

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of December 3, 2017

Sunday, December 3

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

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

Monday, December 4 – Thursday, December 7

No Mass

Friday, December 8

6:00 pm – Marlene Palencar (Shelly Ruff)

Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries

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

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

December 3 – 9 am – Craig Kowalinski, Skip Camerucci

11 am – John Nunn, Marilyn Smith

December 8 – 7 pm – Andy Randel, Sandy Glasner

December 10 – 9 am – Lorri Kuczynski, Jeanna Diederich

11 am – Gretchen Rivera, Theri Brady

Servers

December 3 – 9 am – Susan Kyanko, 11 am – Nolan Rothrock

December 8 – 7 pm – Nolan Rothrock

December 10 – 9 am – Linda Wolfe 11 am – Gaetan O'Brien

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

December 3 – 9 am – Frank Schneider, 11 am – Julie Byrne

December 8 – 7 pm – Susan Kyanko

December 10 – 9 am – Bob Geoghegan, 11 am – Dan O'Brien

Lectors

December 3 – 9 am – Louisa Celebrezze, Katherine Kriedermann

11 am – Diane Meves, Gary Snyder

December 8 – 7 pm – Julie Byrne, Renee Morkassal

December 10 – 9 am – Sue Cruickshank, Sr. Sharen Baldy

11 am – Emily Wu, Jon Murphy

Eucharistic Ministers

December 3 – 9 am – Joyce Schneider, Linda Wolfe, Frank Conway

11 am – Mark Coleman, Sue Cruickshank, Joanna Nunn

December 8 – 7 pm – Louisa Celebrezze, Maryellen O'Shaughnessy, Katherine Kriedermann

December 10 – 9 am – Frank Conway, Frank Schneider, Rick Miller

11 am – Mark Coleman, Lori Torcozic, Jaime Capestany

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, December 3

▶ Hospitality Sunday

Monday, December 4

▶ 6:00 pm – Flytown Men

Tuesday, December 5

▶ 7:00 pm – Pastoral Council Meeting

Wednesday, December 6

▶ 7:00 pm – RCIA

Thursday, December 7

▶ 10:00 am – Westminster Thurber Bible Study

Friday, December 8

▶ 7:00 pm – Holy Day Mass – Immaculate Conception

Saturday, December 9

▶ 7:30 pm – Magpie Christmas Concert

Parish News and Information

Magpie Consort Christmas Concert - On Saturday, December 9 at 7:30 pm, the Magpie Consort will be presenting their Christmas concert, "...and on Earth: Peace!" The program includes ancient chants alongside a capella vocal works by traditional and contemporary composers. Tickets are \$10 at the door, with a sliding scale for those in need.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL is collecting gift cards to help JOIN help families have a bit happier Christmas. The Christmas tree at the back of the church has paper ornaments that suggest possible gift cards to donate. These gift cards will be given to teens. Suggestions are for pizza, AMC Theatre, Target, Best Buy, Walmart, eating places; any card that you think a teenager might like. There is a box under the tree for you to drop off gift cards. Gift cards will be collected through December 17.

The children's choir will be singing at Christmas Eve

mass. We love to see the children participate and to hear their voices! Please contact Laurel Marazita for more information at

lmrazita@hotmail.com.



December Mass Schedule – December 8 (Immaculate Conception) at 7:00 pm. December 24 (4th Sunday of Advent) 10:00 am, Christmas Eve at 5:00 pm. December 25 (Christmas Day) at 10:00 am. January 1 (New Year's Day) at 10:00 am.

Christmas Decorating – This year we will be decoration the church for Christmas on Sunday, December 24 after the 10:00 Mass. If you are able to help, please contact Bill Keller or just plan to stay after Mass. All are welcome and many hands make light work!

Stewardship Council - The Council is taking a little time off from our meetings and will get back to our regular schedule in January. In the interim, we want to thank you for your gracious gifts of time, talent and treasures to our St. Francis of Assisi community and beyond. YOU have made YOUR parish not only function, but thrive! YOU have seen Christ in others and in all the mundane tasks that keep Him our focus. THANK YOU and JOYEUX NOEL, FELIZ NAVIDAD, FELIZ NATAL!

Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

2 Peter 3:8-14

Mark 1:1-8



Gospel Reflection ~ December 3, 2017

Advent is a season of watchfulness – being alert as Jesus instructs in today's Gospel. Both before and after his parable about being watchful for the return of a householder who travels abroad, Jesus tells his listeners to watch. The word for "watch" (gregoreo) is the action of a sentinel or sentry, a person who remains always attentive, always vigilant, waiting sometimes for the arrival of someone expected, even while remaining alert for someone or something sudden and unexpected.

The reading from Mark's Gospel is the last part of an address Jesus gives about the "last things": the signs of the end, persecutions, and the coming of the Son of Man. It occurs just before the Passover that will begin Jesus' Passion. Jesus will repeat the injunction to watch when he is in the garden with Peter, James, and John. Through this repeated urging of watchfulness, Jesus reminds his disciples that their attentiveness must be a constant habit, whether they are with Jesus in the garden, or living as his disciples after his Death and Resurrection. The careful watchfulness in Jesus' instruction enables sentinels not only to see the arrival of the householders (Jesus himself), but also to understand, at least in part, the significance of the arrival.

This is the watchfulness of Advent. We remember the waiting of our ancestors, watching for God's sending of the messiah, fulfilled in Jesus' coming. We watch and wait for Jesus' coming again in glory. We are attentive to his presence each day, especially as we meet him in the Eucharist. During this season, we are all sentinels, watching for the coming of the Lord, and rejoicing in his presence.

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

Adult Faith Formation

Last Sunday you should have received our Advent devotional. If not please pick one up today. These devotions are in response to your request for assistance with faith formation. Spending a few minutes each day with the Lord will help us grow in our faith and in our relationship with Him. Please use this devotional to spend a few minutes each day preparing for the coming of the Lord! Christmas will be extra special this year!

Sacred Advent - Embrace the Advent season as a sacred space from the ease of your e-mail inbox. Each day of *Sacred Advent* invites you to a step-by-step way of praying with a Scripture reading and related points of reflection. The messages also include suggestions for further exploration of Advent themes. [Sign up to receive the daily messages via e-mail.](#)

Catholic Faith Formation

catholicfaithformation@loyolapress.com

Capital Campaign 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 is written in the report from the Diocese of Columbus. The full report is available for your review in the Parish Hall. Letters were mailed last week, announcing the official campaign with its theme – **Honoring the Past, Serving the Present, Preserving God's Gifts for the Future.** If you did not receive a letter, please contact the parish office.

Catholic Foundation

Over the past couple of months St. Francis has received two grants from the Catholic Foundation. One grant for \$6000 was to help cover the cost of the new parish hall windows. The second grant for \$2000 was for a new church access system. We are so blessed by the Catholic Foundation and their continued support of our parish.

The Catholic Foundation is available to help fulfill your specific philanthropic wishes.

Giving becomes convenient and personal with a Donor Advised Fund, which offers a hands-on approach to philanthropy. This fund invests your charitable gift to grow tax-free for future giving. A Donor Advised Fund allows you the opportunity to make contributions to multiple Catholic or public organizations from one account. The Catholic Foundation Donor Advised Funds can be set up with as little as \$5,000. Due to its convenience and flexibility, the Donor Advised Fund is one of our most popular funds.

Key Benefits:

- Immediate tax deduction with the option of deferred charitable distribution
- Consolidates your charitable giving, providing administrative convenience
- Flexibility to choose multiple grant recipients
- Ability to add to the fund at any time
- Make donations anonymously, if desired
- Wish to create a family legacy of faith – name your children, grandchildren or other loved ones as successor advisors to the fund

We know that generosity and acts of charity are family traits. We encourage you to engage all generations of your family in your giving. Thanksgiving and in preparation for end-of-the-year giving is a wonderful time for these discussions. For more information please contact Scott Hartman at The Catholic Foundation at [614-443-8893](tel:614-443-8893), shartman@catholic-foundation.org.

Epiphany!

Save the Date – Friday, January 5, 2018, following the evening Mass, we will celebrate with an all church party! More details to follow, but you won't want to miss this fun evening.



Prayers and Praise!

Please keep Father Fritzner in your prayers as he is back in Haiti for the funeral of his sister. It was a last minute decision for him to return, and all the pieces fell into place in order to make it happen.

Before returning to Haiti on Thursday, on Tuesday, Father Fritzner Valcin was officially sworn in as a US Citizen! What an enormous accomplishment and worth celebrating! Congratulations to Father Fritz!

