

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of October 29, 2017

Sunday, October 29

9:00 am – Magin Ortiga (Robbie Hoerr)

For the Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

11:00 am – Thomas R. Feran (Maryellen O'Shaughnessy & Tim Feran)

Monday, October 30

No Mass

Tuesday, October 31

No Mass

Wednesday, November 1

7:00 pm – For Those Who Have Gone Before Us

Thursday, November 2

6:00 pm – For the Needs of our Parish

Friday, November 3

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

Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries

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

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

October 29 – 9 am – Lorri Kuczynski, Jeanna Diederich

11 am – Maryellen O'Shaughnessy, Gretchen Rivera

November 1 – 7 pm – Theri Brady, Maryellen O'Shaughnessy

November 5 – 9 am – Skip Camerucci, Frank Schneider

11 am – John Nunn, Sandy Glasner

Servers

October 29 – 9 am – Frank Schneider, 11 am – Gaetan O'Brien

November 1 – 7 pm – Steve Hillyer

November 5 – 9 am – Linda Wolfe, 11 am – Nolan Rothrock

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

October 29 – 9 am – Susan Kyanko, 11 am – Dan O'Brien

November 1 – 7 pm – Bob Geoghegan

November 5 – 9 am – Susan Kyanko, 11 am – Lori Toczorczik

Lectors

October 29 – 9 am – Cecilia McAdams, Katherine Kriedermann

11 am – Julie Byrne, Gary Snyder

November 1 – 7 pm – Michel Hindeme, Jarret Chirafisi

November 5 – 9 am – Sr. Sharen Baldy, Lynn Williford

11 am – Sue Cruickshank, Diane Meves

Eucharistic Ministers

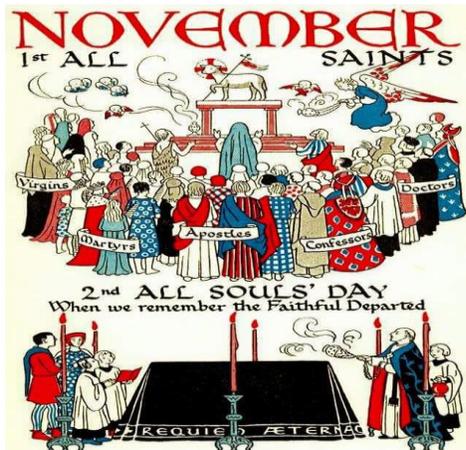
October 29 – 9 am – MA Kercher, Rick Miller, Louisa Celebrezze

11 am – Mark Coleman, Sandy Glasner, Marilyn Smith

November 1 – 7 pm – Renee Morkassel, Sue Cruickshank

November 5 – 9 am – Steve Hillyer, K. Kriedermann, F. Conway

11 am – Jaime Capestany, Joanna Nunn, Pat Vlsel



Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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

Sunday, October 29

► Commitment Sunday

Monday, October 30

Tuesday, October 31

► 7:00 pm – Stewardship Meeting

Wednesday, November 1

► 7:00 pm – All Saint's Day Mass

Thursday, November 2

► 10:00 am - Bible Study at Westminster Thurber

Saturday, November 4

► 8:30 am – Men's Coffee and Prayer Group

Parish News and Information

Fall Craft Fair – There are many gifted and talented individuals in our parish community and this is a chance to show off your talents. This year's Craft Fair will be held in the Parish Hall on Sunday, November 5 after both Masses. This event is open to parishioners, as well as family and friends, to set up their own space and share their crafts. There are no table fees, but we do

ask that 10% of all sales be returned to the church to be sent to the St. Francis Center in McArthur. **We already have three new vendors committed for this year!** If you are interested in a space, please contact Amy Knight at 614-251-1477.

Westminster Bible Study - The Bible Study and Faith Sharing group will be moving from Westminster 7th floor to the chapel beginning Thursday, November 2. We continue to meet from 10 to 11. This move will make it easier for people attending from all areas of the community to gather in a central space and one that is dedicated to the spiritual life. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Capital Campaign Overview of Recommendations – "We believe that a capital campaign for St. Francis of Assisi Church, involving individuals and leaders shepherded by Father Fritzner Valcin, could raise \$292,000, over a three-year period to address the needs as currently presented in the preliminary case statement for support. It must be noted that well-communicated details and specifics of the church repairs and restoration projects, and the number of leadership gifts received will significantly impact the success of the campaign. This recommendation is based upon the study's findings and the annual parish offertory and financial records." This is written in the report from the Diocese of Columbus. The full report is available for your review in the Parish Hall.

Upcoming Atrium Calendar – Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is held during the 11:00 Mass.

November 5, 12, 19, 26

December 3, 10, 17, 24

Next Sunday's Readings

All Saints – November 1

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

1 John 3:1-3

Matthew 5:1-12a

November 5

Malachi 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10

1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13

Matthew 23:1-12



Gospel Reflection ~ October 29, 2017

In an episode between last week's Gospel and this week's, Jesus was in controversy with the Sadducees, who did not believe in resurrection. Jesus provides them with an innovative interpretation of the Torah that supports belief in the resurrection, thereby silencing them. The Pharisees, who shared Jesus' belief in the resurrection, would undoubtedly have approved of his convicting teaching. When one of them, a scholar of the Law, asks Jesus which commandment is the greatest, he could be asking a sincere question, one that was, in fact, a subject among contemporary rabbis. Those rabbis arrived at different answers; perhaps this teacher of the Law simply wanted to engage Jesus in debate.

