

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of May 14, 2017

Sunday, May 14

9:00 am—Tom & Mary Ellen (Golden) Miller's 60th Wedding Anniversary (Children and Grandchildren)
11:00 am – Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

Monday May 15

No Mass

Tuesday, May 16

11:00 am – For the Residents at Westminster Thurber

Wednesday, May 17

6:00 pm – For the Success of the Bishop's Annual Appeal

Thursday, May 18

6:00 pm – Bill Lewis (Jay Jackson)

Friday, May 19

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)

May 14 – 9 am – Lori Maite, Lorri Kuczynski
11 am – Theri Brady, Sandy Glasner

May 21 —9 am— Joyce Schneider, Emily Matheny
11 am – John Nunn, Andy Randel

Servers

May 14 – 9 am – Charlotte Maite, 11 am – Margaret O'Brien
May 21—9 am—Linda Wolfe, 11 am – Nolan Rothrock

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

May 14 – 9 am – Susan Kyanko, 11 am – Dan O'Brien
May 21—9 am—Frank Schneider 11 am – Julie Byrne

Lectors

May 14 – 9 am – Linda Wolfe, Katherine Kriedermann
11 am – Sue Cruickshank, Julie Byrne
May 21 —9 am—Elise Ryan, Cecilia McAdams
11 am –Michel Hindeme, Diane Meves

Eucharistic Ministers

May 14 – 9 am –Jaime Capestany, J. Schneider, Chris Paisley
11 am – ME O'Shaughnessy, Marilyn Smith, L. Celebrezze
May 21 - 9 am—Rick Miller, Kathy Porter, John Ryan
11 am –Mark Coleman, Lori Tocorzic, Mary Ann Kerscher

Gluten "Free"/Low Gluten Hosts... are available for those who wish to receive them. If you would like to receive a low-gluten host at Communion, please notify one of the greeters before Mass. This will allow us to observe and maintain safety protocols for those who are sensitive or allergic to gluten.

Any questions? Call the parish office (614-299-5781)/
office@sfacolumbus.org or see one of the Mass Coordinators.

a Mother
is like a flower;
each one
beautiful
and unique.

Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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

Sunday, May 14

- ▶ Baptism of Audrey Ryan during the 11:00 Mass
- ▶ 6:00 pm – Sunday School

Monday, May 15

- ▶ 12:30 pm – St. Francis Seniors – Mother's Day Potluck
- ▶ 5:00 pm – Restored Citizens - SVDP

Tuesday, May 16

- ▶ 11:00 am – Westminster Thurber Mass
- ▶ 7:00 pm – Leadership Team Meeting

Wednesday, May 17

- ▶ 7:00 – RCIA

Thursday, May 18

- ▶ 10:00 am – Westminster Thurber Bible Study

Friday, May 19

- ▶ 7:30 pm – Reception for John and Elise Ryan

Parish News and Information

Going Away Party – It is with mixed emotions that we get ready to say good bye to John and Elise Ryan. John and Elise have been such an active part of our church family and they will be missed dearly. A dessert reception will be hosted in the Parish Hall this Friday, May 19 starting at 7:30 pm. Please stop by and wish John and Elise well as they get ready to move, to be closer to family. John and Elise have requested your presence, not your presents. If you have any questions about this event, please contact Jeanna in the parish office.

Parish Garage Sale – It is time to spring clean! We have already begun collecting items for this year's garage sale. If you would like to contribute items or volunteer your time, please contact Marti Damm or the parish office. This year's sale will be on Saturday, June 3.

Feasibility Study – Thank you to those who participated in the one on one interviews for the Feasibility Study. If you did not participate in the first phase, your opinion is still very important to us. Every registered parishioner, who was not interviewed, will be receiving the study in the mail within the next two weeks. We ask that you please complete the questionnaires and return them to the Diocese, so your opinion may be heard.

Sunday School will continue this evening from 6:00 to 7:30. We will be discussing the second half of Part I of Rohr's *The Divine Dance*.

In honor of the centennial of the apparitions of Fatima and to conclude the month of devotion to the Blessed Mother, we will have a special presentation on the Blessed Mother with Phil Lipetz from our parish on Wednesday, May 31 following the 6:00 pm mass in the Church Hall. He is willing to share with us some of his experiences with the Blessed Mother, which led to his conversion to Catholicism almost two decades ago. Refreshment will be provided. All are welcomed to join!

Next Week's Scripture Readings

Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8, 14-17
1 Peter 3:15-18
John 14:15-21



Pastoral Reflection ~ May 14, 2017

Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers!

