

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of July 9, 2017

Sunday, July 9

9:00 am – Mary Louise Malone Gideon (Mark R. Gideon)
11:00 am – Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

Monday July 10

No Mass

Tuesday, July 11

6:00 pm – For the Community of Victorian Village

Wednesday, July 12

6:00 pm – LCPL Stanley Sliwinski (Dan & Jackie Emch)

Thursday, July 13

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

Friday, July 14

6:00 pm – For the Small Business Owners of our Community

Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries

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

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

July 9 – 9 am – Vince Maite, Emily Matheny

11 am – Theri Brady, Marilyn Smith

July 16 – 9 am – Skip Camerucci, Lorri Kuczynski

11 am – John Nunn, Megan Murphy

Servers

July 9 – 9 am – Charlotte and Elizabeth Maite

11 am – Nolan Rothrock

July 16 – 9 am – Linda Wolfe, 11 am – Gaetan O'Brien

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

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

July 16 – 9 am – Bob Geoghegan 11 am – Dan O'Brien

Lectors

July 9 – 9 am – Lori Maite, Lynn Willford

11 am – Gary Snyder, Diane Meves

July 16 – 9 am – Cecilia McAdams, Will Brenner

11 am – Jon Murphy, Renee Morkassel

Eucharistic Ministers

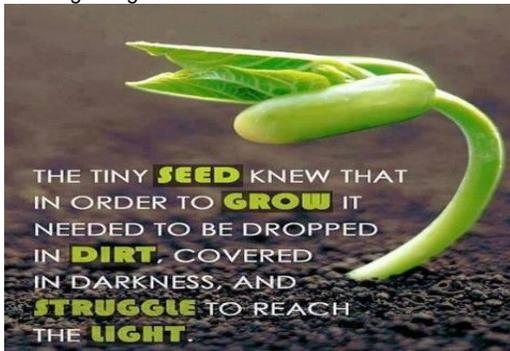
July 9 – 9 am – Steve Hillyer, J. Schneider, Mary Ann Kerscher

11 am – Sue Cruickshank, Sandy Glasner, Renee Morkassel

July 16 – 9 am – F. Conway, Kathy Porter, Louisa Celebrezze

11 am – Sue Cruickshank, Marilyn Smith, Jaime Capestany

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 9

▶ 2:00 pm – St. Francis Seniors

Monday, July 10

▶ 10:30 am – Mom's Group

▶ 6:00 pm – Flytown Men

Tuesday, July 11

▶ 6:30 pm – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, July 12

▶ 7:00 pm – RCIA

Thursday, July 13

▶ 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 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.

Catholic Foundation – St. Francis of Assisi Parish has been blessed with finding from our endowment(s) stewarded by The Catholic Foundation. By God's varied grace we honor the many donors, whose charitable love for our faith and others is fulfilling the mission of our ministry through The Catholic Foundation. For more information on ways your end of life estate planning can build our endowments, please visit catholicfoundation.org or call 866-298-8893.

Mom's Group – A reminder that the new Mom's Group will be meeting tomorrow, 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!



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



Book Discussion Group – Next Sunday, July 16 the book discussion group will meet after the 11:00 Mass. All are welcome to attend.

Upcoming Events – Be sure to watch your bulletin for information about some fun upcoming events. The Pastoral Council is working on some exciting events. Watch for details about an ice cream social coming soon.



Gospel Reflection ~ July 9, 2017

Summer or vacation time is running up. We must be thrilled to hear Jesus calling us to "rest a little." Yes, the human body needs moments of rest or relaxation, of silence and prayer, we need some amount of withdrawal from our daily chores in order to revive our spirits. Periodic stops on the roadside are a very helpful part of a successful journey. I feel that I need some moments like that myself as I am writing this to you. For the month of August, I am obligated to make a trip to Haiti (**no one is allowed to die while I am away, that's the deal!**), visiting families and friends. May my time there be a celebratory moment. "Jubilate Deo, Jubilare Deo Omnis Terra." Jubilez avec moi toute la terre."

However, summer time doesn't mean we are to take a vacation from God. I am more than certain that I will be looking **to attend mass** also either in the pews or as con-celebrant. I am very grateful to those generous priests in the diocese who are willing to substitute during my absence, including a missionary priest from the congregation of the Holy Spirit (Spiritans). I wish that you show them how much you appreciate their availability to **celebrate mass** for us.

On the contrary, Summer is the time to get together, to think of how we can be a good steward treasuring God's many gifts for the years ahead and to grow in his grace. One of the ways to respond to Jesus' ministry is to ponder already how "to invest ourselves through the resources that God has given us in this work to which he has called us. Our lives in him and in his people will give us a fantastic return on our investment" (pray for the proposed projects of St Francis of Assisi).

He offers a shared burden, a lighter yoke and rest. Simply listen to him. When nothing hurts, when our loved ones are safe, when the sun is shining, when we agree to one another, when we work together for the same cause and when we are happy with any consensus we reach, the invitation to unburden oneself and rest in Jesus is not compelling.

May we begin anew in finding ways to make light the burden we are facing each other as community, and help the weary around us find rest.

Second Collection Report

During the month of June we had two special collections. We took up collections for Catholic Home Missions and Peter's Pence. We collected \$510 for Catholic Home Missions and \$383 for Peter's Pence. Thank you so much for your generosity!



Next Week's Scripture Readings

Isaiah 55:10-11
Romans 8:18-23
Matthew 13:1-23



Around the Community

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.

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:6142680175) or email kielkopf.1@osu.edu or Eric Lutz at [614-949-5905](tel:6149495905) or James Allan at [614-403-7831](tel:6144037831).

OPEN YOUR HEART AND HOME - to Sara a Catholic exchange student from Spain, for the coming 2017-2018 school year.

A volunteer host family (with or without children) as well as single parents are needed to provide food, a bed and a loving home for the coming school year to Sara from Spain. Sara is 15 and she was looking forward to spend the school year in Fort Walton Beach but her host family (military) will be transferred to England mid-September and a new host family is needed to take over. EMF students have medical insurance, spending money for their personal expenses and expect to share their host family's daily life including household responsibilities. They speak English, are well-screened and eager to experience life in America. Their stay here is sponsored and supervised by EMF (Educational Merit Foundation), a non-profit, educational exchange organization. For more information on EMF students, please call Marie-Claude Dijoud now at 1-800-467-8363 or visit our web site at www.emfusa.org