

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of July 2, 2017

Sunday, July 2

9:00 am – Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
11:00 am – John Sliwinski (Dan and Jackie Emch)

Monday July 3

No Mass

Tuesday, July 4

No Mass

Wednesday, July 5

6:00 pm – For the Freedoms we all Celebrate

Thursday, July 6

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

Friday, July 7

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)

July 2 – 9 am – Lori Maite, Vince Maite

11 am – Maryellen O'Shaughnessy, Gretchen Rivera

July 9 – 9 am – Vince Maite, Emily Matheny

11 am – Theri Brady, Marilyn Smith

Servers

July 2 – 9 am – Lynn Willford, 11 am – Gaetan O'Brien

July 9 – 9 am – Charlotte and Elizabeth Maite

11 am – Nolan Rothrock

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

July 2 – 9 am – Susan Kyanko 11 am – Julie Byrne

July 9 – 9 am – Frank Schneider 11 am – Lori Toczorcz

Lectors

July 2 – 9 am – Renee, Morkassel, Sr. Sharen Baldy

11 am – Emily Zahn, Michel Hindeme

July 9 – 9 am – Lori Maite, Lynn Willford

11 am – Gary Snyder, Diane Meves

Eucharistic Ministers

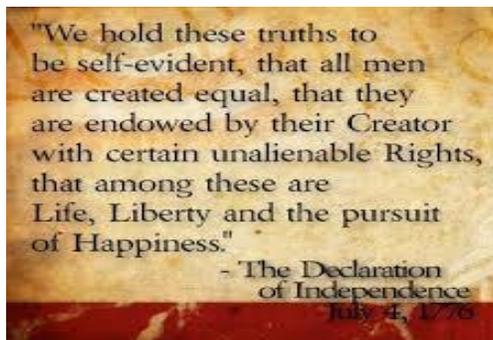
July 2 – 9 am – J. Capestany, Mario Casselli, K. Kriedermann

11 am – Joanna Nunn, Lori Toczorcz, Mark Coleman

July 9 – 9 am – Steve Hillyer, J. Schneider, Mary Ann Kerscher

11 am – Sue Cruickshank, Sandy Glasner, Renee Morkassel

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, July 2

▶ Hospitality Sunday

▶ Baptism of Anna Claman during the 11:00 Mass

Monday, July 3

▶ Parish Office Shortened Hours

Tuesday, July 4

▶ Parish Office Closed

Wednesday, July 5

▶ 7:00 pm – RCIA

Thursday, July 6

▶ No Bible Study at Westminster Thurber

Parish News and Information

No Bible Study – The Thursday Bible Study at Westminster Thurber will be canceled for July 6 and 13. Bible Study will resume on Thursday, July 20.

No Daily Mass – During the month of August. There will be no daily Mass with the exception of Tuesday, August 15 for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Parish Office Closed – The parish office will be closed a half a day on Monday and all day on Tuesday, July 3 and 4, in honor of Independence Day, to allow our office staff time to spend with family. The office will reopen on Wednesday, July 5 at 10:00 am.

Parking for Fireworks – I know many people often park in our parking lot and walk to nearby firework displays. There is a wedding scheduled at St. Francis on Monday, July 3 at 3:30 and the parking lot need to remain available to our wedding guests. Please refrain from parking in our lot until after 5:00 on Monday. Thank you!

Pastoral Council Meeting – A reminder that Pastoral Council will not be meeting this Tuesday, July 4. The meeting has been rescheduled to Monday, July 17.

Mom's Group – A reminder that the new Mom's Group will be meeting on Monday, July 10 at 10:30 am. All mom and children welcome to come and meet one another while sharing in the joys and challenges of parenthood! If you have any questions about this group, please contact Emily Matheny at 616-780-3580 or emilymatheny5@gmail.com. We hope to see you there!

Baptism - The origin and foundation of Christian Baptism is Jesus. Before starting his public ministry, Jesus submitted himself to the baptism given by John the Baptist. The waters did not purify him; he cleansed the waters. . . . Jesus did not need to be baptized because he was totally faithful to the will of his Father and free from sin. However, he wanted to show his solidarity with human beings in order to reconcile them to the Father. By commanding his disciples to baptize all nations, he established the means by which people would die to sin – Original and actual – and begin to live a new life with God.

In Baptism, the Holy Spirit moves us to answer Christ's call to holiness. In Baptism, we are asked to walk by the light of Christ and to trust in his wisdom. We are invited to submit our hearts to Christ with ever deeper love.

Today, we celebrate with Anna Elaine Claman, as her family has chosen Catholic Baptism for her. We pray blessing on Anna and her whole family.



