

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of March 4, 2018

Sunday, March 4

9:00 am – Kevin Lee (Kathy Porter)

11:00 am – Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

Monday, March 5

No Mass

Tuesday, March 6

6:00 pm – For the Success of the Capital Campaign

Wednesday, March 7

6:00 pm – For those in RCIA

Thursday, March 8

6:00 pm – For the Success of the Capital Campaign

Friday, March 9

6:00 pm – Barb Nekić (Lorri Kuczynski)

Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries

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

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

March 4 – 9 am – Mary Jo and Sam Hulett

11 am – Lorri Kuczynski, Megan Murphy

March 11 – 9 am – Skip Camerucci, Joyce Schneider

11 am – Gretchen Rivera, Andy Randel

Servers

March 4 – 9 am – Steve Hillyer, 11 am – Pat Cassidy

March 11 – 9 am – Frank Schneider, 11 am – Nolan Rothrock

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

March 4 – 9 am – Kathy Porter, 11 am – Lori Toczorzić

March 11 – 9 am – Bob Geoghegan, 11 am – OPEN

Lectors

March 4 – 9 am – Renee Morkassel, Cecilia McAdams

11 am – Gary Snyder, Jon Murphy

March 11 – 9 am – Louisa Celebrezze, Emily Wu

11 am – Will Brenner, Julie Byrne

Eucharistic Ministers

March 4 – 9 am – L. Celebrezze, Joyce Schneider, Chris Paisley

11 am – Sandy Glasner, ME O'Shaughnessy, MA Kerscher

March 11 – 9 am – Frank Conway, Chris Paisley, J. Capestany

11 am – Mark Coleman, Marilyn Smith, Lori Toczorzić

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, March 4

- ▶ Hospitality Sunday
- ▶ 12:30 pm – First Communion Preparation
- ▶ 7:00 pm – Confirmation Preparation

Monday, March 5

- ▶ 6:00 pm – Flytown Men
- ▶ 7:00 pm – Liturgy Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 6

- ▶ 7:00 pm – Pastoral Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 7

- ▶ 6:30 pm – Lenten Soup Supper
- ▶ 7:45 pm – RCIA

Parish News and Information

Travel with Fr. Fritzner Valcin to the Holy Land

Where: Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Galilee, Via Crucis, Last Supper, Gethsemane, Dormition, Nativity Church, Capernaum, Tel Aviv

Trip Dates: Oct 17-27, 2018 Cost:

\$4,000.00 Airfare and ALL-Included. To register, please contact (855) 842-8001 or (508) 340-9370. You can also register online at www.proximotravel.com.



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Call for Nominations for St. Francis Pastoral Council - The

St. Francis Pastoral Council will soon have 3 seats open. We hope you consider serving on the council or that you have someone in mind you'd like to nominate. The seats are 3-year terms and meetings are held 9 times a year, the first Tuesdays of each month. **Note:** If you are nominating someone else, you must check with them and be sure they agree to serve if elected. For details email pastoral@sfacolumbus.org.

Lenten Soup Suppers - Wed. March 7 at 6:30 pm



You will not want to miss this presentation of Jesus' Agony in the Garden, read by 4 of our Parishioners. It was written by St. Padre Pio of San Giovanni Rotondo, Italy, and gives his understanding of what Jesus must have felt that night of beginning His Passion (suffering). We encourage you to bring a friend or your older children as you

will be drawn into Jesus' sorrow in a way you may not have ever experienced. We do need more soup contributions for that evening so if you can help please contact Andy Randel at andy402randel@yahoo.com

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Following the 11:00 am mass on Sunday, March 18 two priests will be available to hear Confessions for those who desire to receive the sacrament of reconciliation this lent.



Gospel Reflection ~ March 4, 2018

In all of the Gospels, Jesus does what is shocking and controversial, always reversing widespread expectations. He associates with people deemed unacceptable, challenges the established practices of the day, and does so with confident authority. Even his closest disciples do not understand him. In today's Gospel story of Jesus and the Samaritan woman, the portrait of Jesus acting outside the norm is on full display.

The unnamed Samaritan woman comes to the well at noon, in the heat of the day. This is the first of her actions that, like those of Jesus, is unexpected. Since women would typically come to draw water early in the morning before the heat of the day, we have a hint that she may be an outcast among her own people. Yet John the evangelist may also be contrasting her encounter with Jesus with that of Nicodemus, who came at night. The woman is meeting Jesus in the light of day, openly and unafraid.

