

## Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of May 7, 2017

### Sunday, May 7

9:00 am—Monica & Gabriel Hudock (Kevin Dunleavy)  
11:00 am – Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

### Monday May 8

No Mass

### Tuesday, May 9

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

### Wednesday, May 10

6:00 pm – For the Catholic Diocese of Columbus

### Thursday, May 11

6:00 pm – For the Needs of our Parish

### Friday, May 12

6:00 pm – For the Success of the Feasibility Study

## Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries

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

### Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

May 7 —9 am— Lorri Kuczynski, OPEN

11 am – Andy Randel, Marilyn Smith

May 14 – 9 am – Lori Maite, Lorri Kuczynski

11 am – Theri Brady, Sandy Glasner

### Servers

May 7—9 am—Frank Conway, 11 am – Gaetan O'Brien

May 14 – 9 am – Charlotte Miate, 11 am – Margaret O'Brien

### Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

May 7—9 am—Kathy Porter 11 am – Lori Tocarzic

May 14 – 9 am – Susan Kyanko, 11 am – Dan O'Brien

### Lectors

May 7 —9 am—Emily Zahn, Will Brenner

11 am –Maryellen O'Shaughnessy, Renee Morkassel

May 14 – 9 am – Linda Wolfe, Katherine Kriedermann

11 am – Sue Cruickshank, Julie Byrne

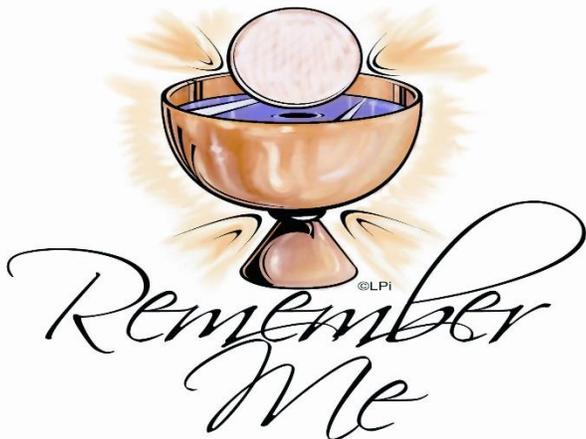
### Eucharistic Ministers

May 7 - 9 am—Rick Miller, Chris Paisley, Sr. Sharen Baldy

11 am –Emily Matheny, Jaime Capestany, Mark Coleman

May 14 – 9 am –Jaime Capestany, Mario Casselli, Chris Paisley

11 am – Maryellen O'Shaughnessy, Marilyn Smith, Pat Visel



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

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

### Sunday, May 7

- ▶ Hospitality Sunday, Craft Fair, First Communion
- ▶ 6:00 pm – Sunday School

### Monday, May 8

- ▶ 6:00 pm – Flytown Men

### Tuesday, May 9

- ▶ 9:00 am – 7:00 pm – Feasibility Study Interviews
- ▶ 6:30 pm – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

### Wednesday, May 10

- ▶ 9:00 am – 7:00 pm – Feasibility Study Interviews
- ▶ 7:00 – RCIA

### Thursday, May 11

- ▶ 9:00 am – 7:00 pm – Feasibility Study Interviews
- ▶ 10:00 am – Westminster Thurber Bible Study
- ▶ 7:00 pm – Finance Council Meeting

### Friday, May 12

- ▶ 9:00 am – 2:00 pm – Feasibility Study Interviews

## 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 on 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** – One on one interviews will begin this week to discuss the planned renovations and repairs to our church. The results from the study will be used to determine the practicality of a capital fund raising effort here at St. Francis. Every registered parishioner of St. Francis of Assisi Church, who does not do a one on one interview, will be receiving a letter and survey questionnaire on the Renovation Plans. Because of the importance of gathering your feedback, please look for this to arrive in the mail within the next three weeks. We ask that you take a few moments to review the contents of this mailing so that you may give your input. If you have any questions, please contact Jeanna in the parish office.

**Sunday School** will meet in the church hall from 6:00 to 7:30 pm on the four Sundays of May. We will be discussing the Mystery of the Trinity as presented in Richard Rohr's book, THE DIVINE DANCE. Please attempt to read about half of Part I for our first session. Please contact Barbara Finan at (614) 261- 8875 or [finanb@sbcglobal.net](mailto:finanb@sbcglobal.net) if you have any questions. All are welcome.

