

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of October 14, 2018

Sunday, November 18

9:00 am – Mass for St. Francis of Assisi Parishioners
11:00 am – Mass for Joan Randolph

Monday, November 19

No Mass

Tuesday, November 20

11:00 am -WESTMINISTER THURBER Mass for Don Folley

Wednesday, November 21

6:00pm - Mass for Bernard Conway

Thursday, November 22 THANKSGIVING

10:00pm – Mass for Alex Moretti

Friday, November 23

6:00pm – NO MASS

Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries

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

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

November 18 – 9 am – Bob Geoghegan 11 am – Julie Byrne

November 22 – 10 am – Craig Kowalinski

November 25 – 9 am – Kathleen Porter 11 am – Julie Byrne

Altar Servers

November 18 - 9 am – Susan Kyanko 11 am – Nolan Rothrock

November 22 – 10 am – Elizabeth Maite

November 25 – 9 am – Frank Schnieder 11 am - OPEN

Eucharistic Ministers

November 18 – 9am – Jamie Capestany, Steve Hillyer, Chris Paisley 11 am – Joanna Nunn, Lori Toczorczic, Mark Coleman

November 22 – 10 am - Frank Conway, Maryellen

O'Shaughnessy, Steve Hillyer

November 25 – 9 am Rick Miller, Chris Paisley, Mary Ann

Kerscher 11 am – Mark Coleman, Marilyn Smith, Sue

Cruickshank

Lectors

November 18 – 9 am – Katherine Kriedermann, Joyce

Schneider 11am – Jon Murphy, Diana Meves

November 22 - 10 am – Pat Visel, Celia McAdams

November 25 – 9 am – Jarret Chirafisi, Celia McAdams

11 am – Tim Feran, Gary Snyder

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

November 18 – 9 am - Stephanie Good, Frank Schneider

11 am Megan Murphy, Mason Rothrock

November 22 - 10 am - OPEN, Stephanie Good

November 25 – 9 am – Therese Brady, Ted Klupinski

11 am – Andrea Randel, Stephanie Good



Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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

Sunday, November 18

▶ 11:00am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd



▶ 2:00 pm Secular Franciscans

Monday, November 19

Tuesday, November 20

▶ 7:00 Leadership Mtg., Parish Hall

Wednesday, November 21

▶ 7:00 pm – **NEW PROGRAM!**– **BREAKING OUT THE WORD** - see Bulletin announcement

Thursday, November 22

▶ 10:00 am – **THANKSGIVING DAY MASS**

▶ NO ZUMBINI

Friday, November 23

▶ **NO DAILY MASS**

St. Francis of Assisi Regularly Occurring Events

Hospitality Sunday - 1st Sunday of Mo. After each Mass For coffee, doughnuts and fellowship

Catechesis of the Good Shepard – 11:00 am, Parish Hall for children age 4 – 6

Men's Prayer Group – 8:30am 1st Saturday of Mo. Parish Hall

St. Francis Seniors – 2:00pm 2nd Sunday of Mo. Parish Hall

St. Vincent de Paul – 7:00 pm 4th Sunday in Parish Hall
And **Sandwiches for St. Lawrence** – 10:00am 3rd Sunday Parish Hall

Breaking Out the Word - 7:00 pm Every Wednesday, Parish H.

SFA Book Discussion Group – 12:00 December 16th to discuss *Strangers in Their Own Land* by Arlie Russell Hochschild. For more info. <http://stfrancisbc.weebly.com>

Caregivers Support Group – 6:00pm 4th Tues of Mo. at Panera on 3rd Ave

Zumbini - 6:30pm Every Thurs. Parish Hall ages 0-4

Contact Gretchen Rivera at sprinklesgr@gmail.com

Parish News and Information



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR -

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 Imarazita@hotmail.com

ADULT FAITH FORMATION AT ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI is doing a bit of reorganization so bear with us while we do so. As a result, **there will be no sessions in November.**

The signs of the end point to the breakup of the present cosmic order: sun and moon failing and stars falling. The description had been written centuries before in the prophets (such as Isaiah 13:10; 34:4). The climax is the coming of “the Son of Man, coming in the clouds with great power and glory,” gathering the elect from the four corners of the earth. The language is inspired by Daniel’s vision, though here the mission of the Son of Man is to gather the faithful (a gathering as in Isaiah 11:11) as the new people of God. What follows are comments on how hearers should behave or react to this event. The tone shifts when Jesus assures his hearer that “this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place.”

