

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of August 6, 2017

Sunday, August 6

9:00 am – Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

11:00 am – Harold Taylor (Sue Cruickshank)

We welcome Msgr. George Schlegel as our Presider today.

NO DAILY MASS IN AUGUST

Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries

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

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

August 6 – 9 am – Lorri Kuczynski, Joyce Schneider

11 am – Gretchen Rivera, Marilyn Smith

August 13 – 9 am – Vince Maite, Emily Matheny

11 am – Theri Brady, Sandy Glasner

Servers

August 6 – 9 am – Frank Schneider, 11 am – OPEN

August 13 – 9 am – Charlotte and Elizabeth Maite

11 am – OPEN

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

August 6 – 9 am – Susan Kyanko 11 am – Julie Byrne

August 13 – 9 am – Skip Camerucci 11 am – OPEN

Lectors

August 6 – 9 am – Emily Matheny, Will Brenner

11 am – Emily Wu, Jarret Chirafisi

August 13 – 9 am – Louisa Celebrezze, Lori Maite

11 am – Pat Visel, Gary Snyder

Eucharistic Ministers

August 6 – 9 am – J. Capestany, Mario Casselli, Kathy Porter

11 am – ME O'Shaughnessy, Sue Cruickshank, Joanna Nunn

August 13 – 9 am – Mario Casselli, Steve Hillyer, Chris Paisley

11 am – Mary Ann Kerscher, Marilyn Smith, Sue Cruickshank

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.

Mission Appeal

On August 13, 2017, Reverend Lazarus Langbiir, CSSp, will visit our parish to speak at the Masses about the missionary work of the Church and in particular that of the Spiritans (Congregations of the Holy Spirit, previously known as the Holy Ghost Fathers). To learn more about the Spiritans, please visit their website at <http://spiritans.org>

This visit is part of a national program in which annually a representative of one of the missionary groups visits parishes of the Diocese to invite the parish to share in the mission work of the universal Church. The Spiritans are an international community engaged in a wide range of missionary activity in over 60 countries throughout the world. *Fr. Lazarus himself is from Ghana. He ministers in the Diocese of Pittsburgh while completing doctoral studies at Duquesne University.*

When Jesus said: "You shall witness to me in Jerusalem and in Samaria and to the ends of the earth", He made the spread of the Gospel an essential part of our Catholic Life.

We urge you to respond generously to Father Langbiir's appeal.

Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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

Sunday, August 6

► Hospitality Sunday

Monday, August 7

► 6:00 pm – Flytown Men

Wednesday, August 8

► 7:00 pm - RCIA

Thursday, August 9

► Parish Hall Closed for Floor Maintenance

► 10:00 am - Bible Study at Westminster Thurber

Parish News and Information

No Daily Mass – During the month of August. There will be no daily Mass with the exception of Tuesday, August 15 at 7:00 pm for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Volunteers Needed – During the month of August, the first floor of the Rectory will be deep cleaned and painted. If you would like to volunteer some time to help, please contact Frank Conway or Joyce Schneider.



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 soon.

Parish Survey Results Available - A huge thank you to all who completed the St. Francis parish survey in early June. We value your feedback! We have compiled the results. The following areas are among the major improvements you suggested: communication about ministries, the website navigation, and the hymns/music selection. Among our strengths: our welcoming parish and responsive administrative staff. You'll find a copy of both the full survey results and a summary of the results available for review during the August Hospitality Sunday. These copies will be available for review after that in the parish hall, and will remain there. You may also contact the parish office at office@sfacolumbus.org.

School Supplies – It's that time of year again! We are collecting school supplies to take to the St. Francis Center in McArthur, Ohio. McArthur is located in Vinton County, which is one of the poorest counties in the state of Ohio. Let's bless these kids with the supplies they need to get the school year started off right. Supplies will be collected until August 20 and delivered on Monday, August 21. If you have any questions, please contact Frank Schneider at 614-565-9131.



Ice Cream Social August 13, 2017, after each Mass

Come and build your own yummy sundae!

Volunteers needed, please contact

Patti Maietta pamaietta@gmail.com or

Lisa Lopez Snyder LisaLopezSnyder@gmail.com



News from Haiti – Father Fritzner has made it to Haiti, safe and sound. Please keep him in your prayers throughout the month.

Gospel Reflection ~ August 6, 2017

We heard this Gospel reading on the Second Sunday of Lent, but today we hear it in a different context – Ordinary Times, when the Scriptures have been chosen to help us understand the demands of discipleship. Just as the passage from Daniel and 2 Peter were written to strengthen the faith of their audiences, so the experience of Peter, James and John on the mountain can revitalize our faith as disciples.

