

## Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of September 3 2017

### Sunday, September 3

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

11:00 am – Mary Louise Luddy (Jack Randolph)

### Monday, September 4

No Mass

### Tuesday, September 5

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

### Wednesday, September 6

6:00 pm – Milo Kimball (Kimball/Prince Families)

### Thursday, September 7

6:00 pm – Bob McGowan (Jodelle Lorenz)

### Friday, September 8

6:00 pm – 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 3** – 9 am – Frank Schneider, Joyce Schneider

11 am – John Nunn, Marilyn Smith

**September 10** – 9 am – Skip Camerucci, Lorri Kuczynski

11 am – Megan Murphy, Andy Randel

### Servers

**September 3** – 9 am – Lynn Willford, 11 am – Nolan Rothrock

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

### Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

**September 3** – 9 am – Frank Conway, 11 am – Lori Toczczic

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

### Lectors

**September 3** – 9 am – Emily Wu, Sr. Sharen Baldy

11 am – Michel Hindeme, Diane Meves

**September 10** – 9 am – Will Brenner, Katherine Kriedermann

11 am – Jon Murphy, Pat Visel

### Eucharistic Ministers

**September 3** – 9 am – J Capestany, MA Kerscher, OPEN

11 am – Joanna Nunn, Pat Visel, Sue Cruickshank

**September 10** – 9 am – S. Hillyer, J. Schneider, Mario Casselli

11 am – Mark Colman, Sandy Glasner, Lori Toczczic

**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, September 3

► Hospitality Sunday

### Monday, September 4

► Happy Labor Day

### Tuesday, September 5

► 7:00 pm – Pastoral Council Meeting

### Wednesday, September 6

► 7:00 pm - RCIA

### Thursday, September 7

► 10:00 am - Bible Study at Westminster Thurber

## Parish News and Information

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:terndru@kent.edu).*

**About Today's Music** - To remember those who made contributions to social justice and raised awareness of the human condition, today we sang "Lift Every Voice and Sing" by James Weldon Johnson (1871-1938) and Rosamond Johnson (1873-1954). Because the Johnsons were gifted at writing and music composition, they were approached to create a celebratory song in honor of Abraham Lincoln's birthday. The result was a poem written by James and put to music by Rosamond called "Lift Every Voice and Sing." If you are unfamiliar with this national hymn and its creators, it is worth your time to learn something about them. Their accomplishments are astounding.

**MARK YOU CALENDAR**—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! **AND** A joint meeting of the Columbus Diocese and BREAD will be held on **Saturday, September 9 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.** at Christ the King Church, 2777 Livingston Avenue, to discuss the Catholic call to justice. All are welcome to attend.

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



## *Gospel Reflection ~ September 3, 2017*

After Simon Peter had identified Jesus as the Messiah, Son of the living God, Jesus began to teach his disciples what kind of Messiah he is. Like most of their contemporaries, Jesus' disciples expected the Messiah to be powerful and to give them a privileged place. How shocking and distressing Jesus' teaching about suffering and death must have been. And his words about rising on the third day would not have calmed their angst. With many Jews of the era, they would have believed in resurrection on the last day, but would have been mystified at the notion of Jesus' rising before the final conquering of all evil.

Peter, the one who had spoken for the group in answering the questions "But who do you say that I am?" now expresses the concern in all of their minds. He rebukes Jesus for even suggesting something so unthinkable. Peter is the tempter, Satan, urging Jesus to change the path that must pass through suffering and death. Now Jesus gives another epithet to Peter. Instead of being a foundational rock, he is an obstacle, literally a skandalon, a stumbling stone, put in someone's path that causes them to trip. Jesus tells Peter to "get behind" him; that is, he must follow Jesus, taking up a cross as Jesus did. What Jesus says about his own dying and rising, his own loss and finding of life, teaches his disciples of every age about their own death and resurrection, about losing their lives to find them again eternally.

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!**

## *Ministry Highlight*

**Music** – A group of fantastic singers that help lead the assembly music and provide additional music on special occasions. We have choir members at both Sunday masses and holy days all year so we're never without music. Some choose to sing at both masses! The choir is open to anyone willing and able to sing with us. Instrumentalists are welcome, too! CONTACT LAUREL MARAZITA [imarita@hotmail.com](mailto:imarita@hotmail.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.

## *A Note of Thanks*

Dear St. Francis of Assisi Member,  
Glorious Greeting! Today, we send you our most heartfelt gratitude for your amazing donations of school supplies. Words couldn't possibly express or convey how truly and deeply we appreciate your efforts to aid our neighbors in need. In a time of already trying hardships, too often families are faced with the hard choice of buying food for dinner or supplies for school. With your assistance, families were able to send their children back to school with full bellies and a full backpack! Thank you again. God Bless to all! Sincerely, St. Francis Family, McArthur, OH

## *Around the Town*

**THE BLUE MASS** - Monday, September 11, 5 pm at 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 pm. 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

**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](http://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](mailto:lorrik09@gmail.com). Thanks for your help!

**Healing Mass and Prayer Ministry** September 10 at St. Elizabeth. 2:30 Recitation of the Rosary; 3:00 several priests available for Reconciliation. Brief explanation of healing ministry precedes 4:00 Mass, Fr. John Vadakkettom, CFIC, Celebrant. Following Mass Fr. John invites to "lay hands" for healing and the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. Sponsored by Columbus Catholic Renewal, [www.cccolumbus.org](http://www.cccolumbus.org) for information.

**"Ask A Muslim" – Saturday, September 9, 2017 5:30 pm**  
2334 Mock Rd., Columbus 43219. A wonderful opportunity to ask any questions you have and enjoy ethnic cooking. Held at Masjid Ibn Taymiyya Mosque. Enjoy the solidarity AND friendship

**Interfaith Blessing of the Bicycles** event that will be held at Summit on 16th United Methodist Church on Sunday, **September 10, at 1:30 p.m**

## *Next Sunday's Readings*

Ezekiel 33:7-9  
Romans 13:8-10  
Matthew 18:15-20

