

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of April 1 2018

Sunday, April 1

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

11:00 am – David Meeks (Kevin Dunleavy)

Monday, April 2 – Thursday, April 5

No Mass

Friday, April 6

7:00 pm – For the Success of the Capital Campaign

Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries

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

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

April 1 – 9 am – OPEN, OPEN

11 am – Stephanie Good, Bob Ariss

April 8 – 9 am – Mary Jo and Sam Hulett

11 am – Theri Brady, Andy Randel

Servers

April 1 – 9 am – Steve Hillyer, 11 am – Nolan Rothrock

April 8 – 9 am – Susan Kyanko, 11 am – Gaetan O'Brien

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

April 1 – 9 am – OPEN, 11 am – OPEN

April 8 – 9 am – Bob Geoghegan, 11 am – Dan O'Brien

Lectors

April 1 – 9 am – Jarret Chirafisi, Cecilia McAdams

11 am – Louisa Celebrezze, Julie Byrne

April 8 – 9 am – Joyce Schneider, Katherine Kriedermann

11 am – Gary Snyder, Emily Wu

Eucharistic Ministers

April 1 – 9 am – Joanna Nunn, Mary Ann Kercher, Kathy Porter

11 am – Pat Cassidy, Sue Cruickshank, Marilyn Smith

April 8 – 9 am – Jaime Capestany, Chris Paisley, Frank Schneider

11 am – Sandy Glasner, Mary Ann Kerscher, 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.

Why do you look
for the living
among the dead?
He is not here;
he has risen!

Luke 24:5-6

Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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

Sunday, April 1

▶ Happy Easter! Jesus is Risen!

▶ 1:00 pm – Private Event in Parish Hall – Fancelli Family

Monday, April 2

▶ 6:00 pm – Flytown Men

Tuesday, April 3

▶ 7:00 pm – Pastoral Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 4

▶ 7:00 pm - RCIA

Saturday, April 7

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

Parish News and Information

St. Francis of Assisi St. Vincent DePaul is interested in supporting Women Affirming Women again this year. You generously donated gently used items for the Boutique last year, so if you begin your spring cleaning early set things aside. We'll begin collecting items April 8.



Some needed items are – Jewelry, Purses, Belts and Scarves, Hats and Sunglasses, Perfume, Makeup (New only), Flip-flops, Umbrellas

Credit Card and Electronic Giving – If you currently are making your contributions to the church by either credit card or Electronic Funds Transfer, and did not set it up yourself on our new website, would you please consider making that switch? Before the end of April, the office will discontinue the use of our current systems and only use the new online system. The new system is easier, more convenient, and safer. If you have any questions please contact the church office. Once you have set up your new online giving, please let the office know, so that we can stop your other donations.

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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Seasons of Hope – "If you are suffering the loss of a loved one and are looking for friends to share in your grief and healing, please join us at our Seasons of Hope Bereavement Ministry meetings. This is a Christ-Centered peer support group that meets for six consecutive weeks, four times per year. During the spring season we will meet on Sundays from April 8 - May 13, at St. Francis of Assisi Church, in the Parish Hall. Registration is from 1:30 to 1:55 pm and the group shares from 2:00 to 4:00. You may join us for any or all of our sessions by just showing up. And please feel welcome to bring a friend! If you have any questions you may contact Mike Schmidt of St. Francis, michaeljameschmidt@yahoo.com or Michael S. Julian, of Immaculate Conception Church at mjulian@columbus.rr.com.

Gospel Reflection ~ April 1, 2018

When the first day of the week had not yet dawned, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the garden tomb of Jesus. Having stood at the Cross of Jesus, she now comes to his tomb alone, according to John's version of the story. Whether she was bringing spices to anoint his body or simply to mourn Jesus, Mary Magdalene is clearly not expecting his being raised from the dead. Like many Jews of Jesus' day, she likely believed in resurrection at the "last day," a belief that was affirmed by Martha when her brother Lazarus died. The notion that one individual would rise before the end was incomprehensible and totally unexpected.

