

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of September 30, 2018

Sunday, September 30

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

11:00 am – Katie Loutzenhiser (Michael Loutzenhiser)

Monday, October 1

No Mass

Tuesday, October 2

6:00 pm – Success of Capital Campaign

Wednesday, October 3

6:00 pm – Alex Moretti

Thursday, October 4

6:00 pm – Mary E Garrity (Tom & Veronica Garrity)

Friday, October 5

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

Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries

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

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

September 30 – 9 am – Stephanie Good, Jeanna Diederich

11 am – Theri Brady, Bob Ariss

October 7 – 10 am – Bob Ariss, Jeanna Diederich

Servers

September 30 – 9 am – Charlotte Maite 11 am – Gaetan O'Brien

October 7 – 10 am – Chris Paisley

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

September 30 – 9 am – Bob Geoghegan, 11 am – OPEN

October 7 – 10 am – Susan Kyanko

Lectors

September 30 – 9 am – Joyce Schneider, Cecilia McAdams

11 am – Chris Solon, Julie Byrne

October 7 – 10 am –

Eucharistic Ministers

September 30 – 9 am – MA Kerscher, C Paisley, K Porter

11 am – Mark Coleman, Marilyn Smith, ME O'Shaughnessy

October 7 – 10 am – Joyce Schneider, Lori Tocarzi, Maryellen O'Shaughnessy

Prayer for Priests

O Jesus, eternal Priest,
keep your priests within the shelter of Your Sacred
Heart,

where none may touch them.

Keep unstained their anointed hands,
which daily touch Your Sacred Body.

Keep unsullied their lips,
daily purpled with your Precious Blood.
Keep pure and unearthly their hearts,
sealed with the sublime mark of the
priesthood.

Let Your holy love surround them and
shield them from the world's contagion.

Bless their labors with abundant fruit
and may the souls to whom they minister be their joy
and

consolation here and in heaven
their beautiful and everlasting crown. Amen.

by St. Thérèse of Lisieux



Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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

Monday, October 1

▶ 6:00 pm – Flytown Men

Tuesday, October 2

▶ 7:00 pm – Pastoral Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 3

▶ 7:00 pm – Transitus with Reception

Thursday, October 4

▶ 7:00 pm – RCIA

Saturday, October 6

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

▶ 10:00 am – Animal Blessing

Parish News and Information

Animal Blessing – Saturday, October 6

at 10:00 am, St. Francis will host the annual Blessing of the Animals. The event will take place in the courtyard in front of the church. Please invite your friends and families to be a part of this event. Any questions, please contact Amy Knight at 614-251-1477. All donations received that day will be sent to the Capital Area Humane Society.



Save the date for our annual parish picnic. On Sunday, October 7 we will gather in the Parish Hall to celebrate with each other after one 10:00 Mass. Again, this year, we will be doing the picnic potluck style, so please be sure to bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share. Chicken and beverages will be provided. If you would like to help with the setup, clean up or decorating, please contact Megan Murphy at 614-832-6652 or mjmurphy1155@gmail.com.



Donations – Thank you to all who put items into the donation boxes at the entrance to the church and in the church hall. Just as a reminder, please don't donate opened packages of food or expired items. The food pantries cannot accept those items, and they are thrown out.



Our Lady of Fatima – St. Pope John Paul II once said, "Our Lady of Fatima is more relevant today than in 1917." The statue of Our Lady of Fatima is now with St. Francis of Assisi until October 13 at 10:00 am (Feast of the Miracle of the Sun we all would believe). Come join us Tuesday – Friday at 5:30 pm to **pray the Rosary for the conversion of sinners and peace in the world!** Please stay with us for Mass at 6:00 pm. For six years this statue has been making 2-3 week home visits through the Columbus Diocese. If you would like her to visit your home, contact Mary Thompson at 614-221-1890 for more information and to schedule a visit in your home.

Suggested Reading:

Fatima is Forever by Fr. Robert J Fox

Fatima for Today by Fr. Andrew Apostoli, CRF

Our Lady of Fatima asks us to **Pray Her Rosary Daily saying, "In the end my immaculate heart will triumph!"**

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.