This month, while our mother Church honors lovingly the Blessed Virgin Mary "Queen of Heaven", today we celebrate Mother's Day - our loving earthly mother. Everything in the world is subject to change but mothers remain unchangeably the inviolable symbol of life.

According to Richard McBrien, Mary and the Church are united in one fundamental vocation- maternity. As a mother, the Church brings forth new creatures in Christ out of the womb of the baptismal font, nourishes the Christian family at the table of the Eucharist. She is the source of encouragement, forgiveness, healing, and love.

Mary is a mother of us too as she is first of all the mother of Jesus "God's Begotten Son". She gives birth to Jesus and so makes it possible for Jesus to give birth to us anew in the Holy Spirit, who is another secret that only Mary experienced fully. At the Annunciation, Mary was filled not only with Jesus but also with the Holy Spirit. Her surrender to God opened all of humanity to accept both Jesus and the Holy Spirit. "The Holy Spirit manifests his share in the work of Redemption through the Immaculate Virgin who, although she is a person entirely distinct from him, is so intimately associated with him that our minds cannot understand it" (St Maximilian Kolbe).

As an image of the Church and a model for mothers, Mary is a person of faith, hope, love and obedience to the word of God. Therefore, devotion to Mary is ultimately devotion to Christ, whose grace has triumphed in Her. Mary's greatness is that she accepted both Jesus and the Holy Spirit within her physical body. Mary calls on us all, especially the mothers, to experience God as she did.

Pastoral Council

Minutes of Meeting, May 2, 2017

- We discussed the importance of the Bishop's Annual Appeal and the many good things it supports. We discussed some ideas about how we can best get this information out to our parish.
- We're looking forward to the next step of our Capital Project. Per the diocese' plan we will have a number of our parishioners interviewed about their participation at St. Francis and their feelings about the project.
- We decided that we should again reach out via "sidewalk evangelization" to the greater community for big summer events at Goodale Park. We got a good reception last summer and we'll try to track whether we can attract new parishioners this way.

Special Celebration!

Today, we celebrate the **60th Wedding anniversary of Tom and Mary Ellen (Golden) Miller**, married at St Francis on June 8, 1957. This Mass is in honor of all the Golden and Miller families (Golden, Cavendish, Miller, Golden, Demidovich, Moore, Whitmire, and Shirk) and in remembrance of those we have lost, Catherine King Golden, James Golden, Sally Stewart Miller, Peter Miller, Les Whitmire, Nancy Miller Shirk, Jack Cavendish, Tom Moore, and cousin Jim Golden.

Bans of Marriage

Please keep in your prayers these couple who are to be married at St. Francis in the month of May. We pray that they keep Christ in the center of their lives as they start this new journey together.

5/6 – Christine Hackbarth/Kyle Laming
Lisa Danzig/Robert Ludeman

5/13 – Kristen Smiach/Phillip Cherosky
Ashley Leopold/Vytas Reivydas

5/20 – Kristen Domino/Joel Malhoit
Sarah Crock/Slade Simpson

5/27 – Gabriella Bernardo/Jordan Hunt
Megan Case/Greg Paulus

Around the Community

The Ohio Senior Expo will be held on Monday, May 22 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Dublin, Ohio. I have attached a flier for you to share with your church members.

Local seniors, boomers, caregivers and family members are encouraged to attend this exciting event that will feature free health screenings, informative seminars, entertainment, and hourly door prizes. Visit with residential communities and local hospitals so you can make educated decisions. Meet local professionals who offer expertise in financial planning, health, fitness, insurance, home improvement, recreation and more. There's so much to experience so mark your calendar and get ready for fun, at this special one-day event dedicated to seniors. Gift bags for the first 100 guests! Free admission and free parking. For more information, please visit www.ohioseniorexpo.com.

Join the Columbus Clippers on Wednesday, May 17 at Huntington Park for Catholic Family Night. Our \$15.00 Family Pass offer provides Bleacher or Lawn seating for two adults and up to four youth age 18 & younger! Or for \$25.00, upgrade to a Reserved Family Pass! \$2 from each order is donated back! It's a fun night for all and includes a pre-game parade on the field! Order tickets by calling 614-462-2757

Bishop's Annual Appeal

— 2017 — BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Thank you to all who have already pledged their gift to the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not yet made your commitment, you can do so by using the envelopes provided in the pews. The needs of our diocese are great. We hope to realize our parish goal with your help. Our goal is \$21,134.09, and every dollar raised over this amount, will be returned to our parish. Every gift is important and no gift is too small. Thank you for your generosity.

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