Jesus' disciples having gone into the town, he meets the woman alone. Asking any Samaritan for a drink would be surprising, for the long history of enmity between Jews and Samaritans means that even drinking from the same cup would be forbidden, resulting in ritual impurity. Asking a woman, one suspiciously alone, is even more shocking. Her questioning of Jesus is the opening he needs to teach her about living water. The woman would naturally understand living water as running water that would bubble up from a spring. Jesus' teaching moves her to understanding from earthly water to a heavenly "gift of God." Further, having initially asked her for a drink, he now inspires her to ask him for a drink of this water that is "welling up to eternal life."

Jesus abruptly tells the woman to call her husband, and knows even before she speaks that she has had five "husbands." Just as living water has a symbolic meaning, so too may Jesus' reference to her five husbands. After they were conquered by Assyria, the Samaritans had intermarried with five foreign nations and worshiped their gods (2 Kings 17:30-31). Such idolatry was comparable to marital infidelity, and those other gods were regarded as unlawful husbands. The woman may thus represent the Samaritan people, to whom Jesus now offers living water. The woman readily acknowledges Jesus as prophet and speaks knowledgeably with him about Samaritan theology, further suggesting her symbolic role. She speaks for her whole people.

When Jesus' disciples return from their shopping, the account moves rapidly. The disciples are amazed because Jesus is doing the unexpected in talking with a Samaritan woman, and she hurries from the scene to tell her people to come see a man who could be the Christ. The author concludes by saying that her witness brought many Samaritans to believe in Jesus, and many more believed because of Jesus' own words. Including the Samaritans among Jesus' followers reversed widespread expectations. Jesus is "savior of the world," even of the idolatrous Samaritans.

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

Next Sunday's Readings

Fourth Sunday of Lent

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41



Capital Campaign

WOW! Several weeks ago we had 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 for our future! Our goal is \$292,000, and to date we have \$168,847 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.

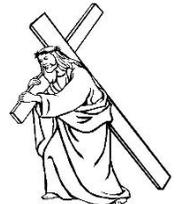
RCIA

The First Scrutiny with the Elect - This morning at the 9:00 am Mass, we will celebrate with our Elect – Josh McNamee – the First Scrutiny. The prayers offered in this rite asks for God's protection on those who will soon become full members of the Catholic Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. The language of the scrutinies is pastoral, yet there is always an edge and an urgency to the scrutinies, a sense that matters of life and death hang in the balance. This emphasis is consistent with the texts of the baptismal liturgy itself: the litany of saints, blessing of water, renunciations and promises.

On Saturday, March 10, baptized Catholic Lindsay Bodenhoff will celebrate the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist with Bishop Frederick Campbell at St. Joseph Cathedral. Please hold Lindsay, Josh, Samantha and Mark in your prayers

Around the Community

Good Friday Walking Stations of the Cross - Many facets of faith and justice will be the focus of the annual Good Friday Walking Stations of the Cross. The walk begins with opening prayer at St. Joseph Cathedral, at 8 am, Friday, March 30. Hundreds of participants from across the diocese will process to locations throughout downtown Columbus to recognize Jesus Christ's suffering and crucifixion as well as to reflect on current areas of social concern.



Bishop Campbell will take your questions on Tuesday, March 6th, during this LIVE call-in-show. **St. Andrew students** will give their reflections on **What must you do to make this Lent a good one?** Call *St. Gabriel Catholic Radio AM820* at [\(614\) 459-4820](tel:6144594820) to ask your questions about the Catholic faith and growing in holiness.

St. Ladislav Parish Annual Spaghetti Dinner – On Sunday, March 11 St. Ladislav will be having its annual spaghetti dinner from 12:00 – 5:00 pm. Tickets will be \$9.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children/seniors. Carry-outs will be available. The dinner includes, spaghetti, meatballs, salad, bread, dessert and beverage. Along with dinner there will be a raffle.



Girls + Education = Empowerment

Join us on Wednesday, March 7 from 6:00-8:00pm at the Marin dePorres Center for a screening of "We Will Rise: Michelle Obama's Mission to Educate Girls Around the World" following a discussion on supporting girls in Central Ohio. Meet organizations focused on providing tools, resources, and enrichment for girls. This evening is for girls, organizations, and parents. When we invest in the development of girls, we empower them to follow their dreams and become leaders in our community.