Previous to today's Gospel reading, Jesus had presented major points of his teaching on a mountain, a setting that recalls God's gift of the Torah to Moses on Mt. Sinai. Matthew thus portrays Jesus as true interpreter of the Law of Moses. In today's account of Jesus' Transfiguration, Matthew depicts Jesus as the one who fulfills the Law and the prophets, symbolized by the figures of Moses, the Lawgiver, and Elijah, prominent among the great prophets of Israel. These figures appear with Jesus, but fade into the background after the revelation of divine presence in Jesus.

The "bright cloud" reminds us of the guiding presence of God as a pillar of cloud in Israel's desert journey. The voice from the cloud describes Jesus as "beloved Son," recalling the divine voice heard at Jesus' baptism. On the mountain, God's voice adds the command to "listen to him." In the Old Testament, to hear and obey God's Word was the identifying mark of a genuine response to God. In the Transfiguration story, God calls all disciples to listen to his Son's teaching, in the words he speaks and in the self-giving death he will embrace.

Source: Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word.

Ministry Highlight

RCIA Hospitality - *"Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels."* (Hebrews 13:1-2)

You don't need to wait until Commitment Sunday in October! You can do this one time, once a month, or as often as you choose!

The entire parish offers hospitality with their warm welcome and prayers. The RCIA team offers a welcoming environment in which the initiation process unfolds. RCIA hospitality volunteers accept the responsibility to contribute food or beverages for the weekly sessions. They set out the food and beverages, are responsible for making sure that any remaining food is distributed at the end of the session, and assure that the Church hall is cleaned up and readied for the next group to use it. Throughout the RCIA process, special parish receptions are held to mark the celebration of Rites and movement in the process. Hospitality volunteers assist in the preparations for these events, as well. Parishioners are invited to take on this role as an individual or as a team. All help is appreciated! CONTACT KATHY DANCEY kdancey@columbus.rr.com

Next Sunday's Readings

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:22-33



Around the Diocese

The annual Catholic Laymens' Fall silent retreat is at St. Therese's Retreat Center, 6:00 pm Friday, September 8 through noon Mass, Sunday, September 10. In reflection sessions, 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 or email kielkopf.1@osu.edu or Eric Lutz at 614-949-5905 or James Allan at 614-403-7831.

Faith and Family Night at Crew Stadium! Catch great soccer action at the Catholic Family Night with the Columbus Crew SC on Saturday, August 26, 2017, kick off at 7:30 p.m. Seats are available for \$18. All tickets are subject to a \$3 processing fee, are limited, and subject to availability. Deadline to order tickets is Thursday, Aug. 17! For ticket information, contact Wynston McMartin at wmmartin@columbuscrewsc.com; for other questions, visit the Recreation Association website at www.cdeducation.org/diocesanrecreation or contact Marty Raines at 614-241-2580.

Our Lady of Victory Parish Festival (1559 Roxbury Rd.) Friday and Saturday, August 11 and 12 (6-11 pm) Join us for delicious homemade Italian food; OLV's Famous Fish Fry dinner (Friday) and a Delicious Pasta Dinner (Saturday). Live entertainment both nights; Fun games for kids, teens and adults and The Best Silent Auction in town. Parish Raffle: Win a 7 day Royal Caribbean Harmony of the Seas Cruise (\$10 tickets)

For contact information: Barbara Hegler (614)-783-0785; bhegler50@yahoo.com

SAINT CECILIA PARISH FESTIVAL - St. Cecilia 2017 Parish Festival will be Friday, August 11th, 5:00 p.m. to midnight and Saturday, August 12th, 4:00 p.m. to midnight. \$3,000 Raffle; air-conditioned Silent Auction. Lots of Food including fish fry, homemade desserts, funnel cakes, lemon shake-ups, and corn roast. Free admission, entertainment, and parking. No alcohol or pets brought on the premises, please! More information at www.saintceciliafestival.com.

Blessing of the Bicycles
Sunday, September 10, 2017
1:30 p.m.

Summit on 16th United Methodist Church
82 E. 16th Ave.
614-291-3324
sumc@summitumc.org

We invite you to join us for an interfaith "Blessing of the Bicycles" ceremony; a celebration of our diverse cycling community and of our various experiences with bicycles.

This will be a time to reflect on the reasons folks in our community choose to bike and to talk about our view of the world from the seat of a bicycle. Remembering how biking has affected our lives and transformed our lifestyles, we will bless and encourage one another. Prayers and good thoughts will be offered for peace and safety in our streets and for respect among diverse modes of transportation.

And, through this time of blessing, we will declare that, regardless of motive, our decision to bike *matters*. It matters to the earth. It matters to our city. It matters to our bodies. It is a sacred decision.