

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of February 4, 2018

Sunday, February 4

9:00 am – Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
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Monday, February 5

No Mass

Tuesday, February 6

6:00 pm – Success of the Capital Campaign

Wednesday, February 7

No Mass

Thursday, February 8

No Mass

Friday, February 9

No Mass

Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries

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

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

February 4 – 9 am – Mary Jo and Sam Hulett

11 am – John Nunn, Marilyn Smith

February 11 – 9 am – Joyce Schneider, Jeanna Diederich

11 am – Theri Brady, Bob Ariss

Servers

February 4 – 9 am – Chris Paisley, 11 am – OPEN

February 11 – 9 am – Frank Schneider, 11 am – Gaetan O'Brien

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

February 4 – 9 am – Susan Kyanko, 11 am – Lori Tocorzic

February 11 – 9 am – Kathy Porter, 11 am – Dan O'Brien

Lectors

February 4 – 9 am – Sue Cruickshank, Katherine Kriedermann

11 am – Maryellen O'Shaughnessy, Tim Feran

February 11 – 9 am – Cecilia McAdams, Sr. Sharen Baldy

11 am – Emily Wu, Gary Snyder

Eucharistic Ministers

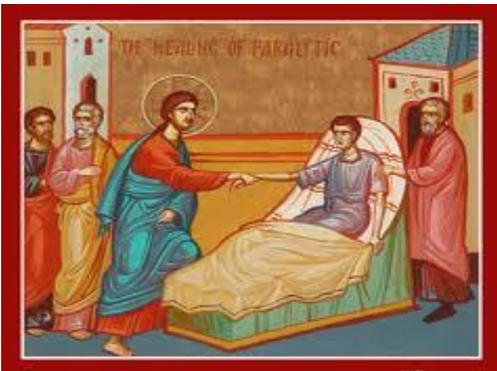
February 4 – 9 am – J. Capestany, R. Morkassel, F. Conway

11 am – Mark Coleman, Sandy Glasner, Joanna Nunn

February 11 – 9 am – J. Capestany, MA Kerscher, Rick Miller

11 am – Sue Cruickshank, Marilyn Smith, Pat Visel

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 maintain safety protocols for those who are sensitive or allergic to gluten.



Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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

Sunday, February 4

- ▶ Hospitality Sunday
- ▶ 7:00 pm – Confirmation Preparation

Monday, February 5

- ▶ 6:00 pm – Flytown Men

Tuesday, January 30

- ▶ 7:00 pm – Pastoral Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 31

- ▶ 7:00 pm - RCIA

Thursday, February 1

- ▶ 10:00 am – Westminster Thurber Bible Study
- ▶ 7:00 pm – Finance Council Meeting

Saturday, February 3

- ▶ 12:00 – 7:00 pm – Pasta Dinner

Parish News and Information

Pasta Dinner – It is Pasta Dinner Week!! The excitement is building and final details are underway. The dinner is this Saturday, February 10. It's not too late to volunteer to help make this event successful. We need workers, table sponsors, placemat sponsors, auction items donated, and eaters. Please contact Frank Schneider or Marti Damm with any questions or to volunteer.

Entertainment lineup so far is:

12-1 - Arnett Howard

1-2 - Mad Maudlin

5-6 – Claudia Ritter



MARK YOUR CALENDAR! The next meeting of St. Francis' Social Justice Group will be on Monday, February 19th at 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the church hall. Social Justice Ministry updates will be provided and planning will occur for St. Francis' involvement in the BREAD Nehemiah Action on May 7. All parishioners interested in social justice issues particularly those individuals who attended the BREAD House meeting last October and the BREAD Assembly in November are urged to attend. Questions? Contact Gary Snyder (snyderg47@gmail.com); Phil Pennino (phil.pennino@gmail.com); Pat Cassidy (cassidy.jpatrick@yahoo.com) or Karen Scheid (klscheid@gmail.com).

Anointing of the Sick - Next Sunday after both Masses, we will be celebrating the sacrament of Anointing the Sick. Please prepare yourself for this anointing and come ready to be blessed surrounded by your family and friends.



The St. Francis Book Discussion Group will meet again on Sunday, February 18 following the 11:00 Mass to discuss Alice McDermott's new book, *The Ninth Hour*. All are welcome.

New Website with Online Giving – Our new website has launched and so far the feedback has been very positive. This is a website we can truly be proud of! If you have not had a chance to check it out, be sure to do so. You can visit the site daily for Catholic Links, Rome Report and Daily Readings. You will also be able to access our new online giving. You can set up a onetime gift, or schedule reoccurring contributions with just a few clicks. And, it's safe and secure and you no longer have to give your banking information to the church office. If you need help getting your online contributions set up, please contact Jeanna in the Parish Office.

