

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of September 10, 2017

Sunday, September 10

9:00 am – For Our Parishioners who are Ill

11:00 am – Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

Monday, September 11

No Mass

Tuesday, September 12

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

Wednesday, September 13

6:00 pm – Souls in Purgatory (Jodelle Lorenz)

Thursday, September 14

6:00 pm – For the Community of Westminster Thurber

Friday, September 15

6:00 pm – For the Community of Victorian Village

Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries

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

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

September 10 – 9 am – Skip Camerucci, Lorri Kuczynski

11 am – Megan Murphy, Andy Randel

September 17 – 9 am – Lorri Kuczynski, Jeanna Diederich

11 am – John Nunn, Marilyn Smith

Servers

September 10 – 9 am – Linda Wolfe, 11 am – Gaetan O'Brien

September 17 – 9 am – Steve Hillyer, 11 am – Nolan Rothrock

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

September 10 – 9 am – Frank Schneider, 11 am – Dan O'Brien

September 17 – 9 am – Skip Camerucci, 11 am – Julie Byrne

Lectors

September 10 – 9 am – Will Brenner, Sr. Sharen Baldy

11 am – Jon Murphy, Jarett Chirafisi

September 17 – 9 am – Katherine Kriedermann, Emily Matheny

11 am – Gary Snyder, Emily Wu

Eucharistic Ministers

September 10 – 9 am – S. Hillyer, OPEN, Mario Casselli

11 am – Mark Colman, Sandy Glasner, Lori Tocarzic

September 17 – 9 am – Rick Miller, Linda Wolfe, J. Capestany

11 am – Joanna Nunn, Lori Tocarzic, Sandy Glasner

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



Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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

Sunday, September 10

▶ 2:00 pm – St. Francis Seniors

Monday, September 11

▶ 6:00 pm – Flytown Men

Tuesday, September 12

▶ 6:30 pm – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, September 13

▶ 7:00 pm - RCIA

Thursday, September 14

▶ 10:00 am - Bible Study at Westminster Thurber

Parish News and Information

The Friends of the Poor Walk is on Saturday, September 16, 2017, at Topiary Park. Members of the St. Vincent de Paul St. Francis Conference will be walking to raise funds for our conference. 100% of all proceeds collected by our conference will go to serving the needy in our district. We have had an increase in requests over this past year. Please consider making a contribution to the Walk. You can make a donation on line by logging in at www.fopwalk.org and typing in the name of a SVDP member under the heading WALKER. You can donate by putting a check in the collection basket made out to St. Vincent de Paul, or give a contribution personally to one of our SVDP members. Butch will gladly accept donations from 9 a.m. mass attendees. Contact Lorri Kuczynski with any questions, lorrik09@gmail.com. Thanks for your help!

Atrium - It's back-to-Atrium time for young children at St. Francis! Our parish religious formation program for children ages 3-6 (preschool through 1st grade) begins in September. *Introductory sessions for new children will be September 10 & 17 during the 11 AM Mass.* Regular sessions for all children start on Sunday, September 24 at 11 AM. In the Montessori-based Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program, we gather in the Atrium (located in church hall) to sing, pray, and hear the words of Jesus, who calls each of us by name. Registration forms and schedules will be available soon. For questions, please send e-mail to Therese Terndrup at terndru@kent.edu (best contact method) or leave message with parish office at [614-299-5781](tel:614-299-5781).

Adult helpers are needed to join children each Sunday. Please visit the Atrium on a Sunday morning to find out more about this joyful work, or send an email to Therese Terndrup at terndru@kent.edu.

"We cannot attain the presence of God because we are already totally in the presence of God. What is absent is awareness." Richard Rohr

Come and let us raise our awareness together!

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](tel:614-832-6652) Much appreciation in advance to all who are willing to lend a hand!



Vegetable Garden – If you see a ripe tomato or pepper and you would like to pick it, feel free.

Gospel Reflection ~ September 10, 2017

In today's Gospel, taken from Jesus' discourse on the Church, he explains to his disciples a means of reconciling when one member of the community has sinned against another. Throughout his life, Jesus taught the importance of forgiveness, offering it even to those who had crucified him. Important as universal forgiveness is, Jesus' instruction here explains a process of reconciliation within the church, bringing a sinful member back into communion.

