

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of November 12, 2017

Sunday, November 12

9:00 am – Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
11:00 am – Patricia Pace Randolph (Jack Randolph)

Monday, November 13

No Mass

Tuesday, November 14

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

Wednesday, November 15

7:00 pm – Joan Randolph (Jack Randolph)

Thursday, November 16

6:00 pm – Dorothy Spiva (Lorri Kuczynski)

Friday, November 17

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)

November 12 – 9 am – Lorri Kuczynski, Jeanna Diederich

11 am – Megan Murphy, Andy Randel

November 19 – 9 am – Jeanna Diederich, Frank Schneider

11 am – Megan Murphy, Gretchen Rivera

Servers

November 12 – 9 am – F. Schneider, 11 am – Gaetan O'Brien

November 19 – 9 am – Susan Kyanko, 11 am – Nolan Rothrock

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

November 12 – 9 am – Skip Camerucci, 11 am – Dan O'Brien

November 19 – 9 am – Frank Conway, 11 am – Lori Toczorcz

Lectors

November 12 – 9 am – Cecilia McAdams, Sue Cruickshank

11 am – Gary Snyder, Jon Murphy

November 19 – 9 am – Will Brenner, Sr. Sharen Baldy

11 am – John Murphy, Michel Hindeme

Eucharistic Ministers

November 12 – 9 am – L. Celebrezze, R. Miller, J. Capestany

11 am – Marilyn Smith, Lori Toczorcz, Mark Coleman

November 19 – 9 am – J. Capestany, L. Wolfe, K. Kridermann

11 am – Sue Cruickshank, OPEN, Sandy Glasner



THE TEN VIRGINS
Matt. 25:1-13.

GOLDEN TEXT:—Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

Matt. 25:13.

Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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

Sunday, November 12

- ▶ 10:00 am – Creation Care Team Meeting
- ▶ 12:00 pm – Sunday School
- ▶ 2:00 pm – St. Francis Seniors

Tuesday, November 14

- ▶ 6:30 pm – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, November 15

- ▶ 7:00 pm – RCIA

Thursday, November 16

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

Parish News and Information

The children's choir will be singing at Christmas Eve mass. Rehearsals for this choir will start in November. We love to see the children participate and to hear their voices! Please contact Laurel Marazita for more information at lmrazita@hotmail.com.



Westminster Bible Study - The Bible Study and Faith Sharing group has moved from Westminster 7th floor to the chapel. 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.

Sunday School - The next meeting for Sunday School is today at noon. We will be studying chapter two of Hahnenberg and the Constitution on Divine Revelation (*Dei Verbum*) from Vatican II. Our third meeting is on Nov 26th; the fourth and final session is on Dec 10th. All are welcome.

Book Discussion Group - The St. Francis Book Discussion Group will not be meeting in November but will meet again on December 17th in the church hall following the 11 o'clock Mass. At that time we will finish discussion of Richard Rohr's book, *Things Hidden*. As always, all are welcome.

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.

Mass Intentions - During the month of November, many people like to celebrate the life of our loved one, who has 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.

Next Sunday's Readings

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
Matthew 25:14-30



Gospel Reflection ~ November 12, 2017

The parable in today's Gospel is taken from Jesus' final discourse in Matthew's account. The entire discourse focuses on the last things, particularly God's final judgment, which will mean condemnation for the wicked and salvation for the just. The parable is related to apocalyptic literature: highly imaginative, dualistic, and future oriented. There are multiple purposes in such writing. It exhorts people who are suffering to stand firm; it warns people of coming judgment; it encourages righteous living in the present; it urges vigilance, patience, and preparedness; and it engenders hope, even in face of the unknown time of God's final victory.

In this part of his long address, Jesus uses parables that explain how believers should live in the present age as they await the *parousia*. The parable of the ten virgins has some apocalyptic features, such as dualism, judgement, and separation of the good and the bad; it does not, however, use the fantastic images that are often part of apocalyptic writing, employing instead a common experience of a wedding. The scenario comes from the first-century Palestinian custom of the bride going in procession with attendants to meet the bridegroom and share in the wedding banquet. The context of the parable gives guidance in how to interpret it. Here, as in the entire discourse, the focus is on being well prepared for the coming of the Son of Many, the bridegroom in the parable. The parable begins: "the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins." All who await the coming of the bridegroom are expected to be well prepared. They should have sufficient "oil," a symbol that can represent all the good works, such as mercy and justice and faithfulness, expected of believers. Those who do not await the bridegroom with a full supply of good works can be expected to be excluded from the great wedding banquet, symbol of the joy of the Kingdom of Heaven.

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

BREAD

Put Your Voice Into Action Monday Night at BREAD Annual Assembly

In the story of the Exodus, we read that the Hebrew slaves cried out to God. He heard their cries and then set a plan in motion to liberate them.

During our well-attended BREAD House Meeting at St. Francis in October, we had sacred conversations about what troubles us in our community and how we can be part of something bigger than ourselves to bring sustainable action and help liberate those who struggle.

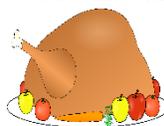
That opportunity has arrived. **Please join others from St. Francis and nearly 40 congregations at the BREAD Annual Assembly this coming Monday evening (Nov. 13) at Christ the King Church, 2777 E. Livingston Ave. The event starts at 7 pm and features voting on the three issues that emerged from the house meetings held at congregations throughout Columbus last month. Those issues are: drugs; youth and family concerns; and violence.**

At least two of those issues—violence and drugs—coincide with those identified at our parish's house meeting. **Please plan to attend the Assembly Monday evening to vote on the issue that you believe is most important for our city right now. The issue receiving the most votes will be the one for which BREAD will conduct research to identify a program/strategy to help address it. So make your voice heard by attending the Assembly Monday evening!**

Opportunities to Give Back

Thanksgiving Bags – Drop Off Until 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

Bags can be dropped off Monday – Friday during office hours (10-3) or on Sundays.

HARMONY FOR HUNGER is a benefit concert for NNEMAP Food Pantry on Friday, November 17 at 7:30 p.m. at Worthington Presbyterian Church, 773 High Street. Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased at the door. Capriccio Choir is featured. This is a major fundraiser for NNEMAP Food Pantry to help provide for the needs in the community. Contact lorrik09@gmail.com with any questions.

St. Lawrence Haven will be preparing Thanksgiving meals this year on Monday, November 20 & Tuesday, November 21 from 9-1 each day. One way to assist is to prepare a turkey. Turkeys need to be cooked, carved and dropped off at the Haven on Monday morning, November 20. Volunteers are also needed in the kitchen each day. Contact Heather Swiger if you are interested in volunteering - hswiger@columbuscatholic.org



Special Collections

On October 22 we took up a collection for World Mission Sunday. We collected \$593.00

On November 1 we had a collection for All Saints Day, and collected \$212.00.

Next Sunday we will have a special collection for Catholic Campaign for Human Development. This annual collection is essential to continuing to give those in poverty support to make lasting changes and lift themselves out of poverty. Please pray for CCHD and give as you are able.

Our Condolences

We offer our sincere condolences to our parishioners who have lost love one. Louisa Celebrezze lost her sister this week in North Carolina. Jack Randolph lost his sister-in-law early November. John Nunn also lost his sister recently. Please keep these members of our St. Francis Family in your thoughts and prayers, as well as, those we may not be aware of.