

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of October 1, 2017

Sunday, October 1

9:00 am – Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
11:00 am – Jule & Harold Taylor (Sue Cruickshank)

Monday, October 2

No Mass

Tuesday, October 3

7:00 pm – Transitus

Wednesday, October 4

6:00 pm – For the Success of the Capital Campaign

Thursday, October 5

6:00 pm – Keenan/Dodd Family (Diane Keenan)

Friday, October 6

6:00 pm – Mary E. Garrity (Tom & Veronica Garrity)

Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries

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

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

October 1 – 9 am – Frank Schneider, Lorri Kuczynski
11 am – Sandy Glasner, Andy Randel

October 8 – 10 am – Andy Randel, Gretchen Rivera

Servers

October 1 – 9 am – Frank Conway, 11 am – Gaetan O'Brien
September 24 – 10 am – Gaetan O'Brien

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

October 1 – 9 am – Bob Geoghegan, 11 am – Dan O'Brien
October 8 – 10 am – Julie Byrne

Lectors

October 1 – 9 am – Jarret Chirafisi, Louisa Celebrezze
11 am – Emily Wu, Julie Byrne
October 8 – 10 am – Gary Snyder, Maryellen O'Shaughnessy

Eucharistic Ministers

October 1 – 9 am – Steve Hillyer, K Kridermann, Kathy Porter
11 am – Sue Cruickshank, Joanna Nunn, ME O'Shaughnessy
October 8 – 10 am – J Capestany, R Morkassel, Mark Coleman

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

Parishioner Highlight

We would like to start highlighting parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi who give us their time, talent and treasures.

This week, we highlight Frank Schneider. Frank has been a member of St. Francis for about 18 years, and gives so generously to the Parish. Not only has he taken on the Pasta Dinner, he also serves as Eucharistic Minister, Server, Crucifer, Eucharistic Minister to the sick, Church Cleaner, our Liaison to The St. Francis Center in McArthur, and so much more. This past week, Frank single-handedly repainted the stripes on the parking lot. He took care of the expense of the supplies and materials needed to make the job happen. Thank you, Frank, for your dedication to St. Francis.

Ministry Highlight

The Social Justice Group – This group serves as an umbrella ministry for St. Francis' social justice efforts – St. Vincent de Paul, B.R.E.A.D., and Creation Care. The purpose of the group is to promote information sharing and cross participation in our parish's social justice work thereby strengthening each group's effort. We meet quarterly and parish members who are a part of any of the individual social justice efforts or who are generally interested in promoting Catholic social teaching are invited to take part in these meetings. CONTACT KAREN SCHEID klscheid@gmail.com

Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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

Sunday, October 1

- ▶ Baptism of Beau Smith and Nathan Snaveley
- ▶ Hospitality Sunday

Monday, October 2

- ▶ 6:00 pm – Flytown Men
- ▶ 7:00 pm – Capital Campaign Overview Meeting

Tuesday, October 3

- ▶ 7:00 pm – Transitus with Reception
- ▶ 7:00 pm – Pastoral Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 4

- ▶ 7:00 pm - RCIA

Thursday, October 5

- ▶ 10:00 am - Bible Study at Westminster Thurber

Saturday, October 7

- ▶ 8:30 am – Men's Coffee and Prayer Group
- ▶ 9:00 am – Garden and Grounds clean up
- ▶ 10:00 am – Pet Blessing

Parish News and Information

Pet Blessing – The annual Pet Blessing will be on Saturday, October 7 at 10:00 am. Please join us for a time of prayer and blessings. The Humane Society of The United States will be here to share information about their groundbreaking ballot initiative to crack down on puppy mills, and how we can get involved. We would ask that you please bring a pet food donation that will go to NNEMAP. We hope to have a great turnout this year. Any questions, please contact the parish office.



Please join us at the annual **Parish Potluck Picnic**. This year's event will again be held in the **church hall** (instead of at Goodale Park) on **Sunday, October 8**. We will kick off the feast immediately following the single 10:00 am Mass. Chicken and beverages will be provided. If able, please bring a dish to share, but most importantly, just bring yourselves.



Those able to help with preparations, donations or clean up please contact Megan

Murphy mjmurphy1155@gmail.com 614-832-6652 Much appreciation in advance to all who are willing to lend a hand!

Atrium Sessions – October 8, 15, 22 & November 5, 12, 19, 26
On October 8th, the Atrium session will be during the 10 AM Mass.

OCTOBER 29TH IS COMMITMENT SUNDAY!

We no longer need volunteers! Instead, this will be our opportunity to become a Disciple of our Lord or expand the Discipleship we are already engaged in. So how is that done? By signing up for an activity offered by the Parish to unify and strengthen us as members of the St. Francis COMMUNITY. It may be a 1-2 hour commitment once a year or several hours, several times a year. Can you hear God calling on you for your "Time and Talent"? It's not the perfection of the gift that matters to God; it's the desire to give the gift that pleases God.

Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 5:1-7
Philippians 4:6-9
Matthew 21:33-43



Gospel Reflection ~ October 1, 2017

Today's Gospel parable is directed to the chief priests and elders, among the most powerful of Jesus' opponents. At this point in Matthew's Gospel, their enmity against Jesus has escalated; they are indignant when he enters Jerusalem to the cries of "Hosanna!" and challenge Jesus' authority. Just before today's account, Jesus had asked them whether the baptism of John was from heaven or from humankind. Arguing among themselves about the effects of either answer, they admit that they do not know. Following this episode, Jesus tells them to parable, which prods them to answer another question.

The story features a father and two sons, a familiar motif both in narratives of the ancestors and in Jesus' own parables: Cain and Abel; Jacob and Esau; the prodigal son and his jealous brother. In all of these tales, the brothers represent contrasting words and actions. In this parable, the first son sounds disobedient, but in fact does as his father asks. The second reverses the scenario, sounding obedient, but not following through. Although Jesus' audience of priests and elders did not answer his question about John the Baptist, they seem to be caught off guard when they answer that the first son did the father's will. By their answer, the unwittingly show their own prejudice. They considered tax collectors and prostitutes to be outsiders, but Jesus sees the outsiders entering the Kingdom of God even before those who looked down on them. Unlike the seemingly righteous priests and elders, the so-called sinners believed and repented; they are the truly righteous ones.

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

Pastoral Council Highlights

1. The committee discussed a possible Parish theme for 2018 as RENEWAL.
2. We talked about ways the church can stay connected with younger people and ensure that the incredible investments of time and money by so many loving parishioners will be appreciated for future generations for many years to come.
3. The committee discussed upcoming fall events and faith formation opportunities in the parish.

Important Announcement

This Monday, October 2 we will be having an overview meeting to discuss the next steps of the Capital Campaign. This meeting will be for anyone who wishes to help with the campaign. We need those who are willing to take on major roles, as well as smaller roles. We could use one time help as well as help throughout the entire campaign. Please join us tomorrow evening at 7:00 pm, in the Rectory. This will be the same information that was shared at last Monday's meeting. Any questions, please contact either Frank Conway or the Parish Office.

Liturgy Committee

The Liturgy Committee thanks you for your suggestions in the recent parish survey. We have attempted to address the concerns expressed about our parish music ministry. Some changes have already been made and we hope to continue to adapt to meet requests. We appreciate your suggestions and ask that you let us know how we can help make your Sunday experience a joy.

Baptism

Today, we welcome the families and friends of Beau Smith and Nathan Snavley, who are baptized today. Let us pray for and support these families as they raise Beau and Nathan in the Catholic Faith.

Financial Report

The Finance Council met on Sept. 14 and reviewed the church year-end financial statements. Again this year the parish ended the year with a positive cash flow. The parish remains financially sound with no outstanding bills.

The council also reviewed and approved a new quarterly financial report to be provided to the parish which provides more detail on income and expenses. A change in reporting was noted in the recent parish survey.

Maintenance projects: Parish Hall windows are being installed once this is completed repairs to the church cornice and fascia will start. Additional handrails are to be installed on the outside and inside steps to the church and to the rectory basement. Masonry work will also be done to the rectory to address a moisture problem that was discovered while working on the rectory in August.

New Business: Members of the Finance Council will host the October 1 Hospitality Sunday. Council also worked on providing the Leadership Team with information to be incorporated into the revised Parish Strategic Plan.

Year End Financial Report to the Parish

Below is the Parish Financial report for church fiscal year end (July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017). Future financial reports will be provided quarterly and will reflect quarterly information as well as running total (fiscal year to date). Should you have any questions please contact the parish office

Category	Church Fiscal Year	July-June Budget
Income:		
Offeritory	\$225,478.34	236,622.00
Weddings	\$39,160.00	21,360.00
Gifts, Bequests, etc.	\$20,340.94	6,000.00
Other Parish Income(1)	\$22,001.14	25,552.90
Total Income	\$306,980.42	290,759.90
Expenses:		
Salaries & Employee Benefits	\$154,596.55	152,908.87
Office, Rectory & Church Supplies	\$27,010.87	20,690.58
Utilities	\$19,350.03	20,119.64
Maintenance Supply & Repair	\$68,941.67	55,148.30
Parochial School & Religious Education	\$18,273.80	10,120.00
Total Expenses	\$288,172.92	260,126.49
Net Income or (Loss)	\$18,807.50	30,633.41

(1) This includes proceeds from hospitality events, Pasta Dinner, facility usage fees, Interest & Dividends, Candle money.