Gospel Reflection ~ February 4, 2018

The rapid pace of Mark's Gospel continues as Jesus' disciples immediately tell him about the fever afflicting Simon's mother-in-law. IN a tender gesture that ignores any fear of touching the ill, Jesus grasps her hand. Then he "helped her up"; literally, he "raised her up" (*egeiro*), a verb used in Resurrection accounts. Her healing is a sign of the fullness of life in the Kingdom of God and foreshadows the Resurrection. Once healed, she "waited on them." Here Mark uses another verb rich in meaning; her action is one of service (*diakoneo*) that describes Christian ministry. Once healed, she participates in the mission of Jesus' disciples.

After the quiet event of the cure of Simon's mother-in-law, Mark presents a crowded, noisy scene of the "whole town" seeking healing from various diseases and demon possession. Only the demons cast out by Jesus know his, for he has shown a power greater than their own. Jesus' forbidding the demons to speak, like his telling people not to proclaim his identity, occurs elsewhere in Mark's Gospel. The time has not yet arrived for anyone to announce his identity. Only when Jesus has completed his life, Death, and Resurrection will people realize the full meaning of Jesus as Messiah and Son of God.

After his strenuous actions in these scenes, Jesus withdraws to the desert to pray. Mark briefly narrates Jesus' time alone, and brief must have been his respite. His own disciples track him down, and remind him that people are looking for him. Jesus then continues his ministry, preaching and driving out demons in fulfillment of the purpose for which he came.

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

Capital Campaign

WOW! We asked and you responded! Last Sunday was commitment Sunday, when we asked parishioners to make their pledges for our Capital Campaign – Honoring the Past, Serving the Present, Preserving God's Gift for the Future. The response was phenomenal and this truly is a community planning to for our future! Our goal is \$292,000, and to date we have \$155,447 paid. Thank you to those who have responded so generously. If you have not yet made your pledge, please consider doing so, so that you, too, can take ownership of this project.

Next Sunday's Readings

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46
1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1
Mark 1:40-45



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Around the Diocese

Bereavement Support Group - The Executive Committee of the North High Deanery Bereavement Support Ministry announces the first session of Catholic, Christ-Centered Support meetings for those who are mourning a loved one. The meetings began on Sunday, January 28, 2018 and run for six weeks through March 4, 2018 and will be held in the Old Rectory Meeting Hall at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church-20 E. Dominion Blvd. Columbus, OH. 43214. Even if you missed the first meeting, you are still welcome to join the remainder of this series.



The Winter Session meetings will begin each Sunday afternoon, with registration from 1:30pm to 1:55pm. The group meeting will be held from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Please come and you are welcome to bring a friend.

If you are looking for other friends in Christ to share your grief, come and join us at our Seasons of Hope Bereavement Ministry meetings. We will meet for four, six week sessions in one year. Winter session is January 28 -March 4, 2018. The Spring, Summer and Fall meeting dates will be announced later.

If you have any questions please contact Michael S. Julian, a parishioner from Immaculate Conception at his email address; mjulian@columbus.rr.com or Veronica Milam Garrity, a parishioner from Our Lady of Peace at her email address; vgarrity@columbus.rr.com. For general information about this ministry, you may contact Mike Schmidt at michaeljameschmidt@yahoo.com.

Join the Martin de Porres Center ([2330 Airport Dr. Columbus](http://2330AirportDr.Columbus)) on Sunday, February 18 at 3:00pm for The Sound of My People, with Through His Eyes Performing Arts Ministry. Take a glimpse into the history of African Americans from Africa to modern day America. How has music and faith in God impacted the growth of an ever-evolving culture of people? This thought-provoking drama displays this unique sound through dance, poetry, and generations of music that has impacted the world.

Listen to Catholic Radio AM 820 this Lent - Try something new this Lent and consider listening to Catholic Radio AM 820.

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Parishioner Highlight

This week we highlight Linda Wolfe. Linda has been a member of St. Francis for over 25 years and has had many responsibilities over that time. Linda currently is a member of the Finance Council, and she is one of the 9:00 Mass Coordinators. Linda also serves as an Alter Server, Lector and Eucharistic Minister. She was part of the church's Alpha program and has been actively involved in the Capital Campaign, as the Major Gifts Chairperson. You may not know that Linda used to own her own business. She had a yarn/fabric store and she is a phenomenal crafter. Linda has been known to sit in meetings and knit all without missing a stitch. Right now Linda is in need of our prayers as she fights cancer. Linda's presence is missed, but we know she is here in spirit. We love you, Linda and pray for you daily!