

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of May 28, 2017

Sunday, May 28

9:00 am – Bill Scharlott (Fran Scharlott)

11:00 am – Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

Monday May 29

No Mass

Tuesday, May 30

6:00 pm – Thomas R. Feran (Maryellen O'Shaughnessy & Tim Feran)

Wednesday, May 31

6:00 pm – Anthony Frohnfoefer (Joyce Gerhold)

Thursday, June 1

6:00 pm – For the Needs of the Parish

Friday, June 2

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

Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries

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

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

May 28 – 9 am – Frank Conway, Jeanna Diederich

11 am – Maryellen O'Shaughnessy, Marilyn Smith

June 4 – 9 am – Open, Emily Matheny

11 am – Open, Andy Randel

Servers

May 28 – 9 am – Steve Hillyer, 11 am – Open

June 4 – 9 am – Steve Hillyer, 11 am – Margaret O'Brien

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

May 28 – 9 am – Susan Kyanko, 11 am – Dan O'Brien

June 4 – 9 am – Susan Kyanko, 11 am – Julie Byrne

Lectors

May 28 – 9 am – Renee Morkassel, Sr. Sharen Baldy

11 am – Gary Snyder, Ben Gibbons

June 4 – 9 am – Cecilia McAdams, Joyce Schneider

11 am – Gary Snyder, Sue Cruickshank

Eucharistic Ministers

May 28 – 9 am – L. Celebrezze, K. Kriedermann, K. Porter

11 am – Sue Cruickshank, Joanna Nunn, Sandy Glasner

June 4 – 9 am – Mario Casselli, F. Schneider, Louisa Celebrezze

11 am – Renee Morkassel, Open, Joanna Nunn

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.



Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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

Sunday, May 28

▶ 6:00 pm – Sunday School

Monday, May 29

▶ Memorial Day – PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, May 30

▶ 7:00 pm – Stewardship Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 31

▶ 6:30 pm – Centennial of the Apparition of Fatima

Presentation by Philip Lipetz

Thursday, June 1

▶ 10:00 am – Westminster Thurber Bible Study

Friday, June 2

▶ 10:00 am – Garage sale set up

Saturday, June 3

▶ 8:00 am – Garage Sale

▶ 8:30 am – Men's Coffee and Prayer Group

Parish News and Information

Women Affirming Women – It's not too late to donate to this year's Women's Boutique. Items can be dropped off at the church through mid-June, and items will be donated so underprivileged women can "shop" at a special Women's event. Some needed items are – Jewelry, Purses, Belts and Scarves, Hats and Sunglasses, Perfume, Makeup (New only), Flip-flops, Umbrellas

Parish Garage Sale – It is not too late to donate to this year's garage sale! Items can be dropped off at the church anytime during regular office hours (Monday – Friday, 10 – 3). Also, if you would like to help there will be plenty to do. Help is needed on Friday to set up beginning at 10:00 and working until it's done. The sale will be on Saturday beginning at 8:00 am.

Feasibility Study – By now we should all be aware, that we have initiated a feasibility study and are moving into the mail survey phase, and your participation is very important. Our church building is more than a century old and is in need of our attention and care. We have identified needs totaling \$292,000 that will be critical in maintaining the beauty and reverence of our parish. If you did not receive your study in the mail this week, please contact the parish office.

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!

Mom's Group - All Mom's and children welcome to come and meet one another while sharing in the joys and challenges of parenthood! Gatherings will take place in the Parish Hall on the 2nd Monday of every month from 10:30 am – 12:00 pm, with the first one on June 12. Please bring a blanket or mat to sit on. Please reach out to Emily Matheny (and her daughter, Jane) if you have any questions, at 616-780-3580 or emilymatheny5@gmail.com. We hope to see you there!

Pastoral Reflection ~ May 28, 2017

The Ascension feast is generally celebrated 40 days after Easter and ten days before Pentecost. This feast marks the transition to the period when the Apostles, as Christ's witnesses, function as preachers and teachers on his behalf. After Christ is gone, they serve as the legitimating link between him and the Church.

Upon leaving the exalted and the enthroned Christ made clear a promise: that he would remain continuously present in and with the Church forever through his Spirit. Grounded in the universal lordship of Christ seated at God's right hand and empowered also with strength, we are now destined to become adults in faith, and are commissioned to be Christ in the world. "Going, baptizing and teaching are participles in the service of the command to make disciples."

Before any agenda is set this week, let us spend more time in prayer and waiting incessantly for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit to lead us to the truth. Only through the gifts of the Holy Spirit such as **fear of the Lord, piety, knowledge, fortitude, counsel, understanding and wisdom** shall we be successful in our mission on earth. Come, Holy Spirit and renew always the face of the earth. Alleluia!

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. To date we have received \$7392 (35% of goal) with 16% participation. Thank you for your generosity.

The Appeal provides substantial financial support to essential programs and ministries that benefit so many within our diocese. The education of our children, whether through the Parish School of Religion or in our Catholic Schools, preparation courses for marriage, and the education of our future priests and deacons as well as the many social concerns issues in our community are just a few of the programs that depend on our support of the Appeal.

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Next Week's Scripture Readings

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11
1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13
John 20:19-23



Next Sunday is Pentecost –
Please remember to wear RED.

Around the Community

Holy Family Soup Kitchen and Party – During the summer, the need for volunteers is great. If you can help once a week or even just once, the kitchen is always looking for volunteers. Help is usually Monday – Friday from 10:30 – 12:30. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Hillyer at 614-294-8315.

Summer Camp at Marin de Porres Center - Our New Girls for Peace Camp is scheduled for July 17 – 20 (9:00 am – 4:30 pm). The camp is intended for girls **ages 8-12**, and we plan to have about 25 participants. Our agenda includes crafts, conversations, activities and fun. We want this experience to be memorable in ways that builds strengths, self-love and confidence. For more information, contact Yahaira Rose @ [614-416-1920](tel:614-416-1920).

Second Collection

Next Sunday, we will be taking a special collection for Catholic Home Missions. The bishops' Subcommittee on Catholic Home Missions is a grant-making agency. It offers financial support to missionary activities that strengthen the Catholic Church in the United States, and in its territories and former territories. Through its annual fundraising campaign, the Catholic Home Missions Appeal, Catholic Home Missions educates American Catholics about mission needs and invites them to assist fellow Catholics in the practice of the faith. Please come prepared to give as you are able.

Catholic Education Section

History of the Ascension of Our Lord

The reality of Christ's Ascension is so important that the creeds (the basic statements of belief) of Christianity all affirm, in the words of the Apostles' Creed, that "He ascended into heaven, sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead." The denial of the Ascension is as grave a departure from Christian teaching as is denial of Christ's Resurrection.

Christ's bodily Ascension foreshadows our own entrance into Heaven not simply as souls, after our death, but as glorified bodies, after the resurrection of the dead at the Final Judgment. In redeeming mankind, Christ not only offered salvation to our souls but began the restoration of the material world itself to the glory that God intended before Adam's fall.

The Feast of the Ascension marks the beginning of the first novena, or nine days of prayer. Before His Ascension, Christ promised to send the Holy Spirit to His apostles. Their prayer for the coming of the Holy Spirit, which began on Ascension Thursday, ended with the descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday, ten days later.

Today, Catholics recall that first novena by praying the Novena to the Holy Ghost between Ascension and Pentecost, asking for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the fruits of the Holy Spirit.

Source: <https://www.thoughtco.com/ascension-of-our-lord-jesus-christ-542462>

Pew Reflections



Spring's approach makes me happy and hopeful and awake and alive. -- Marti



Spring's approach makes me...think of yard work. -- Carl