

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of June 4, 2017

Sunday, June 4

9:00 am – Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
11:00 am – Mary Louise Luddy (Jack Randolph)

Monday June 5

No Mass

Tuesday, June 6

6:00 pm – For the Community of Victorian Village

Wednesday, June 7

6:00 pm – For the First Responders of our Community

Thursday, June 8

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

Friday, June 9

6:00 pm – Roseann Volpe (Norma Oldham)

Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries

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

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

June 4 —9 am— Open, Emily Matheny

11 am – Open, Andy Randel

June 11 – 9 am – Vince Maite, Tera Kovar

11 am – Theri Brady, Sandy Glasner

Servers

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

June 11 – 9 am – Elizabeth and Charlotte Maite

11 am – Nolan Rothrock

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

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

June 11 – 9 am – Frank Conway, 11 am – OPEN

Lectors

June 4 —9 am—Cecilia McAdams, Joyce Schneider

11 am –Gary Snyder, Sue Cruickshank

June 11 – 9 am – Lori Maite, Emily Matheny

11 am – Julie Byrne, Diane Meves

Eucharistic Ministers

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

11 am –Renee Morkassel, Open, Joanna Nunn

June 11 – 9 am –J. Capestany, J. Schneider, MA Kerscher

11 am – Mark Coleman, Sue Cruickshank, Lori Tocorzic

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, June 4

► Hospitality Sunday

Monday, June 5

► 6:00 pm – Flytown Men

Tuesday, June 6

► 7:00 pm – Pastoral Council Meeting

Wednesday, June 7

► 7:00 pm – RCIA

Thursday, June 8

► Parish Hall Closed for Maintenance

► 10:00 am – Westminster Thurber Bible Study

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

Feasibility Study – Thank you for participating in the Feasibility Study. If you have not yet returned your survey, this is the final week for your voice to be heard. Please make sure all surveys have been returned by Friday, June 9. Your participation is greatly appreciated. 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.

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!

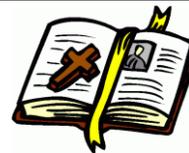
On May 21 we took up a special collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign. We collected \$338. Thank you for your generosity.

Next Week's Scripture Readings

Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

John 3:16-18



Pew Reflections

 I experienced God every day this week – I said prayers, went to Mass and received communion. I went on some walks in my neighborhood and enjoyed nature blooming – trees & flowers and birds singing.

 Spring's approach makes me...so thankful for the birth of new life and fresh beginnings for all

Catholic Education Section

Happy birthday to the Catholic Church! Happy birthday to you, who are the body of the Church!

We're all familiar with our own birthdays, and we celebrate them because they mark the day of the year in which we entered into this life. But did you know you have a second birthday?

Because you are part of the body of the Church, Pentecost is the Church's birthday, and yours as well. And like any birthday, it's a cause for celebration.

The word Pentecost is Greek and it means "50th day." Fifty days after Easter Sunday, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and their followers, and the beginning of their Earthly ministry to make disciples of all nations.

Pentecost is also a Jewish holiday, which the Jews use to celebrate the end of Passover. Jews celebrate the gift of the law to Moses at Mt. Sinai on this day. But we, as Catholics celebrate the birth of our Church.

At Pentecost, the Apostles and their followers were gathered in a room. Jews from all over the world were gathered with Peter, the leader of the Apostles and the Eleven. At this time, a great wind blew and a flame appeared as a tongue of fire, which split itself into many individual flames above the heads of all those present. The Holy Spirit came upon these people and each began to speak in tongues. Despite the fact many had no common language, they were perfectly able to understand one another.

Others who were not so blessed, accused those speaking in tongues of being drunk, but Peter arose and addressed the crowd, explaining that it was only 9 o'clock, and that this phenomenon was not intoxication, but rather this was the work of the Holy Spirit, prophesized in the scripture.

Peter then called all those present to be baptized and about three thousand people were baptized that day. These people were among the first Catholics, and Peter is the first pope of the Catholic Church.

The symbols of Pentecost are the flame, wind, and the dove, which represents the Holy Spirit. The color of Pentecost is red and the priest wears red vestments on this day. Parishioners are also invited to wear red on this day. Red decorations as well as celebrations are appropriate, similar to any other birthday.

The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit

1. Wisdom is the first and highest gift of the Holy Spirit because it is the perfection of the theological virtue of faith.
2. While wisdom is the desire to contemplate the things of God, understanding allows us to grasp, at least in a limited way, the very essence of the truths of the Catholic faith.
3. Counsel is the perfection of the cardinal virtue of prudence. Prudence can be practiced by anyone, but counsel is supernatural.
4. Fortitude is ranked as the fourth gift of the Holy Spirit because it gives us the strength to follow through on the actions suggested by the gift of counsel.
5. Like wisdom, knowledge is the perfection of faith, but whereas wisdom gives us the desire to judge all things according to the truths of the Catholic Faith, knowledge is the actual ability to do so.
6. Piety is the perfection of the virtue of religion. While we tend to think of religion today as the external elements of our faith, it really means the willingness to worship and to serve God.
7. We think of fear and hope as opposites, but the fear of the Lord confirms the theological virtue of hope. This gift of the Holy Spirit gives us the desire not to offend God, as well as the certainty that God will supply us the grace that we need in order to keep from offending Him.

Source: <http://www.catholic.org/ten/pentecost.php> Source: <https://www.thoughtco.com/gifts-of-the-holy-spirit-542143>

Around the Community

Holy Family Soup Kitchen and Panty – 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.

ODU Family Day on Saturday, July 15 - Prospective adult students who are interested in earning their bachelor's or master's degree at Ohio Dominican University are invited to ODU Family day from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 15. The event will include a variety of kid-friendly activities and opportunities to learn about ODU's online and on-campus evening class offerings. ODU Family Day will take place on ODU's campus at 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus 43219. Register today by visiting ohiodominican.edu/FamilyDay.

A Note of Thanks

Dear Members of our St. Francis Family:

Thank you for your well wishes, your cards, your gifts, and your attendance at our going away party as we relocate to Pittsburgh to live closer to family. Above all, thank you for your prayers, now and throughout the last five years. Thank you for continually manifesting Christ's love in your concern, your friendship, your merriment, and your commitment to our shared faith and its high demands of love and mercy and justice. St. Francis will always be the parish community to which we aspire, and –we suspect— we'll be seeking to find again for quite some time. We have been so blessed to have been given the opportunity to serve and to be a part of your lives. The parish, everyone in it, and dear Father Fritzner will always be in our prayers. We look forward to learning how the parish grows throughout the upcoming years, and we'll certainly be back for periodic visits. We take great comfort in knowing that we'll be forever connected through our time worshipping together at St. Francis of Assisi Parish.

With Gratitude and In Christ's Love,
Elise & John Ryan

Stewardship Council Meeting Minutes

Welcome Packet

Q. Who is it for? A. Both new and prospective parishioners
Q. If we have a new website will it make the Welcome Packet redundant? A. No

Packet should explain how to sign up for a Ministry using Ministry Scheduler Pro.
All Leaders need to get used to emailing by using the system.
Sandy offered to provide training at Hospitality Sundays

Capital Campaign

Discussed the need to establish how parishioner's spiritual needs will be met by being involved in the Campaign both monetarily and in other ways.

Hospitality and Greeters

We will also review expectations and the key role they play for our present and new parishioners and those exploring SFA as a future home.

New name badges will be ordered, that are magnetic so that clothing won't have pin holes from the current badges.