parish and community of faith, we are blessed in many ways. We are also called in many ways, particularly to live out Jesus' and our patron saint's call to action to "**transform society through acts of social justice...**and ease the burdens of poverty, illness and discrimination within our parish and the larger community."

You can live out our parish's mission by putting **Monday, May 1, 2017 at 6:30-8:30 pm** on your calendar today. That's the night of the BREAD Nehemiah Action, where we join with an unprecedented assembly of the Columbus interfaith community to call for real change to improve the most distressed communities in Columbus. One night can change a lifetime. Mark it down. Stay tuned for more details!

## Next Week's Scripture Readings

### Palm Sunday

Matthew 21:1-11 (Gospel at the Procession)

Isaiah 50:4-7

Philippians 2:6-11

Matthew 26:14-27:66

## Pastoral Reflection ~ April 2, 2017

We are only one week away from Passion/Palm Sunday---the Church Week. This Sunday of Lent brings us to the third scrutiny with the realization that one of the most important lessons of Christianity is contained in the concept of Death-Life. We come to life from death!

The brightest image to highlight this point is the one used by Jesus in the Gospel with the familiar story of Jesus calling Lazarus out of his tomb. His voice reaches into the dark tomb, finds the dead man's ears, and his power pours life back into his body. "Lazarus, come out!"

Jesus gives Lazarus back to his family but offers also life to the world through his own death and resurrection. He calls us too, out of whatever tombs we find ourselves in, to rise to a fresh way of living. Lent is the time when this central message is amplified so that even the deaf will hear: Jesus is the resurrection and the life.

## RCIA

### RCIA – The Scrutinies

Today, we celebrate the **Third and last Scrutiny** with our Elect, Jarret Chirafisi, Stephanie Good, Gisele Guezo and Clement Sounouvou, who will celebrate the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist at the Easter Vigil Service. The Lenten stories from John's Gospel that we have heard over the past three Sundays – the Samaritan woman at the well (water), the healing of the man born blind (light) and the raising of Lazarus from the dead (life) – draw our Elect and all Christians into a deeper understanding of Baptism and life as disciples of Jesus Christ. Author Raymond E. Brown, S.S. wrote that, "The evangelist is reaching out to 'you' on the principle that everyone in every time and place must encounter Jesus in order to have life. The characters encountering Jesus in the Gospel are described in a way every man and every woman can understand. Their encounters are narrated for your sake that in them you may recognize yourself and be drawn into meeting Jesus in your life." (*Catholic Update*, Liguori Publications)

**EASTER VIGIL SERVICE AND RECEPTION** – The Holiest Week of the Year is quickly approaching and with our celebration of the Triduum, we encounter the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Our Easter Vigil Service will be especially joyous with the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation for our Elect and Candidates. Please plan to attend the Easter Vigil Service to share the joy of the Resurrection with our newest members of the Catholic Church and our parish. If you would like to help with the Reception that will follow the Easter Vigil Service, please contact Kathy Dancey at [614-578-6195](tel:614-578-6195) or [kdancey@columbus.rr.com](mailto:kdancey@columbus.rr.com). Thank you!

## Around the Diocese

**First 1st Friday Sale of 2017** - Please join us on Friday, April 7 from 4pm until 6pm at St. John Chrysostom's 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Sale. We do appreciate your patience and are looking forward to seeing our "regulars". We will have cabbage rolls, hot and ready to eat (\$10 per package of 6 rolls). Pirohi, sold frozen, 12/per package (\$6) and various baked goods. We hope to see you at 4pm on Friday, April 7th at 5858 Cleveland Ave., Columbus.

## Around the Diocese

**Christ Child Society – Layette Fund Drive** - Our members assemble gift packages (layettes) of baby care items which are distributed to needy mothers and their babies. Each layette contains a sleep sac, receiving blanket and/or handmade quilt, sleepers, onesies, diapers, wipes, bib, book, towel, socks and educational material about infant care for new mothers. In honor of **Mother's Day**, a layette may be purchased (\$35 per layette—check payable to Christ Child Society of Columbus) in honor of or in memory of your mother, grandmother, aunt, daughter, sister, friend, etc. A personalized Mother's Day card announcing your thoughtful gift will be sent to your honoree or to the family of the deceased honoree. To order a layette, please contact Beth Traini at [trainibeth@gmail.com](mailto:trainibeth@gmail.com) or go to [www.ChristChildSociety.org](http://www.ChristChildSociety.org) to access the order form. Orders must be received **by Friday, April 28** to ensure timely delivery of the Mother's Day card.

### ODU Adult & Continuing Education Info Session on April 19

Do you want to complete your degree? Ohio Dominican University invites you to attend an Adult & Continuing Education Information Session from 6-7 p.m. on April 19 in the Bishop James A. Griffin Student Center, located on ODU's campus at 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus, 43219. ODU offers a wide range of on-campus and online degree completion programs that fit your goals and your budget. Register today by visiting [ohiodominican.edu/InfoSession](http://ohiodominican.edu/InfoSession).

**Apostolic Nuncio to Lecture at Josephinum** - The Pontifical College Josephinum is pleased to announce that His Excellency, The Most Reverend Christophe Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States and Chancellor of the Josephinum, will present the Pio Cardinal Laghi Lecture on Sunday, April 23, 2017. Archbishop Pierre will speak on "The Priest the Church Needs Today" at 7:30 pm in the Jessing Center on the Josephinum campus at 7625 North High Street. The lecture and reception following are free and open to the public. Reservations are not required. For more information, please call the Academic Dean's office at [614-985-2274](tel:614-985-2274).

**Rice Bowl** - "*Lent is the favorable season for renewing our encounter with Christ, living in his Word, in the sacraments and in our neighbor.*" (Pope Francis, 2017) At the end of the day, we're each called to respond to Pope Francis' invitation to build the culture of encounter in our own unique ways. We hope CRS Rice Bowl Family Challenge can be a part of your Lenten journey, as we all encounter ourselves, our neighbors, and our God anew. There still is time to participate in the 2017 CRS Rice Bowl Family Challenge being sponsored by the diocesan Marriage & Family Life and Social Concerns offices. For more information and the family challenge form go to <http://socialconcerns.colsdioc.org>.