The three-step process that Jesus describes has roots in Judaism. In the Torah (Leviticus 19:17-18), reproving a fellow Israelite is a sign of love and keeps resentment from growing between them. If such correction is unsuccessful, bringing in one or two witnesses is the next step, keeping the division as private as possible. This shows respect for the erring brother or sister, and keeps the disagreement from spreading throughout the community. Only if these efforts fail is the whole group brought in. Jesus has earlier conferred the power to bind and loose on Peter (Matthew 16:19); now he extends that power to the wider Church. The Church will treat recalcitrant members as outsiders, such as Gentiles and tax collectors. Remember: even Gentiles and tax collectors are welcomed into the community if they believe in Jesus and show the fruits of repentance in their lives. So too will anyone who finally repents be welcomed home.

Throughout the process of healing divisions, Jesus remains present in the community. Even with as few as two or three witness, he is present in their efforts at reconciliation.

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. **Come and see!**

Ministry Highlight

Bible Study at Westminster Thurber – This is a parish ministry held at Westminster Thurber for the convenience of those residents. All parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend Thursdays at 10:00am. The group reads and discusses the Mass readings for the coming Sunday. The leader sets the readings in historical perspective and relates them to the rest of Scripture and to Catholic teaching. Discussion centers on the participants' experience and faith response to the readings. CONTACT JAY JACKSON johnjayjackson@yahoo.com

Prayer Needed

Please keep Lori Maite and her family in your prayers. Please also remember Joyce Schneider and her family in your prayers. Sometimes the "SFA Grapevine" is incomplete so notify the office if we have missed prayer requests for others in our FAMILY. We hold you ALL in our hearts.

Around the Town

Bourbon and Barbecue - A Garden Party supporting NNEMAP Food Pantry @ 1449 Arlington Ave. Valet Parking will be available. Tickets are \$75 each or be a Table Sponsor at \$500 for 4 tickets

Please join us on Saturday, September 16th from 6-9 for this fundraising event for NNEMAP. Join us for food from City Barbecue, a bourbon tasting, a signature bourbon cocktail from Watershed Distilleries, beer from Seventh Son Brewery, and wine from the Twisted Vine. Music will be provided. We will have a wine and art silent auction!

Bi-Monthly Healing Mass on September 18 at Saint Joseph Cathedral: A Mass of Healing and Healing Service will be celebrated on Monday, September 18, 6:30 p.m. at Saint Joseph Cathedral, 212 East Broad Street, Columbus. Following the Mass, a Service of Healing will begin with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Veneration of relic of the True Cross of Christ, followed by an opportunity for each person to speak individually with a priest and receive prayers of healing for what they seek; the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will also be available. The Service of Healing will conclude with Benediction. All persons who seek Christ's healing are invited – especially those who suffer with physical illness and infirmities (e.g. cancer and other debilitating diseases and conditions), in addition to those who seek emotional and spiritual healing. All caregivers, family members, and members of the medical community are invited as well. Parking is available at the rear of the Cathedral accessible off East Gay Street; handicap accessible elevator is located in the courtyard (west side of the Cathedral) on East Broad Street. If you have any questions about this special Mass please call the Cathedral: (614) 224-1295.

Landings: Welcoming Inactive Catholics! Do you know someone who might benefit from this program? Landings, a ministry of the Paulist Fathers and St. Thomas More Newman Center's Reconciliation Team, is an eight week program geared toward welcoming returning and inactive Catholics. In this program a group of active Catholics, some of whom are "returnees" themselves, join with participants to share and explore their faith together. Landings offers a safe place to be listened to, a place for understanding and healing, and a place to ask questions. A new session of Landings will begin **Tuesday, Sept. 26 at 7 p.m.** at the Newman Center, 64 W. Lane Ave., Columbus. For more information please refer anyone who may be interested to Alexandra Greene at [614-602-7756](tel:614-602-7756) or landings@buckeyecatholic.com.

Next Sunday's Readings

Sirach 27:30 – 28:7
Romans 14:7-9
Matthew 18:21-35



Looking Ahead

St. Francis' Social Justice Group will meet on **Sunday evening October 15 from 6-8 pm** in the church hall. Activities and plans for our parish's various social justice ministries will be discussed during the first part of the meeting and the BREAD (Building Responsibility, Equality and Dignity) House meeting will be held during the second part. The latter is an opportunity for parishioners to share their ideas about what should be the focus of BREAD's attention in the upcoming year, so please plan to attend. Food will be served!