Pastoral Reflection ~ July 2, 2017

Today Gospel passage (Mt 10:37-42) concludes the second major section of Jesus' teachings (the Sermon on the Mount was the first), shifting the focus to speak of those who are hospitable to Christ's disciples. "Whoever receives me receives the one who sent me." The reward of discipleship goes to those (followers) who have lost their family ties and to those who welcome such disciples, knowing who they are and what their loyalties are. "He who gives great service gets great returns." Receiving a prophet, a righteous person, and a little one, may be taken as referring to the extension of hospitality to Christians. "Hospitality and acts of mercy extended to a disciple are, in effect, extended to Christ himself.

However, the point to be underscored here is, Christians are the ones receiving hospitality, being welcomed, being guests of others. Indeed, we all need to be one to others. Being in such a position makes us recipients of God's grace. Therefore, let us be always hospitable to one another for it is we who are in various occasions the stranger at the door.

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 logging onto the Diocese website and making your gift online, for the benefit of St. Francis of Assisi. 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 pledged/collected \$15,926 which is 75% of our goal and 33% of our parishioners participating. It's not too late to contribute.

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Feasibility Study

Feasibility Study - Thank you for participating in the Feasibility Study and returning your surveys. Your participation in 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. Results of the survey will be shared in mid-July.

Next Week's Scripture Readings

Zechariah 9:9-10
Romans 8:9, 11-13
Matthew 11:25-30



Around the Community

Catholic Male Leadership - Now, more than ever, we need Catholic Male Leadership. Weekly Faith Sharing groups have been instrumental in bringing men together and fostering growth in their Catholic faith. Programs like "Iron Sharpen Iron" and "That Man Is You!" continue to grow throughout the Columbus Diocese and are changing lives! "Get Plugged In" and learn more about the many programs and opportunities that are available. Visit <http://www.catholicmensministry.com/iron> today!

A Garden Party - Please join us for "A Garden Party" on Saturday, July 15, 2017, 6:00 p.m., \$125.00/person to benefit Hope Hollow. Hope Hollow is a non-profit organization, founded by Jane Jacquemin-Clark and Kevin Clark, parishioners of Holy Name parish, whose mission is to provide lodging, meals, transportation, hospitality and emotional support to persons with cancer and their loved ones, who are in financial need, while they are traveling to Columbus, Ohio for their cancer treatment. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and drinks, a delicious dinner and great entertainment by singer and songwriter, Matt Munhall. Hosted by Kim Knoppe and Marian Hutson, 376 Partridge Bend, Powell, Ohio. Go to hopehollow.com and click on "A Garden Party" to register and for more information!

Tea with the Animals: Afternoon Tea with a Side of Conservation

Sunday, August 6; 2:00-4:00pm
Join us again this year, at the Martin De Porres Center, for our ever popular fundraiser, as we focus on the theme of conservation and care for creation with several special guests from the Columbus Zoo!

After enjoying fair trade tea, chocolate, and other sweets, the Zoo will feature several animals, along with information about their habitat, status in the wild, and conservation issues. We'll also learn more about local ecology programs and view our art exhibit "Conservation in the Classroom" - a partnership between the Grange Insurance Audubon Center and Columbus City Schools.

As a special feature this year, come dressed to impress with your favorite hat! Prizes will be given for the best hats based on the theme. And of course, don't forget about our great raffle prizes. \$35.00 pre-registration is required by July 28 either in person, mail, or online.

St. Cecilia Fall Craft Show - This year's craft show will be on Saturday, October 21 from 9 am - 3 pm. This event is fun for the whole family and has a bake sale, raffle, 50/50 and over 75 vendors to shop from. Currently taking applications for vendors. If you would like to be a part of this craft show or have any questions, please contact Kelly Montgomery at stcecilia43228@yahoo.com. This event is sponsored by St. Cecilia PTO.

We should have done this along time ago! - That's what you'll be saying after a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekend! Marriage Encounter is 44 hours where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones—and focus only on each other. The next weekend is September 15-17 in central Ohio. For more information or to apply, contact Paul & Marilou Clouse at [614-834-6880](tel:614-834-6880) or visit our website at www.wwmecolumbus.org

Silent Retreat - The annual Catholic Laymens' Fall silent retreat is at St. Therese's Retreat Center, Sept 8 at 6 pm - Noon Mass on Sept. 10. Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR, will lead men to appreciate the power of the Holy Spirit by developing his theme "To Have a Relationship with the Holy Spirit, His Mercy is Everlasting." The total cost is only \$150.00. Make your reservation now and consider bringing a friend! Contact Charles Kielkopf at [614-268-0175](tel:614-268-0175) or email kielkopf.1@osu.edu or Eric Lutz at [614-949-5905](tel:614-949-5905) or James Allan at [614-403-7831](tel:614-403-7831).