

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of October 7, 2018

Sunday, October 7

10:00 am – Keenan/Dodd Families (Diane Keenan)
In Memory of Jane Francis McCann Whitaker
Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

Monday, October 8

No Mass

Tuesday, October 9

6:00 pm – Alex Moretti

Wednesday, October 10

6:00 pm – Success of Capital Campaign

Thursday, October 11

6:00 pm – Bill Hottinger (Jack Olson)

Friday, October 12

6:00 pm – Success of Capital Campaign

Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries

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

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

October 7 – 10 am – Bob Ariss, Jeanna Diederich

October 14 – 9 am – Mary Jo and Sam Hulet

11 am – Gretchen Rivera, Theri Brady

Servers

October 7 – 10 am – Chris Paisley

October 14 – 9 am – Steve Hillyer 11 am – Nolan Rothrock

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

October 7 – 10 am – Susan Kyanko

October 14 – 9 am – Bob Geoghegan, 11 am – Lori Toczorcz

Lectors

October 7 – 10 am – Joyce Schneider,

October 14 – 9 am – Cecilia McAdams, Sue Cruickshank

11 am – Diane Meves, OPEN

Eucharistic Ministers

October 7 – 10 am – OPEN, Lori Toczorzi, Maryellen

O'Shaughnessy

October 14 – 9 am – Chris Paisley, Chris Solon, Renee Morkassel

11 am – Marilyn Smith, Pat Visel, Mark Coleman

Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.



Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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

Sunday, October 7

- ▶ Parish Picnic

Monday, October 8

- ▶ 7:00 pm – Liturgy Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 9

- ▶ 4:00 pm – Executive Finance Council Meeting
- ▶ 6:30 pm – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, October 10

- ▶ 7:00 pm – RCIA

Thursday, October 11

- ▶ 6:30 pm – Zumbini

Parish News and Information

ATTENTION ALL CRAFTERS/HOBBYISTS (ie: painters, photographers, needlework enthusiasts of all kinds, quilters and sewing mavens, woodworkers, paper crafters, wood carvers, engravers, metal artists, sculptors, sketchers, glass artists, jewelry makers, up-cyclers, plastic canvas artists, felt crafters, latch hook artists and everyone else who likes to create something unique from something else) may I have your attention please?



The Pasta Dinner Committee is searching for crafters/hobbyists/artists who are willing to make and donate an item to the Silent Auction at our 2019 Pasta Dinner (which will be held on March 2nd). The Silent Auction consists predominantly of items handmade by our parishioners. Most people love handmade goods because they know that so much time, effort and love went into each piece. Our Committee is interested in getting a wider variety of handmade goods to show off the many different types of handcrafts there are and, hopefully, we can get younger generations interested in learning how to do some of this amazing handiwork.

If you would be interested in helping us out by making and donating an item, please contact Marti Damm, Committee Co-Chair, at 614-804-7217 or at marti.joy.damm@gmail.com by the end of October. This is just to get an idea of how many folks we have that are interested in participating and for me to give you some brief info about the process of the Silent Auction.



St. Francis' Social Justice Group will meet on Monday evening October 15 from 7 to 8:30 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. Plan to attend and stand up for social justice

ATTENTION parents and caregivers of kids ages 0-4: Looking for a fun way to bond with your child, build his or her self-confidence, show the importance of an active lifestyle, and meet new people? Then St. Francis is the place to be on Thursdays from 6:30-7:15pm! Our very own Gretchen Rivera will be teaching a 6-week music and dance class and invites you to try the first one FREE! Created by Zumba® and BabyFirst for kids ages 0-4, the Zumbini® program combines music, dance and educational tools for 45 minutes of can't-stop, won't-stop bonding, learning, and fun! For more information email ZumbiniwithGretchen@gmail.com. Space is limited! Reserve your spot at <https://www.zumbini.com/demo-classes/6644>

Gospel Reflection ~ October 7, 2018

In the episode before this reading, Jesus had been teaching about the ideals of discipleship; now he is asked about the legitimacy of divorce. Coming from the Pharisees, the question is not sincere, since Jewish Law assumed that divorce was legitimate, and the only point of discussion was the proper grounds for it. Jesus' reply goes behind the legislation of Deuteronomy 24 and settles on the principle found in the creation story. He explains that divorce was instituted as a concession to weakness and that lifelong, monogamous marriage is the ideal. He reminds the listener of the divine purpose in marriage.