Matthew comments, however, that by posing the question, the scholar "tested" Jesus. Texting here, like the Pharisees' query about paying taxes to Caesar, was an attempt to prove that Jesus has no authority as a teacher. Jesus' answer brings together two positive commandments of the Torah that describe the right relationship with God and neighbor. The first one, which requires love of God with the entirety of one's being, is based on the Shema at Deuteronomy 6:5, to which Jesus adds "with all your mind." So important is the Shema in Judaism that it continues to be recited twice daily in our times. The second commandment is from Leviticus 19:18, commanding Israelites to love their neighbors as themselves. While the scholar has asked for only one commandment, Jesus gives two, teaching that love of God and love of neighbor are intimately connected and embrace all the other commandments. All of the six hundred thirteen commandments of the Law are included in these two. In his test, Jesus is faithful to the tradition, and teaches with authority.

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

Around the Diocese

The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) will sponsor a "Day of Reflection" on Saturday, November 18, 2017, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 3730 Broadway, Grove City, 43123, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. The theme for the event is "Preparing the Woman Within for Advent;" speaker will be Diana Marie Winkler. Cost to attend is \$25 per person and includes lunch. To register, send your name, address, e-mail, and phone number, along with payment, to DCCW, 197 E. Gay St., Columbus, OH, 43215, by Friday, November 10. Registration forms can also be found on the DCCW web site, www.columbuscatholic.org/diocesan-council-of-catholic-women. For questions, call Mickey McCormick at [614-783-5555](tel:614-783-5555) or contact the DCCW office, [614-228-8601](tel:614-228-8601).

Start your holiday shopping on Saturday, November 18 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Westerville's St. Paul the Apostle's annual **Deck the Halls Christmas Bazaar!** There will be holiday fun, food and fellowship. Enjoy 100+ exhibitors in the Activities Center and school gym, tour their newly renovated school, buy a raffle ticket to win beautiful items, eat lunch or get a tasty treat from the bake sale! Admission is just \$2.00!



Mass Intentions

During the month of November, many people like to celebrate the life of our loved one, who have gone before us. If you would like to have a Mass said in honor or memory of a loved one, please contact the church office. Intentions can be made for a daily Mass or a Sunday Mass. The suggested donation to have a special Mass Intention is \$10.

St. Francis Social Justice Champions

Living Out Our Mission!

Nearly 30 parishioners took part in the SFA social justice group meeting, and then shared their ideas and concerns about community issues during a lively BREAD House Meeting on Oct. 15. Thank you! **The top issues** from the St. Francis House Meeting discussions were: drugs, violence, affordable housing/homelessness, and discrimination of people of color/police profiling.

939 people attended BREAD house meetings all across Franklin County. At the BREAD Team Assembly Monday night at Rhema Christian Center – where St. Francis was one of 35 congregations represented – votes reflecting the house meetings' discussions were cast. There were 15 possible problem categories for congregations to vote on, with the top 3 moving forward to the larger Annual Assembly congregations' vote on 11/13. The 3 categories receiving the most votes at the Team Assembly were: **Drugs** (49 votes), **Violence** (32 votes), and **Youth/Family Concerns** (29 votes). Of these, Drugs and Violence were two of the top issues from our SFA house meetings, as well.

Please plan on bringing your voice and vote to the BREAD Annual Assembly on Monday, 11/13 at 7 pm, at Christ the King Catholic Church, 2777 E. Livingston Ave. Join others from St. Francis for an inspiring, inter-faith night of action, as we vote and see which of these critical community issues BREAD will work on this year.

Parishioner Highlight

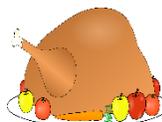
We would like to start highlighting parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi who give of their time, talent and treasures.

This week, we highlight Karen Scheid. Karen is the editor of the parish newsletter. She is an active member of the social justice team. She has worked to get the various social justice groups together under one umbrella. Karen is an active member of the St. Vincent de Paul Conference and our representative to Voices of the Poor. Through Voices of the Poor she has been actively involved with the Restored Citizens group. Karen organizes the parish book club and she also leads the Creation Care Team at our parish. Karen is the "unofficial" photographer for the parish and can be found at most events with a camera around her neck. Thank you Karen for all you do for St. Francis and the Community.

Thanksgiving Bags

Thanksgiving Bags – Drop Off Oct. 29 – Nov. 12

Our Saint Vincent dePaul Society will be collecting, assembling and distributing Thanksgiving Food Bags for our neighbors in need. We will start accepting drop offs of bags on Sunday, October 29 through Sunday, November 12. Here is the grocery list – **ITEMS NEEDED FOR ONE (1) BAG ARE:**



\$20 gift card, (preferably to Kroger) for turkey, ham or chicken
Box of Instant Mashed Potatoes
Can of corn, green beans and yams
Box of Stuffing
No-bake dessert mix
Reusable Grocery Bag, and
Anything else you would like to add.

If you are only able to donate a few items, we will gladly accept those. We are grateful for all contributions. Our distribution is Sunday, November 19. We are asking for drop offs of bags and food a week prior so we can be prepared to shop for additional food items for the many requests we receive. Questions? Contact Lorri Kuczynski at lorrik09@gmail.com