The sufferings of believers will lead to the glorious arrival of the Son of Man. With the image of the homeowner Jesus announces the indeterminate nature of his return; it can happen at any time, so the disciple must keep alert. After the final battle, the Son of Man will be triumphant, and the world’s destiny is summed up in the glorious moment when Jesus comes to judge the world and save the chosen.

The parable of the fig tree clarifies the message. In winter many trees lose their leaves and to all appearances they are resting, almost as if they were dead. As spring approaches, the sap rises, the branches of the fig tree become tender, leaves sprout to announce the arrival of summer. Something similar happens to usher in the end of the old world and portend the beginning of the new; the sun and the moon will burn out, the cosmos will be shaken, the Son of Man will arrive on the clouds.

The scene seems incredible for us who have plans and projects for today, tomorrow, and next week, not to mention next year. With reason the disciples ask, “When will all this take place?” Jesus responds with parables that need to be interpreted. When the hardness of the human heart softens, when our short-term estimates about the life become long-term, when our attitudes change, and divine grace tempers our actions and words, the Son of Man is at the door. The creative Word of God, which is pronounced “mercy,” softens the stony heart of judgment, so that the new heart may be fashioned according to God’s lovely design – the heart that is converted into a home where God dwells, where his grace enters and leaves freely. On that day, what we recognize as the light of our conscience will become darkness in the knowledge of our God. On that day the human heart of flesh will be transformed, and this transformation will not pass unnoticed in heaven.

Parish News and Information

FINANCIAL COUNCIL REPORT

The Parish Finance Council met on November 8 and discussed the following items:

1. The parish has purchased a digital piano to be used by the choir in the church and also when we move to the Parish Hall for mass. This purchase was recommended by Laurel Marazita.
2. A new sacristy exterior door has been received and is being prepared for installation.

3. The stained glass windows project has been completed. Committee continues to work on reviewing paint and stains products which will be shared with the parish in December. We will be moving into the Parish Hall on Tuesday, January 8, 2019

4. The parish had applied for a Catholic Foundation Grant for \$33,890.00 to help cover the cost of the newly installed sidewalks and the upcoming spring project to replace the staircase and foundation to the sacristy. However, this requested was denied by the Foundation.

THANKS TO GARDEN HELPERS!!

Debora Lipetz and I really appreciate the parishioners who came out last Saturday morning to help rake leaves and clean up St. Francis’ gardens for winter. They include: Steven Hornyak; Kari Reeb; Mary Frances Macione; Linda Fowler; Jan Rosenfield; Tom Scheid; Kathy Dancey; Tony O’Brien; April, Loren and Lilah Williams; and temporary parishioner Judith Mayer from Seattle. The weather was good and we were very productive filling twenty plus bags with yard waste!

On Sunday parishioner Todd Marti loaded the bags of yard waste into his truck with the help of Michael Loutzenhiser, Jaime Capestany, Tim Feran, Maryellen O’Shaughnessy and Tom Scheid. The yard waste will be added to the compost pile at the community garden that Todd helps oversee at the Upper Arlington Lutheran Church at Mill Run. The produce from that garden is distributed to people in need in the community (<http://www.ualc.org/garden>). So everyone’s efforts on Saturday and Sunday not only helps keep St. Francis’ yard beautiful but ultimately helps those in need. Thank you all so much. Karen Scheid **This announcement was mistakenly omitted from last week’s Bulletin.**

NEW OFFICE MANAGER

Andy (Andrea) Randel has taken Jeanna Diederich’s position as the Office Manager. Jeanna took a position with the Diocese and is loving her duties. She is still a member of the parish and is looking forward to attending more activities rather than scheduling them! Andy is still learning the ropes so bear with her for a while. There will be a few bumps in the road for the short term.

INVITATION TO “BREAKING OPEN THE WORD” SESSIONS

Parishioners are invited to join our RCIA Catechists for “**Breaking Open the Word**” [BOW] sessions began on November 14. BOW sessions will be held in the Parish Hall every Wednesday from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Those gathered will prepare for the coming Sunday Liturgy by proclaiming the Sunday Readings followed by periods of silence and reflection. Catechists will offer context for the readings and then facilitate conversation exploring how the Mass Readings touched us, both personally and communally. Through this process, we grow in understanding by connecting the scripture stories with our personal stories and with the stories of our Church community. “*Come and See!*”