Mark hands on the words of Jesus, adapted by the Greco-Roman culture of his community some thirty years after the Resurrection. Jewish legislation did not contemplate the possibility of the woman initiating a bill of divorce. Thus, this Gospel adapts Jesus' teaching to an actual community situation, giving evidence of the cultural contexts that can influence interpretations.

The idea of the child as a model to replicate in the Christian life (a topic that also occurs in the reading of two Sundays ago, in Mark 9:37) is not easy to interpret. Children in ancient societies occupied a low status, and Mark reflects this cultural setting. The Reign of God is for those who are like children, the poor, the hungry, and the dispossessed – persons whose rights and dignity were ignored. Followers of Jesus can only enter and be a part of God's reign if we recognize our dependence on God for all we have and all we are; Jesus invites us to give up all claims to status and rights over others, a theme developed later in this same chapter. Only if disciples become like children can they be received by Jesus and become true followers of the Crucified One. The teaching is firmly in place within the context of the training in discipleship in these chapters.

Next Week's Readings

Wisdom 7:7-11
Hebrews 4:12-13
Mark 10:17-30



A Note from Jeanna

It is with mixed emotions that I announce my time as St. Francis of Assisi's Office Manager has come to an end. I have enjoyed working here the past two and half years more than I ever thought possible. The people of St. Francis have been such a blessing to my life and have become my extended family, and I will truly miss working for you. I have taken a full-time job at the Diocese of Columbus working in the Office of Development and Planning. I am very excited about the opportunity ahead of me and it was something I could not pass up. I will remain a parishioner at St. Francis and actively involved in many different ministries. I thank you for allowing me to serve you in my role as Office Manager.

With much love and thanks,
Jeanna

The Leadership Team will be hosting a reception on Friday, October 12 following the 6:00 pm Mass. Please join us in thanking Jeanna and wishing her well.



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The **St. Francis book discussion group** will meet next on Sunday, October 21 following the 11 o'clock Mass to discuss Jodi Picoult's book, *Small Great Things*. All are welcome.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 6:30 pm on Oct.9 "*Just as you can't be exposed to the sun without receiving its rays, neither can you come to Jesus exposed in the Blessed Sacrament without receiving the divine rays of his grace, his love, his peace.*"



Commitment Sunday – October 28th, following each Mass, come to the Parish Hall for some goodies and sign-up for just one activity that helps our parish thrive with your time and talent! The easiest and most rewarding activity is to be a member of THE PRAYER CHAIN. From the comfort of your home, you pray for a parishioner who has requested prayer. EVERY PARISHIONER CAN DO THAT.

Benefit Concert – A concert to benefit a new parish in Haiti, featuring Giovanni and Friends, will take place on Sunday, October 14 at 6:00 pm and Thursday, October 18 at 6:30 pm, at St. Francis of Assisi Church. The concert will feature contemporary Christian musician John Lalacona and a musical group presenting original songs of mediation and praise of Jesus. Admission is free, however a collection will be taken on behalf of the new Our Lady of the Assumption Church, located not far from Jacmel on the south shore of Haiti. The church's pastor, Fr. Guy Belange, is a longtime friend of Fr. Fritz. Fr. Belange wrote that his bishop had assigned him to get the church and a rectory built so the people it serves can "celebrate God with dignity." After the concert there will be a wine and cheese reception featuring the musicians and Fr. Fritz. Please join us in supporting this deserving parish in Haiti.

Pope Francis is asking Catholics around the world to pray the rosary every day during the month of October for the protection of the Church. And not just the "institutional church," but the whole People of God, all of us. Beyond daily praying of the rosary, the pope is also requesting that the faithful add two prayers: An ancient invocation *Sub Tuum Praesidium* and a prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel "who protects and helps fight against evil.

Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.
Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,
and do thou,
O Prince of the heavenly hosts,
by the power of God,
thrust into hell Satan,
and all the evil spirits,
who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen



Sub Tuum Praesidium

We fly to thy protection,
O Holy Mother of God;
do not despise our petitions in our necessities,
but deliver us always from all dangers,
O Glorious and Blessed Virgin. Amen.