

## Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of August 20, 2017

### Sunday, August 20

9:00 am – Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi  
11:00 am – Keenan/Dodd Family (Diane Keenan)  
Joan Randolph (Jack Randolph)

We welcome Msgr. Bill Dunn 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 20** – 9 am – Skip Camerucci, Emily Matheny  
11 am – Megan Murphy, Maryellen O'Shaughnessy  
**August 27** – 9 am - Jeanna Diederich, Rick Miller  
11am – Sandra Glasner, Gretchen Rivera

### Servers

**August 20** – 9 am – Chris Paisley, 11 am – Margaret O'Brien  
**August 27** – 9 am – Frank Conway, 11 am – Gaetan O'Brien

### Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

**August 20** – 9 am – Kathy Porter, 11 am – Dan O'Brien  
**August 27** – 9 am – Susan Kyanko, 11 am – Dan O'Brien

### Lectors

**August 20** – 9 am – Will Brenner, Sr. Sharen Baldy  
11 am – Jarret Chirafisi, Jon Murphy  
**August 27** – 9 am – Cecilia McAdams, Renee Morkassel  
11 am – Maryellen O'Shaughnessy, Julie Byrne

### Eucharistic Ministers

**August 20** – 9 am – MA Kerscher, Renee Morkassel, F. Conway  
11 am – Louisa Celebrezze, Joanna Nunn, Marilyn Smith  
**August 27** – 9 am – Louisa Celebrezze, Emily Matheny, Steve Hilyer  
11 am – Mark Coleman, Lori Toczorczic, Pat Visel

**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 20

- ▶ 10:00 am – SVDP Sandwiches
- ▶ 12:30 pm – Baptism Workshop

### Monday, August 21

- ▶ 5:00 pm – Restored Citizens/SVDP

### Tuesday, August 22

- ▶ 12:00 pm – Fly Town Women

### Wednesday, August 23

- ▶ 7:00 pm - RCIA

### Thursday, August 24

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

## Parish News and Information

### No Daily Mass – During the month of August.

**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

**You don't need to wait for Commitment Sunday on October 29<sup>th</sup>. You can join NOW.**

**Ministry to the Sick and Homebound** – We minister to the sick, shut-in, and bereaved utilizing cards, calls and visits to assure parishioners who are ill or have suffered loss that the parish family holds them in thought and prayer. We bring communion when requested also connect them with helpful resources and ensure that sacramental needs are met. CONTACT: LOUISA CELEBREZZE [louisgc@yahoo.com](mailto:louisgc@yahoo.com)

## Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 22:19-23  
Romans 11:33-36  
Matthew 16:13-20



## *Gospel Reflection ~ August 20, 2017*

After arguing with the Pharisees on what makes a person clean or unclean, Jesus withdraws into the pagan territory of Tyre and Sidon, an area considered unclean by Jesus' opponents. It is not surprising that Jesus would encounter Gentiles in that region; it is surprising, however, that a Canaanite woman there would approach Jesus so directly to heal her daughter, and even more that she would address him with a title rich in meaning for Jews: Lord, Son of David. Jesus' disciples urge him to send the woman away because she has behaved improperly in approaching Jesus, and because as a Canaanite, she belongs to an ancient enemy of the Jews. Jesus even tells her that food for the children ought not be thrown to the dogs, using a derogative term, "dog," that was often applied to Gentiles by Jews of the time. Perhaps because Jesus has already crossed a boundary by entering into pagan territory, the woman boldly asks Him to cross another one. She appears neither insulted nor deterred in pushing for the cure of her daughter, and in fact uses a humorous play on Jesus' reference to dogs. Surely, she insists, the pet dogs under the table can have some scraps that fall from the master's table. Both her words and her actions show a greatness of faith that stands in sharp contrast with the littleness of faith that Jesus' own disciples have shown. (See Matthew 8:26; 14-31). What started out as a rejection culminates in the healing of her daughter. Jesus' insistence that He came for the lost sheep of Israel does not mean that Gentiles who come in faith will be excluded. Jesus' love and compassion has no boundaries.

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

## *The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)*

*"When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi (which translated means Teacher), where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day." (Jn 1:38-39)*

If you are a non-baptized person, or a baptized person of another Christian denomination, with a desire to learn about Catholic beliefs and practices, we invite you to participate in the RCIA process. The members of the St. Francis of Assisi RCIA team are committed to creating a welcoming environment in which you will feel comfortable asking questions and sharing your faith journey. RCIA inquiry sessions will begin on Wednesday evening, September 13, from 7:00 to 8:30pm in the Church Hall. Please contact Kathy Dancey to learn more about the process by calling [614-421-7652](tel:614-421-7652) or emailing her at [kdancey@columbus.rr.com](mailto:kdancey@columbus.rr.com). **Come and see!**

## *Breakfast with the Bishop*

**Catholic Social Services' annual Breakfast with the Bishop** benefits our programs, which help poor and vulnerable seniors and families stay independent, safe, and thrive. We invite you to join us for a morning of fellowship and learning. **Friday September 8, 2017 7:30 am – 9:00 am** Renaissance Columbus Downtown Patron Sponsorship (\$100) Individual Ticket (\$50) CONTACT Julie Naporano 614-857-1236

## *Around the Town*

### **Mount Carmel Hospice invites you to Hospice Volunteering 101**

If you are interested in becoming a Hospice Volunteer whether at the bedside or behind the scenes, join us for a special panel discussion. A group of Mt. Carmel Hospice Volunteers will discuss their roles and contributions and answer your questions. The session will help you find the best way to serve your community at the end-of-life. Please join us on September 12 from 2pm to 3pm or on September 19 from 6pm to 7pm at the Mt. Carmel Hospice and Palliative Care Center. **Register** by calling 614-234-LIFE (5433) The Fall Training Class is forming NOW.

**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.

**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

**PLEASE SAVE THE DATE: Thursday, November 9**  
**The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebrating Catholic School Virtues Gala**  
**One Diocese. One School.**  
**Sponsor or attend this great event!**  
**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). [kwilson@columbuscatholic.org](mailto:kwilson@columbuscatholic.org).

### **Lecture Series**

Pontifical College Josephinum invites you to join us for the first lecture in the 2017-2018 Lecture Series, "Building Spiritual Bridges To The Community" on Wednesday, September 6, 2017, 7:00 pm at the Jessing Center. His Eminence, Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, currently serving as President of the USCCB, will present "The Gospel of Joy is the Gospel of Life: The Human Person."