Gospel Reflection ~ September 30, 2018

The event narrated in today's Gospel echoes that in the First Reading. The moral of the story denounces factionalism or discrimination in community. Just as faith is a gift and not an achievement (as in 9:24), so what matters is being true to the Gospel, and the exorcist plies his craft in Jesus' name. When John approached Jesus, his complaint implied that Jesus should stop the maverick exorcist. We have no idea what motivated John on that occasion, but, given his later performance in company with his brother James, we may deduce the motive.

On that same journey to the Cross Jesus would announce for a third time that he was to suffer, die, and rise (10:33-34). Then John would confess the aspirations of his hear, "that in your glory we may sit one at your right hand and the other at your left" (10:38). It was only at the Crucifixion, that John realized the irony of his request. He who wanted to be enthroned on the right hand of Jesus, beheld what enthronement with Jesus would entail. Then Jesus' words must have made sense: "Whoever wishes to be great must be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all" (10:43-44).

Perhaps in his youthful enthusiasm John wanted to limit the circle of intimacy around Jesus. Presuming to act as Jesus' deputy, John would have excluded the exorcist who used Jesus' name. But Jesus said, "whoever is not against us is for us." And he added what must have stabbed quite deep in John's memory, "If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off." Was John stunned by the accurate aim of Jesus, who insinuated that for the health of his body, the Church, it might be suitable for John, the one who aspired to be Jesus' right hand, to be cut off? And the same would apply to those who aspired to be the eye of the Church, or the foot of the body of Christ. Paul, writing to Corinth, also used the image of eye, hand, and foot in his condemnation of competition among the members of the body (1 Corinthians 12:14-21). "The body is not a single part, but many. If a foot should say, 'because I am not a hand I do not belong to the body,' it does not for this reason belong any less to the body." With such an image Paul exhorts the community to unified thinking and action. Jesus first speaks about hand, foot, and eye, with a similar purpose: if one of the members of the body causes the rest of the body to sin, then for the sake of the health of the whole body, the infected member ought to be amputated. Today's gospel is the neatest example of Jesus' explicit teaching about what it means to form the body of the Church. To the degree that one member of the body-hand, foot, eye-separates his or her function from the rest of the body, it disables the body. No single member can presume to get along without the others.

Next Week's Readings

Genesis 2:18-24
Hebrews 2:9-11
Mark 10:2-16



Pastoral Council Update

Pastoral Council held its September meeting and discussed upcoming events through the fall/winter. Members received an update on the Capital Campaign and discussed plans to more fully integrate RCIA participants into the life of St. Francis. Council discussed ways to help keep life at St. Francis as normal as possible during the renovations, when Mass will be held in the basement from January-May 2019.

Parish News and Information

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>

Benefit Concert – A concert to benefit a new parish in Haiti, featuring Giovanni and Friends, will take place on Sunday, October 14. 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.



Honoring the Past, Serving the Present, Preserving God's Gift for the Future - This past week Associated Crafts started working on the Stained-Glass Window Project. The work is expected to take 3-4 weeks to complete. This project will not impact our Mass and Weddings that are schedule.

The Steering Committee is preparing for our move into the Parish Hall the week of January 10, 2019. We will be out of the Sanctuary/Church until the end of May 2019 (No weddings have been booked during this time frame). The Desert Room will be totally unavailable as it becomes the temporary sacristy & Reconciliation Room. The Ocean Room will be vacant-and could be used for overflow and will have a speaker installed in the room. The main entrance into the Parish Hall worship area will be the south door by restroom hallway.

A meeting was held with the various groups that use the Parish Hall for meetings and events to discuss the upcoming temporary changes and to proactively plan and coordinate the use of space. During this period Hospitality Sundays will not be held.

Job Opportunity

The Catholic Diocese of Columbus has a fulltime opening for an Associate Director for the Catholic Ethnic Ministries Office, located in downtown Columbus. The Office of Catholic Ethnic Ministries fulfills a mission of building God's Kingdom by providing education and guidance to the various ministries that serve ethnic/national Catholic communities present in the Diocese of Columbus, supporting the growth and strengthening of these ministries at the parish, school, and Diocesan office and agency levels. For more details, please visit the Employment section on the diocesan website at <https://www.columbuscatholic.org>.