## Next Week's Scripture Readings

Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7

1 Peter 2:4-9

John 14:1-12

## *Pastoral Reflection ~ May 7, 2017*

During this month of May we celebrate Mary's gifts to the world. Mary sees Jesus in a totally different way than we imagine Him. The Apostles saw Jesus as an external force, God walking among us; Mary looked for one thing – how Jesus' divinity would shine and emerge from the human baby she carried. Mary's view point never changed, she always looked to see how Jesus' divinity would emerge from the human body.

Of all people who have lived only Mary accepted this amazing gift fully. O behalf of humanity she accepted God in her human body. She loves the reflection of God placed in us by Jesus. (John 17:26, Catechism 460) She sees Jesus emerging from our flawed humanity. It is the secret of her love for us.'

Mary comes to show us how to love as she does. The only reason that we can ever love another person as our own self is that deep within us we both contain the same piece of Jesus. You are me, and I am you.

It was through Mary that Jesus was brought into the world for the first time and through Mary that we will learn the secret of experiencing Him in our human bodies, in our neighbors, and I our Church.

In a special way, on Saturday May 13, 2017 the world celebrates the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the apparitions of our Lady to the three shepherd children (Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta) in Fatima, Portugal on May 13, 1917 who were tending to their sheep until she finally revealed to them: "I am the Lady of the Rosary."

A special presentation is expected to be given later in honor of the centennial of the apparitions of this historical event. The Scripture invites us to believe: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe" (Jn 20:29).

*Oh God of infinite goodness and mercy, fill our hearts with a great confidence in Thy dear Mother, whom we invoke under the title of Our Lady of the Rosary and Our Lady of Fatima and grant us by her powerful intercession all the graces, spiritual and temporal, which we need.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen*

## *Around the Diocese*

**Bi-Monthly Healing Mass on May 15 at Saint Joseph Cathedral:** A Mass of Healing and Healing Service will be celebrated on Monday, May 15, 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: July 17, September 18, and November 20. If you have any questions about this special Mass please call the Cathedral: [\(614\) 224-1295](tel:6142241295).

**ODU Adult & Continuing Education Info Session on May 17** - Are you ready to begin or complete your degree? Ohio Dominican University invites you to attend an Adult &

Continuing Education Information Session from 6-7 p.m. on May 17 in the Bishop James A. Griffin Student Center, located on ODU's campus at 1215 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).

## *Catholic Education Section*

**First Holy Communion** – As Catholics, we know that the Holy Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith: it is the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Pope Francis has called it the "Sacrament of Love":

"The Eucharist is at the heart of 'Christian initiation', together with Baptism and Confirmation, and it constitutes the source of the Church's life itself. From this Sacrament of love, in fact, flows every authentic journey of faith, of communion, and of witness."

For children who are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion, this is a big deal. And for all of us, no matter how many times we have received Our Lord in the Holy Eucharist, it should always be a big deal.

What makes it so special the first time is the same thing that makes it special every time!

Jesus comes to us in a unique way in the Eucharist. When He comes, we receive Him into our body and our soul. This is very beautiful, personal, and intimate. We should not take it for granted!

This is why the first time a family member makes their Holy Communion, it is an exciting event for the whole family. The boy or girl preparing for this sacrament is going to be profoundly united with Jesus in a way that they never have before!

It is such a holy, joyful occasion. Our souls become the bride of Christ. That is why girls wear white dresses and boys wear suits. Relatives are invited. Parents take pictures. We celebrate. And the very act of celebrating reveals our belief in the True Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

(Source - <https://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed/why-a-childs-first-holy-communion-is-a-big-deal/>)

## *Congratulations!*

**First Communion** - Congratulations to these young men and young ladies as they make their First Communion today - Anthony Midedju Hounmenou, Nora Rothrock, Eyram Codjo-Seignon and Allison Zigler. We celebrate with and pray for them as they take this next step in their faith journey.

### **Student News from Bishop Ready High School**

Congratulations and kudos to parishioner and Ready senior Eric Willford who earned a place on the Distinction List of the school's Honor Roll for the third quarter of the current academic year. Mr. Willford also played the Knave of Hearts in the school's spring theatre production of *Alice in Wonderland*.