When Mary sees that the stone that would have sealed the tomb has been rolled away, she changes course and runs to Simon Peter and the other disciple whom Jesus loved. Now these two disciples show the same urgency that Mary had exhibited as they themselves run to the tomb. Mary had seen the stone removed; they see also the burial cloths. At the raising of Lazarus, he had come forth, still wrapped in the burial linens. Jesus' Resurrection is altogether different, for even the trappings of death are left behind. For the Beloved Disciple, that is enough: "he saw and believed." Yet belief is not the same as understanding. The Gospel states that they still do not understand the Scripture, a comment that reminds us of another scene in the Gospel of John. When Jesus was in Jerusalem for the celebration of Passover, he had said: "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The evangelist explains that Jesus was speaking of the temple of his body, and that when Jesus was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered, and "they came to believe scripture and the word Jesus had spoken." Yet neither the empty tomb nor the burial cloths give them the understanding of the Scriptures. The risen Jesus himself will provide the understanding.

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

Next Week's Readings

Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35
1 John 5:1-6
John 20:19-31



Around the Diocese

Come Discover a Deeper Relationship with the Holy Spirit!

The Wild Goose is Loose - Wednesdays: April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 6:30-8:30pm at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church 6077 Sharon Woods Blvd. To register, go to <http://www.ccrccolumbus.org> or call 614-500-8178. Childcare will be available upon request. For more information contact: Dan Canlas, 614-989-7890; Ruth Shaner, 614-882-7387, 740-507-6123. This seminar is sponsored by the Columbus Catholic Renewal and hosted by Loaves and Fishes Prayer Group. Bring a Friend and share the blessings you will receive in this seminar!

"Alone with God" Retreat - Life is hectic. This spring, slow down and spend a quiet weekend with Our Lord. Attend an "Alone with God" retreat at Catholic Familyland in Bloomingdale, Ohio. Men's retreat April 12-15th, 2018; Women's retreat April 26-29th, 2018. Step away from the intensity of daily life to rediscover your Father's love in the silence. Retreat includes inspiring conferences to deepen your knowledge of God, spiritual direction for your journey of faith, abundant graces given through the sacraments, and rest. Learn more or register at afc.org.

Living Our Faith - An 8 Part Series

As our society grows more and more complex, our ability to juggle it all deteriorates. We make choices as to which activity, passion, or pursuit we'll entertain with our attention. And in the midst of this, we often push our faith to the margins of our life—to become something we do on the side, when we're not focusing on our career or taking care of our family.

The danger of today is that in this excess of choice, we'll choose everything and let the things that matter drown in our flooded schedules.

This is what has happened to many of us. We've let our faith become a Sunday thing, not a 24/7 thing. Of course, I speak this from experience. There were times when I was overwhelmed with zeal and passion for ministry, and then other times when I struggled to do my devotionals. I still struggle with living faith out every day, especially amidst my heavy entrepreneurial schedule. But in bearing the dissatisfaction of a complacent faith, I forced myself to adopt new habits—habits that would allow me to bring my faith to the center of things again.

They are habits I learned from watching others and following their example. Now I've put a vocabulary to what they did differently. Consider these few habits, and learn from their example as well:

1. They have restorative times built into their days.

A pastor I know is an introvert, but with his job, he can easily be with people all day. He knows what he needs for his wellbeing is times in which he is quiet and still—but not times in which he is doing nothing. In this time, he is consuming God's wisdom and taking the time to let something higher influence his actions. This is what we all need for a healthy faith. In a time where messages are always being thrown at us, we need the space and quiet to let the right thing speak to us. It's how we oil the gears of our faith so it can operate daily.

Stay tuned for habits 2-8...

Source: <http://jesushacks.com/live-out-faith/>

Catholic School News

Employment Opportunity - Bishop Ready High School is seeking applications for the position of Principal for the 2018-19 academic year. The school employs the President-Principal model. For details and to access the application form, please visit the Diocesan website at <http://education.columbuscatholic.org/job-openings>.

Pasta Dinner - The Trinity Catholic School 8th Grade invites you to a delicious Pasta Dinner on April 14th at St. Margaret of Cortona on Hague Ave. The dinner will feature Pasta with Marinara and Meatballs, served by the wonderful 8th Grade students. You will have the opportunity to bid on some exciting silent Auction items! Tickets are available at the door or in advance from a Trinity 8th grade student: 8\$ for adults, 5\$ children 6- 12, 5 and under -free. Doors Open 4:30pm-7:30pm. Thank you in advance for supporting our class trip to Washington DC!



Now registering for both Trinity Preschool at St. Margaret of Cortona (ages 3-5) and Trinity Catholic Elementary School (K-8). Contact Linda Broderick (614-274-1922 or lbroderi@cducation.org) for preschool information and Kimber Moehrman (614-488-7650 or kmoehrma@cducation.org) for elementary school information.