

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of September 24, 2017

Sunday, September 24

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

11:00 am – For our Parishioners who are Ill

Monday, September 25

No Mass

Tuesday, September 26

6:00 pm – For the Leaders of St. Francis of Assisi

Wednesday, September 27

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

Thursday, September 28

6:00 pm – For the Community of Victorian Village

Friday, September 29

6:00 pm – Thomas R. Feran (Maryellen O'Shaughnessy/Tim Feran)

Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries

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

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

September 24 – 9 am – Jeanna Diederich, Rick Miller

11 am – Andy Randel, Theri Brady

October 1 – 9 am – Frank Schneider, Lorri Kuczynski

11 am – Sandy Glasner, Andy Randel

Servers

September 24 – 9 am – Susan Kyanko, 11 am – Pat Cassidy

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

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

September 10 – 9 am – Frank Conway, 11 am – Lori Tocorzic

October 1 – 9 am – Susan Kyanko, 11 am – Dan O'Brien

Lectors

September 24 – 9 am – Lynn Willford, Cecilia McAdams

11 am – Louisa Celebrezze, Michel Hindeme

October 1 – 9 am – Jarret Chirafisi, Louisa Celebrezze

11 am – Emily Wu, Julie Byrne

Eucharistic Ministers

September 24 – 9 am – K Kriedermann, F Schneider, MA Kerscher

11 am – Sandy Glasner, Marilyn Smith, Mark Coleman

October 1 – 9 am – Steve Hillyer, K Kriedermann, Kathy Porter

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

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 24

▶ 2:00 pm – Secular Franciscan Order

Monday, September 25

▶ 7:00 pm – Saint Vincent DePaul Meeting

▶ 7:00 pm – Capital Campaign Overview Meeting

Tuesday, September 26

▶ 12:00 pm – Flytown Women

▶ 7:00PM – Stewardship Team Meeting

Wednesday, September 27

▶ 7:00 pm - RCIA

Thursday, September 28

▶ 10:00 am - Bible Study at Westminster Thurber

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.

"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 Much appreciation in advance to all who are willing to lend a hand!



Feast of St. Francis - This year we will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis on Sunday, October 8 with a single Mass at 10:00 am. We ask that in celebration of this feast, you please bring a fresh produce donation that will be taken to NNEMAP.

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!

Fall Craft Fair – It's time to get your crafts ready for our Annual Fall Craft Fair. The event will be held on Sunday, November 5 in the Parish Hall. If you are a crafter and would like a table, please contact Amy Knight at 614-251-1477. There is no table fee, but we do ask that you donate 10% of your sales back to the church to be sent to the St. Francis Center in McArthur, Ohio.



Gospel Reflection ~ September 24, 2017

Jesus addresses his parables to different groups, ranging from opponents potting against him to the assembly of his closest followers. In today's parable, Jesus is teaching his disciples, having just told them, "many who are first will be last, and the last will be first." The parable he tells them provides an illustration of the reversal of last and first, and he reiterates this saying about reversals as the parable' conclusion.

The characters, hiring process, and other details of the story reflect the real life situation of Jesus' day. The custom of workers gathering at the marketplace, waiting to be hired, was common practice, and continues in many places today. At dawn, the first workers are hired, with an agreed-upon wage for the day. Each time the landowner goes back to the marketplace, he chooses laborers who are still waiting to be hired. We can presume that even those who are hired at the end of the day would have happily gone to the vineyard earlier had the landowner given them the chance.

Most of Jesus' parables have a surprising element, and this parable is no exception. Not only are we as hearers of the story surprised by the landowner's actions, but the characters in the story are even more astounded. If those who came last are given the wages for a full day's work, surely those who have labored for hours under the hot Palestinian sun will be paid a great wage. No! They are paid what the landowner had originally agreed with them.

The landowner, a vivid image of God, acts with generosity. God's gift of salvation is an act of overwhelming liberality, as well as one of divine justice. God gives much more than anyone can earn by a lifetime of good works and acts of devotion. God freely offers salvation to those who appear to be last and least in the eyes of the world, as well as to those who welcome God's generosity at the last moment of their lives. Jesus' own disciples needed to hear this parable. Rather than being resentful of people who did not labor long years as they did, Jesus teaches them that they should delight in God's generosity. As should all of us.

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

Ministry Highlight

Garden Tenders – We are one of the most beautiful parishes in Columbus thanks to all the people who volunteer to keep our gardens weeded, watered and well-tended. If you have a green-thumb, or don't, join us for the camaraderie. CONTACT BILL KELLER keller.19@icloud.com. The Garden tenders will be working every Saturday in October from 9 am – noon for garden clean out. Please join us!

Next Sunday's Readings

Ezekiel 18:25-28
Philippians 2:1-11
Matthew 21:28-32



Prayer Needed

We have many in our parish right now who are in need of prayer. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers daily, and we hold you ALL in our hearts.

*Be strong and take heart, all who hope
in the Lord. Psalm 31:25*

Important Announcement

This Monday, September 25 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 6:00 pm, in the Parish Hall. Any questions, please contact either Frank Conway or the Parish Office.

Around the Town

6th Annual Sacred Heart Congress - Saturday, October 14, 2017 from 8am - 1pm **Christ the King Catholic Church** located at 2777 East Livingston Ave. Registration and **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** will begin at 7:00 AM. The Congress begins with **Fatima Rosary and Litany of the Sacred Heart.** Confessions will be heard throughout the day.

Keynote Speakers this year are **Sister Joseph Andrew, O.P.**, a foundress of the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, **Father John Paul Mary, MFVA**, EWTN, Director of Pilgrimages at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville, AL, and **Father Stash Dailey**, Spiritual Director of Sacred Heart Columbus and Administrator of Holy Family Parish. The Mass Celebrant will be **Father David Schalk**, Pastor of Christ the King Church. There is no cost for the Congress and there will be a free will offering.

We hope to see you for a morning packed with spiritual blessings! Visit www.sacredheartcolumbus.org to register or call Scott Williamson [614-798-1792](tel:614-798-1792)

Special Collection – This year's hurricane season continues to be more dangerous than is typical. Most recently, Hurricane Irma devastated significant parts of the Caribbean and the southeastern United States. While emergency outreach was immediate, we know that the road to recovery and the rebuilding of communities will be long, and additional support will be needed. Once again, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops is calling on us to respond generously in the spirit of Charity.

We are keenly aware that his call comes on the heels of the emergency collection for Hurricane Harvey. That storm, which hit Texas and Louisiana and help on for days before moving inland, caused catastrophic damage and compelled us to respond. Likewise, Hurricane Irma has been devastating, and our brothers and sisters in the Caribbean, especially the Diocese of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands, and the southern United States need our help.

Next Sunday, we will take up a special collection for this hurricane relief. Please give as you are able. Last Sunday we collected \$1552.50 for Hurricane Harvey relief.

Pontifical College Josephinum invites you to join us for the upcoming lecture in the 2017-2018 Lecture Series, "Building Spiritual Bridges To The Community" on Wednesday, October 25, 2017, 7:00 pm at the Jessing Center. Dr. Denis McNamara, Associate Director and Associate Professor at the Liturgical Institute of the University of Saint Mary of the Lake will be presenting "Signs and Symbols of Heavenly Realities: The Liturgical Movement, Vatican II and Sacred Images". For more information please visit: www.pcj.edu.