

## Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of August 13, 2017

### Sunday, August 13

9:00 am – Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi  
11:00 am – Thomas Garrity Sr. (Tom & Veronica Garrity)

We welcome Farther Lazarus Langbiir as our Presider today.

### Tuesday, August 15

7:00 pm – Mass of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**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 13** —9 am— Vince Maite, OPEN

11 am – Theri Brady, Sandy Glasner

**August 15** – 7 pm – Ted Klupinski, John Nunn

**August 20** – 9 am – Skip Camerucci, Emily Matheny

11 am – Megan Murphy, Maryellen O'Shaughnessy

### Servers

**August 13** —9 am—Charlotte and Elizabeth Maite

11 am – OPEN

**August 15** – 7 pm – Gaetan O'Brien

**August 20** – 9 am – Chris Paisley, 11 am – Margaret O'Brien

### Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

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

**August 15** – 7 pm – Bob Geoghegan

**August 20** – 9 am – Kathy Porter 11 am – Dan O'Brien

### Lectors

**August 13** —9 am— Louisa Celebrezze, Lori Maite

11 am –Pat Visel, Gary Snyder

**August 15** – 7 pm – Julie Byrne, Emily Wu

**August 20** – 9 am –Will Brenner, Sr. Sharen Baldy

11 am –Jarret Chirafisi, Jon Murphy

### Eucharistic Ministers

**August 13** - 9 am—Mario Casselli, Steve Hillyer, Chris Paisley

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

**August 15** – 7 pm – Frank Conway, Pat Visel Sue Cruickshank

**August 20** – 9 am –MA Kerscher, Renee Morkassel, F. Conway

11 am – Louisa Celebrezze, Joanna Nunn, Marilyn Smith

**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, August 13

▶ Ice Cream Social

### Monday, August 14

▶ 10:00 am – Mom's Group

▶ 1:30 pm – St. Francis Seniors

▶ 7:00 pm – Leadership Meeting

### Tuesday, August 15

▶ 7:00 pm – Assumption Mass

### Wednesday, August 16

▶ 7:00 pm - RCIA

### Thursday, August 17

▶ 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.

**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 when Father returns from Haiti.

**School Supplies** – It's that 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.



**Vegetable Garden** – Our garden tenders would like you to help yourself to our vegetable garden. If you see a ripe tomato or pepper and you would like to pick it, feel free. The garden is available for all to enjoy!



## Ministry Highlight

**Men's Prayer Group** – Parish men of all ages are welcome and invited to join us on the first Saturday of the month 8:30am – 10am in the Parish Hall. The first half hour we talk about the type of things any group of men might talk about. Some men arrive at 8:30 and some wander in closer to 9:00. Coffee is provided. The last hour begins with a prayer, followed by someone reading the Gospel for the next day. We sit around a table and discuss what the Gospel meant to each of us. Everyone is welcome, but no one is required to participate. CONTACT DAN KERSCHER [napaker@wowway.com](mailto:napaker@wowway.com)

## Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7  
Romans 11:13-15, 29-32  
Matthew 15:21-28



## Gospel Reflection ~ August 13, 2017

As Matthew often does, in today's Gospel he combines a portrait of Jesus with a portrait of his disciples. In this episode, Jesus again does away by himself while he sends his disciples into a boat. This is the second disciples-in-a-boat scene in Matthew's Gospel, and each has been interpreted both realistically and figuratively. A long tradition sees the boat as a symbol of the Church; "being tossed about," literally "being tortured," gives a vivid picture of what the Church experiences. In such tossing, Jesus seems to be absent until his disciples see him walking on the water, an action only God can do (Isaiah 43:16). The disciples are understandably terrified, but Jesus commands them to stop being afraid. He then says simple, "It is I," the same way that God has identified himself to Moses at the burning bush (Exodus 3:13-15). Jesus' portrait is majestic, mysterious, and redolent of the God known to the Jewish people.

Peter represents both a Church leader and a typical disciple. That he urges Jesus to command him to come to him on the water, and addresses him as "Lord" both indicate a certain amount of faith. Yet when Peter becomes more focused on the wind than on Jesus, he falters. Though Peter does have some faith, Jesus recognizes its littleness, addressing Peter as if his name were "Man of Little Faith." Peter's only hope is to call out to Jesus to save him. His plea is the plea of the whole Church, asking that the Lord protect her against the torturing storms of life. When Jesus, along with Peter, gets into the boat, everyone there worships him and acknowledges him as Son of God, present in the Church as her Savior.

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

## Mission Appeal

Today, Reverend Lazarus Langbiir, CSSp, visits 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.

## Westminster Thurber

**OWLS** – Are you a lifelong learner? O.W.L.S. stands for:



**O**lder. **W**iser. **L**ifelong. **S**cholars.

The OWLS School begins this October! Registration started August 1. Learn more at [www.ohioliving.org/OWLS](http://www.ohioliving.org/OWLS) or call Michelle Botti at 614-228-8888 for details. The OWLS school has been providing intellectually enriching education

opportunities for 22 years.

## Around the Town

**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 [wmcmartin@columbuscrewsc.com](mailto:wmcmartin@columbuscrewsc.com); for other questions, visit the Recreation Association website at [www.cdeducation.org/diocesanrecreation](http://www.cdeducation.org/diocesanrecreation) or contact Marty Raines at [614-241-2580](tel:614-241-2580).

**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](mailto: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.

**THE BLUE MASS** - Monday, September 11, 5 p.m.  
St. Timothy Church, 1088 Thomas Lane, Columbus

St. Timothy Parish and St. Timothy Knights of Columbus Council 14345 will host the Blue Mass on Monday, September 11, 2017, at 5 p.m. The Blue Mass is an opportunity to honor and pray for all active, retired and deceased first responders -- police, firefighters, and emergency medical services personnel. It is also in memory of the 2,973 people who lost their lives in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Celebrant and homilist will be the Most Reverend Frederick F. Campbell, Bishop of Columbus. All active and retired first responders in the greater Columbus area and their families are invited to attend; let us all join together to honor their service, ask for God's blessings upon them, keep them safe, and guide them in their duties.

**PLEASE SAVE THE DATE:**  
**The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebrating Catholic School Virtues Gala**  
**One Diocese. One School.**  
**Sponsor or attend this great event!**  
**Thursday, November 9**  
**Walters Student Commons. St. Charles Preparatory School**  
**Cocktails 6 p.m., Dinner 7 p.m.**

The gala is the opportunity for us to provide tuition assistance for all children attending Catholic schools across the Diocese. All of the funds raised at the Gala go directly to this cause; helping to ensure that any parent who desires a Catholic school education for their child can have one. For information, please email or call Kathy Wilson; [614-221-5829 ext. 1326](tel:614-221-5829).  
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